

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 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 December 10, 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 (via Zoom), 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 Kasperski 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 Bergmark to approve, under consent agenda, the November 5, 2020, special meeting minutes, November 5, 2020, regular meeting minutes and November 5, 2020, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. 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 \$802,462.59. 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.

Recording Secretary Clark stated there is no budget transfers needed this year.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Tholotowsky wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa stated we have received \$18,000.00 in fire recovery billing to date. He stated our new Ambulance is in service and performing well. He stated we have seen a 105% increase in Covid positive patient transports from October to November. He stated on December 10, 2020, we mandated that masks will be worn in the Fire Stations by all personnel when social distancing is not an option.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 316 calls in November which is an increase of 3.61% over November, 2019. He stated we have completed approximately 825 hydrant inspections to date.

He stated we were able to train with our new probationary firefighter at the Orland training tower. He stated our new pickup truck was delivered and being prepared to be put in service.

Chief Jareczek stated we currently have 30 members on self-monitoring that are still working. He stated we have 7 personnel that tested positive. Chief Jareczek thanked the Beck family for their generous donation of gift cards to be used by the personnel for their holiday meals while on duty. He stated our IPRF grant for 2021 is \$13,446.00.

LEVY HEARING: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to open the meeting to the public at 6:12 PM for comments with regards to Ordinance 20-06, Tax Levy Tax Year 2020, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried. Chief Jareczek stated we are requesting the sum of \$11,813,743.00 to be levied for the tax year 2020. No member of the public addressed the Trustees on the proposed Ordinance 20-06 Tax Levy; therefore a motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to close the hearing at 6:14 PM, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. 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 20-06, Levying and Assessing taxes for tax year 2020, 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: Chief Jareczek stated we have met with our insurance broker's, Vista National, and the Health Insurance Committee to discuss this year's renewal. It is the Health Insurance Committee's recommendation to approve the following coverage: remain with Blue Cross Blue Shield at a 9.51 % increase; remain with dental carrier, Ameritas, at a 0% increase; remain with vision carrier, Eyemed, with no increase for (2) years; remain with life insurance carrier, Standard, at a 0% increase; remain with the District funding of the H.S.A. to \$2000/\$4000; and continue the health insurance opt-out program. The above recommendation is an overall 9.51% increase to our insurance cost. A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the health insurance renewal options, as recommended by the Insurance Committee, 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 adopt Lexipol policy #918, Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention as Lemont FPD policy, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. 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 Tholotowsky to approve the purchase, using Cook County Cares Act monies, of (3) Lucas systems from Stryker at a cost of \$42,051.11, 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 engagement letter with Karrison LLC to provide our fiscal year 2020 audit at a cost of \$12,250.00, 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 20-09, abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2020 to pay debt service on \$3,550,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue

Source) Series 2020, 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 Tholotowsky to approve an IGA with Cook County for Coronavirus Relief Funds, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM on a motion made by Trustee Tholotowsky, 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 _____, 2021.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Bergmark, Secretary