

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2020  
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 February 20, 2020, 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 Joe Miller, Fire Chief Frank Jareczek, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa 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.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Chief Jareczek called FF/PM Chris Flood and Lt. John Truffa up to the front of the room. He presented them with a humanitarian service award, a humanitarian service medal and ribbon, from MABAS Illinois, recognizing them for their efforts during their deployment to aid with flooding in Hardin, IL during June, 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve, under consent agenda, the January 16, 2020, special meeting minutes, January 16, 2020, regular meeting minutes, and January 16, 2020, 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 \$738,985.92. 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 commented on the excellent training the Trustees received at the annual NIAFPD conference this year. He also complimented our personnel for the outstanding job they did with funeral services for one of our own, Retiree Fred Heller.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Miller stated his firm will be updating their clients as soon as information is received regarding the new pension consolidation bill.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 312 calls in January which is a decrease over January, 2019. Deputy Chief Peksa stated employees logged in 1603 hours of training for

the month of January. Deputy Chief Peksa stated all MABAS Box cards have been finalized and should be coming soon.

Chief Jareczek asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of one of our former members, Fred Heller, who unexpectedly passed away on January 24, 2020. He thanked FF Mike Holtz and our Honor Guard as well as the AFFI Honor Guard for all of their extra efforts with the preparations leading up to the services and at the services. Chief Jareczek stated we are expecting an upcoming visit from ISO on April 9<sup>th</sup> and we have be preparing for them. He reminded them that our annual service award luncheons will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> and invited them to attend if they were available. He stated we are conducting interviews for the full-time fire inspector on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chief Jareczek requested permission for the Board of Fire Commissioners to proceed with Firefighter/Paramedic testing. By mutual consent, the Trustees approved the Board of Fire Commissioners to proceed with testing.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the purchase of a 2020 Lifeline Ambulance from Jefferson Fire & Safety in the amount of \$269,050.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion Carried.

Chief Jareczek requested approval to purchase a 2021 Engine through a purchasing cooperative not to exceed \$800,000.00. A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the purchase of a 2021 Engine not to exceed \$800,000.00, 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 to approve the annual lawn maintenance for all stations with Straightline Landscaping for a cost of \$14,274.00, 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 explained we will file a claim with Duracell for the leaking batteries that caused 13 of our SCBA's to be repaired. He stated the same thing happened in 2019 and Duracell paid us for the repairs. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to ratify the cost of repairs to 13 SCBA units by Municipal Emergency Services at a cost of \$5,794.70, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. 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 allow the Lions Club to store a storage container on District property, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Trustee Kasperski stated a hold harmless agreement has been signed by the Lion's club and he will bring it in. 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 6:26 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 Tasso. 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 6:34 PM on a motion by Trustee Bergmark, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to authorize an annual salary for Deputy Chief Peksa in the amount of \$127,162.87, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. 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 6:36 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Bergmark, Secretary