

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 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 October 17, 2019, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at 16300 Alba, 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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Tasso stated that a typo occurred on the minutes of September 19, 2019, regular, under approval of minutes. He stated that the motion and second was by the same Trustee. Recording Secretary Clark stated she would make that correction. A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve, as amended, under consent agenda, the September 19, 2019, regular meeting minutes and September 19, 2019, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. 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 \$1,087,773.20. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. 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 thanked the Village of Woodridge for their recognition of former Fire Chief Rimbo on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with a proclamation that October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Chief George Rimbo day. Trustee Tholotowsky thanked Pub Ed Coordinator Sandy Dominik and everyone who participated in working our open house on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Tholotowsky mentioned that the IPPFA is requesting Fire District's adopt a Resolution regarding the Pension consolidation. He stated he would like this matter on our November agenda for discussion and possible action.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Gilbert discussed the current Pension consolidation topic, stating at this time there is no bill to review. He stated that if a bill is written, it will have to have strong language. He will keep the Board updated on the status of this topic.

**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 342 calls in September which is a 12.1% increase over September, 2019. Deputy Chief Nickleski stated that employees logged in 1432 hours of training for the month of September. Deputy Chief Nickleski stated we have received our new 2019 Lifeline Ambulance and it is currently being put together to be placed in service sometime in November. Deputy Chief Nickleski thanked Facility Manger Kevin Witkor and Lieutenant Al Stasiak for their work in refurbishing our helipad at Station 1.

Chief Jareczek also thanked everyone who participated in our open house, as well as, Kevin and Al for their work on the helipad. He stated the duty crews are wearing pink t-shirts this month in support of breast cancer awareness. He stated he submitted Firefighter Mike Holtz for Firefighter of the Year. FF Holtz will be recognized by the Heritage Corridor at a reception on November 20<sup>th</sup>. He stated the Will County Fire Chiefs will also be recognizing former Fire Chief Rimbo with a banquet on November 15<sup>th</sup> and asked if any of the Trustees wish to attend with him, please let him know.

**BUDGET HEARING:** A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to open the meeting to the public at 6:10 PM for comments with regards to Ordinance 19-02, Budget fiscal year 2020, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. 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 Jareczek stated the budget presented tonight for approval is the same one the Board reviewed in detail at a special meeting earlier tonight. No member of the public addressed the Trustees on the proposed Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 19-02 for fiscal year 2020; therefore a motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to close the hearing at 6:12 PM, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. 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 Tasso to adopt Ordinance 19-02, Budget and Appropriations for fiscal year 2020, 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:** Chief Jareczek stated there was a miscommunication with the IFCA regarding the promotional written exams for Battalion Chief and Lieutenant that was held on September 17, 2019. The District and the Union have agreed to re-do just the written exam portion of the testing process. A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify the expense for new written promotional exams by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association at a cost of \$8,000.00, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. 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 Kasperski acknowledging the Pension Fund letter requesting their annual levy requirements in the amount of \$1,542,320.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Jareczek stated we are requesting the sum of \$10,854,138.00 to be levied for tax year 2019. He stated this amount represents 105% over the 2018 extensions. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt Ordinance 19-03, Levying and Assessing taxes for tax year 2019, 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 Kasperski to ratify the purchase of Cairns helmets from Air One at a cost of \$6,225.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. 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 purchase 10 sets of turn out gear from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. at a cost of \$30,200.00, 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: None

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Trustee Cobbett administered the oath of office of Fire Chief to Frank Jareczek. Congratulations were given by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM on a motion made by Trustee Bergmark, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. 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