

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2014
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 September 18, 2014, at 7:00 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, Michael Kasperski, Glenn Bergmark and Keith Latz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief George Rimbo, Deputy Chief Jay Nickleski, Attorney Joe Miller 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: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Sandy Pointon, Director, Lemont Public Library and Cathy Sanders, Trustee, Lemont Public Library presented the libraries plan for renovations which will include capital repairs and replacements, a 2,500 square foot addition for meeting spaces, a new vestibule and lobby, and refurbishment of the library building. The library will be asking for \$2,800,000.00 in bonds, with a referendum question on the ballot at the November 4, 2014, General Election. With the current bond for the construction of the building retiring in 2015 the new bond will cost the taxpayers approximately 30% less than the current library debt tax.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Rimbo to approve the August 21, 2014, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Latz read the bill listing totaling \$660,623.78. 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 Rimbo, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

SAWYER/FALDUTO ASSET MANAGEMENT: Mr. Tom Sawyer reviewed our quarterly investment performance report thru August 31, 2014. He stated that 23.7% of assets are in cash and 76.3% of assets are in fixed income. Since we began investing our cash reserves in January 2014, we have seen a \$9,881.49 return on our investments.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Rimbo commented how nice the tour of Orland Central Dispatch was for the Trustees. Trustee Bergmark commented on how professional the Dispatch center is.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Miller stated that the Board of Fire Commissioners rules will have to be changed to reflect the bill the Governor signed where the testing score is now set by the Commission rather than by median.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Nickleski updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated our August call volume for 2014 increased by 32.3% over August, 2013. He stated the employees of the District have logged in 957.5 hours of training for the month of August. He updated the Board on a grant that we applied for through Fire House Subs for an ATV Emergency Fire/Rescue vehicle. He stated we cover 52.2 acres of forest preserve property as well as 30 miles of hiking and bike trails. This vehicle would be extremely useful in responding to those calls. The District should be notified of the grant approval within two weeks.

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 introduced our new Fire Inspector, Scott Wallace, to the Board. He reminded everyone our open house this year is on October 4th from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM and invited everyone to attend. He stated we received a thank you note from a citizen for services that they received on Red Shift. Chief Rimbo updated the Board on a recent donation that we received from Final Fitness. He stated they donated 9 pieces of work out equipment to us and thanked FF Matt Baetz and FF Steve Landgraf for organizing this donation. Chief Rimbo stated that on October 9th FF Mike Holtz will be on WGN 9 news cooking his jambalaya during their Firehouse cooking segment between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Chief Rimbo suggested that the Board hold a special workshop to review the Budget for fiscal year 2015 on October 16, 2014, at 5:00 PM. By mutual consent, the Board agreed to that date and time.

Battalion Chief Slivinski presented a short power point on the accreditation process the District is undertaking. He stated that this process will consist of a comprehensive self-evaluation. He stated this will be a slow and long process, but will help us to improve our services to our residents. This process will also help us to justify our services.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the purchase of (4) sets of turn out gear from Air One at a cost of \$9,856.00, seconded by Trustee Rimbo. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kasperski discussed the need to replace the siding on the Firemen's Association garage. He has (3) bids for the project: \$2,000.00; \$3,307.00; and \$4,200.00. His recommendation is for the middle bid. A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the bid from C&W Construction at a cost of \$3,307.00 to replace the siding on the Association garage, seconded by Trustee Rimbo. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Rimbo stated we are looking to have a landscape company come and landscaping at all (4) Stations. He stated they will landscape the grounds for winter and come in the spring and fall to maintain the landscaping. Battalion Chief Oslakovich that one of the quotes in tonight's packet has been updated to a cost of \$3,150.00. BC Oslakovich stated that their original quote included more work than what was asked for. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the quote from Olde English Gardens at a cost of \$2,754.00, seconded by Trustee Rimbo. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Rimbo presented 3 proposals for auditing services. A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the proposal from Karrison LLC to provide auditing services at a cost of \$10,100.00 FY14, \$10,500.00 FY15 and \$10,900.00 FY16, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to enter closed session at 8:21 PM to discuss probable or pending litigation, collective negotiations for one or more classes of employees, and 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 Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 8:58 PM on a motion by Trustee Bergmark, seconded by Trustee Rimbo. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM on a motion made by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Latz. 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 _____, 2014.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Michael F. Kasperski, Secretary