

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2017  
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 October 19, 2017, at 6:00 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, Dan Tholotowsky, Michael Kasperski and Dan Tasso.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Tom Gilbert, Fire Chief George Rimbo, Deputy Chief Jay Nickleski 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 Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made, under consent agenda, by Trustee Kasperski, to approve the September 21, 2017, regular meeting minutes, September 21, 2017, closed session minutes, October 6, 2017, special meeting minutes, and October 6, 2017, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$749,112.53. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** Trustee Tholotowsky congratulated everyone on a job well done at our annual open house.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Gilbert stated he has been working with Fire Marshal DeAnda and Chief Rimbo on the update to our intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Lemont regarding code enforcement.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Nickleski updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 291 calls in September which is a 2.4% increase over September, 2016. Deputy Chief Nickleski stated that employees logged in 1440 hours of training for the month of September. He stated on September 5<sup>th</sup> we participated in a large scale active shooter drill with Lemont, Romeoville, and Lockport police at Old Quarry. He stated our Engine 911 was sent to Marengo to be completely painted under warranty, we should have it back by November/December.

Chief Rimbo congratulated Trustee Dan Tasso for his promotion to Deputy Chief with Downers Grove Fire Department. Chief also congratulated Pub Ed Coordinator, Sandy Dominik and all the employees who made our open house a success. He informed the Board that he and Mike Smollen will be heading down to Shawneetown Fire Department to deliver and donate our 1996 ladder truck to their department. Chief stated we have received two grants, \$3,410.00 from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the purchase of RTF equipment and \$1,000.00 from Illinois American Water for equipment.

**BUDGET HEARING:** Chief Rimbo gave a brief power point presentation on the 2018 Budget. A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to open the meeting to the public at 6:18 PM for comments with regards to Ordinance 17-02, Budget fiscal year 2018, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried. Recording Secretary Clark stated the 30 day budget notice was published and a copy of the proposed budget has been available to the public. Chief Rimbo stated the budget presented tonight for approval is the same one the Board reviewed in detail at a special meeting on October 6, 2017. No member of the public addressed the Trustees on the proposed Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 17-02 for fiscal year 2018; therefore a motion was made by Trustee Tasso to close the hearing at 6:19 PM, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to adopt Ordinance 17-02, Budget and Appropriations for fiscal year 2018, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve landscaping at Stations 1 & 4 in 2018 by Patriot Landscaping at a cost of \$4,855.00, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Cobbett acknowledged receipt of the Lemont Fire Pension Funds annual tax levy request in the amount of \$1,498,817.00

Chief Rimbo stated we are not exceeding 105% of the 2016 total tax extension base for our levy request, therefore we are not required to hold a levy hearing and can adopt our levy this evening. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt Ordinance 17-03, levying and assessing taxes for 2017 in the amount of \$10,180,293.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Rimbo stated our renewal proposal submitted by ESIP for our general liability and property insurance in the amount of \$73,063.00 is just under a 4% increase over last's year amount. A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the renewal of our general liability and property insurance with ESIP at a cost of \$73,063.00, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to enter closed session at 6:25 PM for discussion on probable or pending litigation and appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting reconvened at 6:30 PM on a motion by Trustee Tasso, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made to approve the agreement with Ford Motor Company, pending Attorney DiNolfo's approval, and authorizing Chief Rimbo to execute the agreement, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM on a motion made by Trustee Tholotowsky, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Victoria Cobbett, President

**ATTEST:**

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Glenn Bergmark, Secretary