

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 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 December 19, 2013, at 6:03 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, Richard Rimbo, Glenn Bergmark, Keith Latz and Michael Kasperski.

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

Santa arrived wishing a very Merry Christmas to the Lemont Fire District and the Board of Trustees.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** FF Mike Holtz thanked the District for helping the Union with their first pancake breakfast, held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, stating that it was a big success.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY:** Trustee Bergmark administered the oath of office of Lieutenant to Richard Moses. Congratulations were given by all.

**RECESS:** At 6:10 PM Trustee Cobbett called for a 15 minute recess and invited the audience to enjoy the refreshments provided. The regular meeting reconvened at 6:25 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Rimbo to approve, under consent agenda, the November 14, 2013, regular meeting minutes and the November 14, 2013, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Latz read the bill listing totaling \$749,743.79. Trustee Latz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** None

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

**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 November call volume for 2013 increased by 1.5% over November, 2012. He stated that the employees of the District have logged in 791 hours of training for the month of November. He informed the Board that our ladder truck is out of service due to ladder issues, should be down about two weeks while being repaired. He stated he is working with EMS Director Bengtsson and Silver Cross to create a carry and conceal policy for our EMS personnel in the field where they may encounter weapons. The policy should address how to secure those weapons.

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. He stated that between the Union pancake breakfast and the Lemont Fireman's Association food drive a total of 16 full boxes of food and \$1,700.00 was collected for the Lemont Food Pantry.

Chief Rimbo informed the Board that Exxon Mobil presented us with a \$3,000.00 grant which will be used to purchase blitz attack monitors.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chief Rimbo gave a brief power point presentation on the 2014 fiscal year Budget adopted by the Board on November 14, 2013. The 2014 Budget revenue is expected to be \$15,991,758.00, which is 9% more than last year's revenue. Our expense total is \$11,109,919.00, which is 1% less than last year. He discussed line items that had a significant increase or decrease to them. Chief Rimbo reviewed the Capital Fund, stating that the only major items this year is a new vehicle for the Deputy Chief and the fourth ambulance in our vehicle replacement program. Overall most of our line items remained the same with no increase or decreased over last year. The 2014 budget shows \$4,881,839.06 in revenue over expenses.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to adopt Ordinance 13-07, Board of Trustee 2014 regular board meeting schedule, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Rimbo yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Rimbo stated that at a special meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>, he was directed to pursue a contract with Orland Central for dispatching services and bring it before the Trustees for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to enter into a contractual relationship with the Orland Fire Protection District, subject to the approval of a written agreement to be

approved by counsel pursuant to the terms of the proposal previously submitted by OFPD and authorizing the negotiation of such agreement, seconded by Trustee Rimbo. Trustee Bergmark commented that back in 2000 it was a goal to bring back dispatching services in house and it grieves him now that we will be losing that service due to the reduction of funds from our fire alarm monitoring that we are losing because of the 7th District Court's decision. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Rimbo yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Trustee Cobbett requested that public comment be moved prior to closed session and asked if there were any comments. Mr. Rich Lee addressed the Board and stated he is disturbed to see our dispatch services going to an outside source. He realizes that the District had no choice but is not happy to see the service go outside. Trustee Cobbett addressed his concerns, stating that we will now have access to equipment that we possibly could never have, and the equipment will increase our responses to emergencies.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Rimbo to enter closed session at 7:09 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 Rimbo yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting reconvened at 8:04 PM on a motion by Trustee Bergmark, seconded by Trustee Rimbo. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Rimbo yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve salary increases for non-sworn employees as recommended by Chief Rimbo with the discussed changes by the Board, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo, abstain. Trustee Latz, no.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM on a motion made by Trustee Rimbo, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Victoria Cobbett, President

**ATTEST:**

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**Michael F. Kasperski, Secretary**