

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 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 March 19, 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, William Ward, Michael Kasperski and Keith Latz. Trustee Glenn Bergmark was absent.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve, under consent agenda, February 19, 2015, regular meeting minutes and February 19, 2015, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Latz read the bill listing totaling \$720,964.21. Trustee Latz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Kasperski stated the Fireman's Association participated in the St. Patrick's day parade with the antique engine. The parade went very well and everyone had a great time.

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 our February call volume for 2015 increased by 19.3% over February, 2014. He stated the employees of the District have logged in 779 hours of training for the month of February. He stated our 2015 MABAS Division 10 box alarm card revisions have been completed and accepted by MABAS Division 10. He stated our shift personnel have started their Blue Card in service training.

Chief Rimbo informed the Board that we have received \$4,400.00 in impact fees from the Village of Lemont. He reported on three thank you cards the District received for services provided. He informed the Board on a meeting Joyce Stanislawski and Sandy Dominik, of the Bureau, held with the Lemont Park District to discuss ways they can share resources on their public education outreach program, safety village and other various programs. Chief Rimbo informed the Board that he has received and accepted retirement letters from FF Fred Heller, effective March 9, 2015 and Lt. Jack Bright, effective June 3, 2015. Chief Rimbo reminded the Board that on March 25, 2015 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM the District will be hosting an open house to congratulate EMS Coordinator Al Bengtsson on his retirement that day and invited them to stop by. Trustee Latz stated he remembers awhile back the Fire District was working with the Village to try and secure future funding through TIFF's for the purchase of a ladder truck. Trustee Latz asked Chief Rimbo to contact the Village of Lemont and find out if an agreement was ever put in place. Chief Rimbo stated that he will follow up.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Rimbo informed the Board that the District is looking to purchase gear extractors for (3) stations with the \$18,742.00 IPRF grant monies we were given for 2015. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to purchase (3) gear extractor washing machines from Haiges Machinery in the amount of \$11,700.00, (3) soap controllers and soap from Gear Wash in the amount of \$4,145.64, and the installation of all (3) from Simon Plumbing in the amount of \$2,896.37, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

Chief Rimbo discussed two proposals for our electric supply. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the proposal from Vanguard Energy Service and to switch our electric supplier to Dynegy for a two year contract beginning December, 2015, seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

Chief Rimbo and Attorney Zafiratos explained the Lemont Refinery Real Property Tax Assessment Settlement Agreement that Attorney Neminich (Property tax appeal attorney) is recommending the Fire District approve. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the Lemont Refinery Real Property Tax Assessment Settlement Agreement, as presented, and authorize Fire Chief Rimbo to execute, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

Chief Rimbo commented that he met with Trustee Ward who had some changes to Chapters 3 & 4 revisions of the Policy manual that were given to the Trustees last month for review and comment. Chief Rimbo stated that besides the original changes that was presented in the document, the following changes recommended by Trustee Ward have been added. In Chapter 3, under required knowledge, skills and abilities, computer skills were added to FF/PM, Chief, Deputy Chief, Fire Inspector, Secretary and Fire Prevention Bureau Secretary job descriptions. In Chapter 4 a few grammatical changes were made. Chief Rimbo also stated that after the proposed changes in Chapter 4 have been incorporated, it will be reviewed by our Attorney for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt Chapter 3, with the recommended changes and adopt Chapter 4, with the recommended changes, subject to Attorney approval, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

Chief Rimbo presented Resolution 15-01, allowing service credit for military service with IMRF. A discussion followed regarding the amount of service credit allowable. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt, Resolution 15-01, to allow IMRF service credit for military service for the employees of the Lemont Fire Protection District, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

Recording Secretary Clark updated the Board on a meeting she had with JP Morgan Chase regarding our 2014 bank account fees in the amount of \$2,386.90, which were written off by JP Morgan Chase. Over the years our fees have increased due to more activity relating to ACH transmittals. JP Morgan Chase indicated that it is getting harder to justify writing fees off based on our daily average balances. It was suggested that if the District could increase their daily average balances it would help to offset the fees. Recording Secretary Clark stated that our property tax receipts are deposited into the District's account at IL Funds and the interest rate is extremely low. She suggested transferring the property tax receipts from IL Funds to JP Morgan Chase in order to offset the fees that are generated. The current balance in IL Funds could be transferred to the savings account at JP Morgan Chase until the counties could be notified to distribute the property tax receipts directly to JP Morgan Chase general checking account. Once everything has been transferred over, the JP Morgan Chase savings account would no longer be required and the District could close that account. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to redirect all property tax receipts from IL Funds to JP Morgan

Chase general checking account, seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark. A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to close the savings account at JP Morgan chase, when it is no longer needed to receive wires from IL Funds, seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to enter closed session at 7:32 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 Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 8:25 PM on a motion by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski approve the hiring of an EMS Coordinator and authorizing the Fire Chief to make an offer to one of the candidates interviewed, seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to hire (2) Firefighter/Paramedics to replace vacancies due to retirements, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM on a motion made by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Bergmark.

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

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Michael F. Kasperski, Secretary