

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2019  
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 May 16, 2019, 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 Trustee Victoria Cobbett, Trustees Glenn Bergmark, Michael Kasperski, Dan Tasso and Dan Tholotowsky.

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

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY:** Trustee Cobbett administered the oath of office of Trustee to Dan Tasso. Congratulations were given by all.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Trustee Cobbett called for the nomination for the office of President. Trustee Bergmark made a motion to nominate Trustee Victoria Cobbett as President, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. There were no other nominations. Roll Call: Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. With five yes votes, Trustee Victoria Cobbett is elected as President of the Board of Trustees effective June 20, 2019. Trustee Cobbett called for the nomination for the office of Secretary. Trustee Cobbett made a motion to nominate Trustee Glenn Bergmark as Secretary, seconded by Trustee Tasso. There were no other nominations. Roll Call: Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky yes. Motion carried. With five yes votes, Trustee Glenn Bergmark is elected as Secretary of the Board of Trustees effective June 20, 2019. Trustee Cobbett called for the nomination for the office of Treasurer. Trustee Bergmark made a motion to nominate Trustee Dan Tasso as Treasurer, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. There were no other nominations. Roll Call: Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. With five yes votes, Trustee Dan Tasso is elected as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees effective June 20, 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the May 16, 2019, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Chief Rimbo stated Item C, Approve annual Treasurer's statement, will be tabled until the July Board meeting. He said our Auditor had a slight accident and will not be able to finish our Audit before June 30<sup>th</sup>. All proper extensions have been filed.

Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$1,126,122.55. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** Trustee Tholotowsky wished all a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and encouraged all to let the professionals handle the fireworks.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Gilbert gave an update on Senate Bill 37, he stated that if a Full-time FF of Lemont is injured at his secondary place of employment, the Pension Board is required to be notified by the secondary Department. Also a yearly report is to be sent to the Pension Fund regarding wages. He also stated that the bidding bill was modified in terms of competitive bidding and consortiums, it is just waiting for the Governor to pass. You no longer have to publish in a daily periodical and you may use consortiums to purchase.

**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 330 calls in May which is a 5.4% decrease over May, 2018. Deputy Chief Nickleski stated that employees logged in 1770 hours of training for the month of May. We hosted the MABAS 19 Hazardous Materials Team for a decontamination drill for one day. We also participated in a 3 day intubation obstacle course hosted by Orland Fire.

Chief Rimbo stated we sent two members of our dive team, Lt. Truffa and FF Flood, to Hardin, IL for 8 days as part of a MABAS deployment for swift water rescue. He stated last year we upgraded our lighting to LED at Stations 1, 2 & 3 using a Comed grant. A comparison on Kwh and cost from January - April 2018 and January - April 2019, our Kwh usage is down 707% and cost is down 44%. Chief Rimbo called Fire Marshal Ben DeAnda to come forward and give a presentation.

Fire Marshal DeAnda stated he is looking to the Board for a consensus to implement a program that would allow us to provide free home fire sprinkler system inspections to homes that already have sprinklers. We would partner with Hill Group to perform the inspection at a cost of \$100.00 per inspection, this would be paid by the Fire District. Our current codes do not require an annual inspection but we would like to be proactive and give the residents peace of mind that their system will operate when needed. He stated that the Bureau will also offer free comprehensive home safety inspections as well. By mutual consent, the Board agreed to move forward with the program.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to ratify the renewal of our Cisco Smartnet Service from Virtek at a cost of \$3,381.25, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify our annual fire hose testing by FireCatt Testing Services at a cost of \$3,798.60, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to ratify the removal and replacement of Station 3 flag pole by A Stars & Stripes Flag Company at a cost of \$3,055.00, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call:

Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to ratify the repair to our Pickup Truck, due to an accident, by Kallemeyn Collision Center at a cost of \$11,609.75, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Insurance paid all but our deductible of \$2,500.00. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to ratify the repair to our Engine by JX Enterprises, Inc. at a cost of \$4,341.04, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the purchase of a thermal imaging camera from Dinges Fire Company at a cost of \$9,245.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the replacement of Station 3 bunk room air conditioner from Comfor Temp at a cost of \$4,343.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve PlanMember Services to partner with our current 457 provider AXA in order to offer more choice for employees to invest in, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt Ordinance 19-01, Imposing service charges as reasonable compensation for the services and liabilities incurred by the Lemont FPD in responding to repeated calls for non-emergency services, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt the following Lexipol policies as Lemont FPD policies: 800 Records Management, 900 Illness and Injury Prevention Program, 903 Communicable Diseases and 1034 Release of HIPAA-Protected Information, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to enter closed session at 6:36 PM for discussion on 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 Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion Carried.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting reconvened at 6:55 PM on a motion by Trustee Bergmark, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM on a motion made by Trustee Tholotowsky, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Victoria Cobbett, President

**ATTEST:**

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Glenn Bergmark, Secretary