

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MAY 21, 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 May 21, 2020, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted via zoom in accordance with Section 6 of Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5).

Trustee Cobbett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** On call of roll Trustees Victoria Cobbett, Glenn Bergmark, Dan Tasso, Michael Kasperski and Dan Tholotowsky.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Frank Jareczek, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Attorney Tom Gilbert 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 by Trustee Kasperski to approve, under consent agenda, the April 16, 2020, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$793,339.72. 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 Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** Trustee Tholotowsky stated we responded to a call on McCarthy Road and the residents were very pleased with our service. Trustee Bergmark congratulated Attorney Gilbert on the article he wrote for the GONG. Trustee Cobbett thanked Battalion Chief Oslakovich for his 27 years of service on the Pension Board. She also congratulated Trustee Tholotowsky's daughter, Sarah, for her honorable discharge from the Marines.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

**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 235 calls in April which is a decrease of 26.5% over April, 2019. Deputy Chief Peksa stated employees logged in 1673 hours of

training for the month of April. Deputy Chief Peksa stated we did a walk thru of the Lemont Forge to discuss an emergency plan. Deputy Chief Peksa stated the Battalion Chief vehicle is in service.

Deputy Chief Truffa stated this year we have to perform our own ambulance inspections since IDPH is not coming out. Deputy Chief Truffa stated the landscaping at Stations 1 & 4 have been completed. Deputy Chief Truffa stated our new Fire Inspector, Jennifer Murray, started on April 27<sup>th</sup> and she is doing well and fitting in with the District.

Chief Jareczek stated we participated in the touch a truck parade and it was successful. Chief Jareczek stated to date we have transported 51 patients with COVID-19. He stated all personnel returned to work full time on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Chief Jareczek thanked Country Financial for their donation of 500 face masks and thanked UPS for their donation of hand sanitizer. Chief Jareczek thanked all the local businesses and Senator Durkin for their generosity in providing meals for the on duty personnel during this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt Ordinance 20-02, allowing Trustees to attend meetings remotely, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. A discussion took place. Attorney Gilbert stated currently the Governor's orders supersedes all Ordinances, but an Ordinance will be needed once everything returns to normal. 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 approve the replacement of two roof top units at Station 1 from Comfor Temp at a cost of \$15,198.00, 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 Bergmark to appoint John Bernacchi as a Fire Commissioner for a two year term, June 2020 to May 2022, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to appoint Joseph Falese as a Fire Commissioner for a three year term, June 2020 to May 2023, 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 approve the renewal of our membership with the Lemont Odor Alert Network at a cost of \$2,250.00, 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 Tasso to adopt the following Lexipol policies as Lemont policies: #208-Station/Apparatus Staffing Levels (new); #306-Response Time Standards (new); #1012-Discriminatory Harassment (amended); #1032-Work Related Illness and Injury Reporting (replaces Chapter 4, section 4.17), 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 renew our annual worker compensation insurance (07/01/2020 - 07/01/2021) with IPRF at a cost of \$302,278.00, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM on a motion made by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Tasso. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Bergmark, Secretary