

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 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 November 5, 2020, at 6:03 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 October 15, 2020, regular meeting minutes and October 15, 2020, closed session 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 \$826,494.51. 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 expressed condolences to the families of Fire Chief Jareczek and Mechanic Mike Smollen who lost members of their family last week. Trustee Cobbett read a letter of appreciation and thanks from the Board to all members of the District.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert updated the Board on the Pension fund consolidation status.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa stated the transition from Fire House to ESO is complete and we went live on November 1, 2020. He stated that the current reports the Trustees receive on a monthly basis will look different due to the new software. He stated at the end of October we have transported 100 patients under investigation and that has yielded 47 positive COVID-19 patients. He stated our open house drive thru was a success with 91 vehicles and 317 people attending in their vehicles.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 297 calls in October which is a decrease of 21.84% over October, 2019. He stated we have completed approximately 650 hydrant inspections to date. He stated

all final documents have been submitted to ISO. He stated Mechanic Smollen has completed the pump testing and thanked Plainfield Fire for allowing us to use their test pit.

Chief Jareczek called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mike Smollen's son. He stated we currently have 16 members on self-monitoring and are still working. He stated our new hire, Probationary FF Orszulak has completed his second week of days and is fitting in well. He stated to date we have collected \$11,000.00 from fire recovery since May 2020. He reminded the Board that our Facilities & Equipment Manager, Kevin Wiktor, is retiring in January 2021. He asked the Board if he could move forward with replacing him. By mutual consent, the Board agreed to replace him.

BUDGET HEARING: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to open the meeting to the public at 6:26 PM for comments with regards to Ordinance 20-05, Budget fiscal year 2021, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. 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 20-05 for fiscal year 2021; therefore a motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to close the hearing at 6:28 PM, 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 adopt Ordinance 20-05, Budget and Appropriations for fiscal year 2021, 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: A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to adopt Ordinance 20-07, Salary Appendix A, 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 adopt Ordinance 20-08, BOT schedule of regular meetings for 2021, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Trustee Cobbett requested to change the June meeting from the 17th to the 10th of the month. All agreed. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary Clark requested that the AD & D Insurance renewal be tabled at this time. She is still looking at renewals.

Recording Secretary Clark stated we received (2) quotes on our property liability insurance. The first is from Horton for our current carrier ESIP at a cost of \$136,827.00, the second is from Corkhill for Selective at a cost of \$76,758.00. Recording Secretary stated she is recommending Selective, as we are maintaining the same coverage and reference checks have been done with all positive results for both Corkhill and Selective. A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve renewing our property liability insurance with Selective Insurance through Corkhill Insurance at a cost of \$76,758.00, 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 renew our Intergovernmental Agreement with Orland Fire Protection District for emergency response communications and dispatching services for a three year term commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023, 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 Tasso to approve the initial employment agreement with Probationary FF Marcin Orszulak, 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 amend the BOT policy manual, Chapter 4, Section 4.20, Vacation, as presented, 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 Kasperski to appoint Executive Assistant, Carla Clark, as the Deputy Local Election Officer for the April 6, 2021, consolidated election, 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: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to enter closed session at 6:43 PM for the discussion on probable or pending litigation, collective negotiations for one or more classes of employees, and the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. 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 6:48 PM on a motion by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. 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 Bergmark to approve 2021 salary increases for all non-sworn personnel, as presented, 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 6:50 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.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Bergmark, Secretary