

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 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 October 15, 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 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 Tholotowsky to approve, under consent agenda, the September 17, 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 \$1,040,526.93. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. 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, on behalf of the Board, expressed condolences to the South Holland FD on the loss of one of their members. Trustee Cobbett reminded everyone that it is Toys for Tots season, collections will go until December 18, 2020.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Truffa stated that our customer surveys are still going strong with positive feedback and the Fire Prevention Bureau has started to receive surveys on their inspections as well. He reminded everyone that our Safety stop drive thru Open House is this Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. He stated we have collected approximately \$9,000.00 through Fire Recovery to date. He stated we have started the transition from Firehouse to ESO software. He stated our new Ambulance should be in service the first week of November.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 285 calls in September which is a decrease of 16% over September, 2019. He stated during our ISO review we lost points on fire hydrant inspections, so we have implemented hydrant inspections to be performed by our Firefighters. He stated we hosted a successful in house rope ops class this past month and he looks forward to hosting more classes here.

Chief Jareczek stated we have transported 32 confirmed positive patients to date. He stated our probationary Firefighter will start on October 26<sup>th</sup>. He informed the Trustees that we have received a generous grant from Illinois American Water, a generous donation from Exxon Mobil and a stimulus check from IPRF. He stated the District was able to assist South Holland with an Ambulance and Engine, providing coverage for them while they were attending to the services of their Firefighter who passed away. He stated he is proud to be able to provide assistance and thanked the members of the AFFI Honor Guard for their participation and help with the services. He stated Public Educators Sandy Dominik and Jeff Hawthorne participated in the Lemont Park District Trick or Treat trail this past weekend.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Cobbett stated we are looking to adopt an Ordinance for the issuance of \$3,550,000 General Obligation Bonds. She summarized the pertinent terms of the bonds, including a 13 year length of maturity, a 1.45% rate of interest, a purchase price of \$3,550,000 and a tax levy for the bond. A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to adopt Ordinance 20-04, an ordinance providing for the issue of \$3,550,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020, of the Lemont Fire Protection District, Cook, DuPage and Will Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of altering, repairing, improving and equipping existing facilities, including the acquisition of rolling stock, the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on the bonds, the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. 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 adopt Resolution 20-05, declaring the 2004 Chevy Cargo Van surplus, 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 ratify the purchase of a new fuel tank for Engine 1111 from AEC Fire Safety at a cost of \$3,727.76, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to enter closed session at 6:36 PM for the discussion on probable or pending litigation, collective negotiations for one or more classes of employees, the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee and the review of closed session minutes for release, 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 6:38 PM on a motion by Trustee Tholotowsky, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried.

**POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to release the following closed session minutes: June 23, 2016; March 15, 2018; April 19, 2018; June 21, 2018; July 18, 2019; August 15, 2019; August 29, 2019; September 19, 2019; November 7, 2019; December 12, 2019; January 16, 2020 and July 16, 2020, 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 6:40 PM on a motion made by Trustee Bergmark, 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