

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 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 September 19, 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 Trustees Victoria Cobbett, Glenn Bergmark, Michael Kasperski, Dan Tasso and Dan Tholotowsky.

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Tom Gilbert, Fire Chief Frank Jareczek, 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 Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to enter closed session at 6:01 PM for discussion on probable or pending litigation, collective negotiations for one or more classes of employees, appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee, and review closed session minutes, 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 6:10 PM on a motion by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to appoint Frank Jareczek as Fire Chief, effective today, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the 1 year Fire Chief's contract for Frank Jareczek with a salary of \$140,000.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to release the following closed session minutes: March 20, 2014, May 15, 2014, January 19, 2017, January 18, 2018, February 15, 2018, July 19, 2018, August 16, 2018, September 20, 2018, October 18, 2018, and December 13, 2018, the rest will remain closed, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve, under consent agenda, the August 15, 2019, regular meeting minutes, August 15, 2019, closed session minutes, August 29, 2019, special meeting minutes, and August 29, 2019, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$1,073,728.75. 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: None

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 we responded to 332 calls in August which is an 8.2% decrease over August, 2018. Deputy Chief Nickleski stated that employees logged in 1443 hours of training for the month of August. Deputy Chief Nickleski stated that both the accreditation process and updates to the Lexipol policies are continuing. He stated our new Ambulance will have its final inspection on September 30th and arrive here on October 1st. He informed the Board the Dodge pickup they approved for the Battalion Chief buggy has been put on hold by Dodge. Dodge will not be making any more 2019 trucks, they will begin again in March of 2020 and will honor the 2019 pricing.

Chief Jareczek thanked the Board for selecting him as the next Fire Chief. Chief Jareczek on behalf of Trustee Cobbett, invited all to attend the POW/MIA ceremony at the VFW hall tomorrow night at 7:15 PM. He stated he will be attending, along with Trustees, a recognition ceremony for former Chief Rimbo at the Village of Woodridge meeting on October 3rd. He requested to meet with the Trustees individually sometime over the next month.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski authorizing the Board of Fire Commissioners to appoint (1) to the rank of Battalion Chief, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky authorizing the Board of Fire Commissioners to appoint (1) to the rank of Lieutenant, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the process of hiring a Fire Marshal, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:20 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.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Bergmark, Secretary