

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2015
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 January 15, 2015, 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, Glenn Bergmark, Michael Kasperski, and Keith Latz. Trustee William Ward was absent.

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 Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Ward.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Trustee Cobbett administered the oath of office of Firefighter/Paramedic to Matthew Baetz and Edward Theres. Congratulations were given by all.

RECESS: At 7:05 PM, Trustee Cobbett called for a 15 minute recess and invited everyone to enjoy some refreshments.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 7:18 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve, under consent agenda, December 18, 2014, regular meeting minutes and December 18, 2014, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Ward.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Latz read the bill listing totaling \$1,108,665.81. Trustee Latz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Ward.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Bergmark asked the Chief to comment on a vehicle accident that occurred this morning. Chief Rimbo stated there was a single car incident that occurred while the District was already on two ambulance calls. Only two firefighters responded and did an exceptional job.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert stated effective January 1, 2015, Fire District's now must follow competitive bidding on purchases over \$20,000.00.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Nickleski updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated our December call volume for 2014 increased by 1.8% over December, 2013. He stated the employees of the District have logged in 508 hours of training for the month of December. He stated our call volume for 2014 was 3395, our highest since 2007.

Chief Rimbo gave an annual review and discussed maintaining personnel levels, EMS training, Firefighter training, the upgrade to our video/conferencing equipment for training, the closing of our communications dispatch and switch over to Orland Central Dispatch on May 1, 2014, fleet maintenance and the changes that occurred in Fire Prevention Bureau.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the purchase of a server for exchange 2013 from Dell in the amount of \$6,544.79, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Ward.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Will County 9-1-1 ETSB for the FY2015 surcharge reallocation grant program in the amount of \$2,016.00, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Ward.

Chief Rimbo is requesting permission to go out for financing on the upcoming ladder truck purchase. Trustee Latz gave an update on a meeting with himself, Trustee Ward, Chief

Rimbo, Executive Assistant Clark and two bankers who gave us some advice on how to write up our request for proposal. We were able to ask questions, overall it was a good and informative meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Latz to move forward with submitting a request for proposal on financing with the local banks of Lemont, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Ward.

Chief presented a letter of retirement from EMS Coordinator Al Bengtsson, effective March 25, 2015. A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to accept Mr. Bengtsson's letter of retirement, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Ward.

Chief Rimbo requested permission to start the hiring process for an EMS Coordinator. By mutual consent, the Board approved the hiring process.

Chief Rimbo presented an updated job description for EMS Coordinator. Trustee Cobbett requested we move the preferred qualifications and list them before the minimum qualifications. A motion was made by Trustee Latz to approve the EMS Coordinator job description, with the qualification changes, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Ward.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to enter closed session at 7:49 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 Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Ward.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 8:10 PM on a motion by Trustee Bergmark, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Ward.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM on a motion made by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Ward.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the ____ day of _____, 2015.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Michael F. Kasperski, Secretary