

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 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 August 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, Dan Tasso, Michael Kasperski and Dan Tholotowsky.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Frank Jareczek, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Attorney John Motylinski and Recording Secretary Carla Clark.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Tasso. 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 Tasso to approve, under consent agenda, the July 16, 2020, regular meeting minutes and July 16, 2020, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. 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 \$1,092,722.61. 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 wished a speedy recovery to two of our employees who had surgery last week. Trustee Tholotowsky stated he attended the Pension Fund meeting yesterday and he is happy to report that funds have been recouped during second quarter. He stated that Chicago Engine #2 (Fire Boat) has been in Lemont for some time getting repaired and is getting ready to leave. He recommended, if you had time, to go and see it. Trustee Cobbett stated the Maple Park PD is holding their 13<sup>th</sup> annual pulling for Special Olympics clay shoot and is seeking veterans to participate.

**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 310 calls in July which is a decrease of 16% over July, 2019. Deputy Chief Peksa stated employees logged in 1880 hours of training for the

month of July. Deputy Chief Peksa stated we hosted an Amtrak Rail class with multiple agencies in attendance. He stated we purchased new software to help update our SDS sheets and have them available to all employees.

Deputy Chief Truffa stated we have received our Clorox 360 machine and all ambulances have been cleaned. The ambulances will be cleaned after every COVID patient is transported. Deputy Chief Truffa stated Building Manager, Kevin Wiktor, has also used the machine and cleaned all the Stations as well. He stated Lifeline has started construction of our new ambulance and we are still anticipating a September delivery. Deputy Chief Truffa stated the Station 1 HVAC project has been completed.

Chief Jareczek stated we have transported 26 confirmed positive patients to date. We have one member on quarantine at home and 11 members on self-monitoring. Chief Jareczek stated Deputy Chief Peksa was nominated for Training Officer of the Year and was one of the finalists. He stated Deputy Chief Truffa and himself attended a USAR dog search team demonstration yesterday. He stated FF Elshareif recently became a member with his dog, Magnus, earlier this year. Chief Jareczek informed the Board of a surprise OSHA inspection yesterday. He stated the inspector was very impressed with the way we conduct ourselves operationally and especially in respect to safety. He thanked all involved in the inspection. He reminded the Board that we will be adopting our 2021 Budget at our regular meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> and requested a special workshop at 5:00 PM that day to review the budget.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Cobbett invited Mr. Eric Anderson, Piper Sandler, to present on future funding. Mr. Anderson reviewed the two forms of funding; Fire Protection Notes and Alternate Revenue Source Bonds that the District could consider for their capital planning over the next three years. A discussion took place. A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to proceed and direct Mr. Anderson to begin the process to secure \$3,500,000.00 in alternate revenue source bonds, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to ratify the purchase of a bay heater at Station 1 from Infra-Red Heating Corporation at a cost of \$3,359.00, 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 Kasperski to purchase fire hose, to replace failed hose during testing, from W.S. Darley at a cost of \$5,905.00, 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 Bergmark to approve the purchase of air bags for Engine 921 from Air One at a cost of \$6,449.00, 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 Kasperski to ratify the cost of fire hose and ground ladder testing by Firecatt Testing Service at a cost of \$4,952.90, 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 Tholotowsky to adopt Resolution 20-04, declaring lawn maintenance equipment surplus, 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:** None

**POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve Fire Chief Frank Jarczeks' contract for a term commencing on September 19, 2020 and terminating on September 18, 2023 with a salary of \$147,000.00 payable during the first year, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM on a motion made by Trustee Tholotowsky, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. 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