

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2013
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Victoria Cobbett called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on August 15, 2013, at 7:01 PM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, IL.

Trustee Cobbett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Trustees Victoria Cobbett, Glenn Bergmark, Richard Rimbo, Michael Kasperski and Keith Latz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief George Rimbo, Deputy Chief Jay Nickleski, Attorney Tom Gilbert, and Recording Secretary Carla Clark.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Rimbo. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: FF/PM Fred Heller addressed the Board to request financial support for his attendance this year at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial representing the honor guard for Lemont Fire District and the Union. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to match the Union's contribution, not to exceed \$500.00, seconded by Trustee Rimbo. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Rimbo to approve the July 18, 2013, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Latz read the bill listing totaling \$660,250.41. Trustee Latz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Rimbo. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Cobbett announced that on August 12, 2013, the Village of Lemont presented Chief Churulo with a Proclamation for his service to the District.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert informed the Board that the Governor signed a House Bill which allows Fire District's to increase their ambulance levy request from .30 to .40. He stated that once he finds out the process for that he will update the Board.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Nickleski updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated that our July call volume for 2013 decreased by 6.7% over July, 2012. He stated that the employees of the District have logged in 1,000 hours of training for the month of July. He commented that he has started the 2014 Budget process already and that the new CAD will be installed next week and running live by Labor Day.

Chief Rimbo updated the Board on the activities of the District since the last meeting, including Fire Prevention Bureau, outside meetings, administrative meetings and community events attended by personnel.

Chief Rimbo updated the Board on some access issues to homes with the construction at 135th and Archer. He stated the Fire District is working with Lemont Township and Will County to resolve the concerns of the homeowners regarding emergency access to their homes.

Chief Rimbo informed the Board that there is a high possibility that the Illinois Fire District Employee Benefit Cooperative will dissolve by the end of the year, so our insurance committee met last Monday to begin the process of recommending health insurance options for January 2014 open enrollment.

Chief Rimbo invited Chief Churulo to come up and say a few words. Chief Churulo thanked the Board of Trustees and members of the Lemont Fire District for their support and hard work during the past nine years. Chief Churulo stated that he is proud of the level of service, commitment and professionalism the District has achieved. Thanking everyone for the memories, Chief Churulo wished the District best of luck in the future.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve Stanard & Associates, Inc. to create and administer the written exam for the ranks of Battalion Chief and Lieutenant at a cost of \$6,750.10, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Rimbo stated that we received a FEMA grant in the amount of \$13,500.00 for the purchase of a gear washer and a thermal imaging camera. He stated that the next two

items on the agenda are the purchase orders for those items. He stated that minus the FEMA monies, the District's financial responsibility, including the grant 10%, is \$2,740.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the purchase of a speed queen 30lb gear washer, with grant monies, from Haiges Machinery at a cost of \$5,245.00, seconded by Trustee Rimbo. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the purchase of a MSA evolution camera 6000, with grant monies, from Air One at a cost of \$9,645.00, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Cobbett stated that due to the time, we will proceed with the swearing in ceremony followed by closed session.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Trustee Bergmark administered the oath of office of Battalion Chief to David Bettenhausen. Trustee Bergmark administered the oath of office of Lieutenant to John Truffa. Congratulations were given by all. Trustee Cobbett invited everyone to enjoy the cake and coffee while the Board goes into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to enter closed session at 7:35 PM to discuss probable or pending litigation, collective negotiations for one or more classes of employees and the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 7:59 PM on a motion by Trustee Rimbo, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM on a motion made by Trustee Bergmark, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the ____ day of _____, 2013.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Michael F. Kasperski, Secretary