

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2021
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 January 21, 2021, 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 (via Zoom), 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 Tholotowsky 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 Bergmark to approve the December 10, 2020, regular meeting 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 \$1,112,031.39. 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 everyone good health in 2021. Trustee Kasperski wanted to know if the Trustee wished to hold a special meeting to review the Firemen's Association documents. The Trustees stated they would add that discussion to their March agenda. Trustee Cobbett stated we received a letter thanking us for our support from the Fire District candidates who ran for a seat on the Firefighters Pension Investment Board.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert stated he is working on a workman compensation issue with Executive Assistant Clark. He also informed the Trustees that benefits from the Families First Relief Cares Act ended on December 31, 2021. He briefly discussed the COVID vaccine and whether an employer can make it mandatory for employment.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa stated we have the three new LUCAS-Chest Compression Systems in service. All of our ambulances are now equipped with a LUCAS system. He updated the Board on the activities of the Fire Prevention Bureau and Public Education Division. He thanked Kevin Wiktor, Facilities and Equipment Manager, for his years of service, first as a part-time Firefighter/EMT and recently as our F & E Manager. He wished him well on his retirement.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 334 calls in December which is a decrease of 4.8% over December, 2019. He stated our annual total of 3570 calls is a decrease of 11.35% over last year's total. Deputy Chief Peksa stated that the decrease is due to the COVID pandemic. He stated this decrease is seen all over Illinois with an average of 25% decrease in calls. He stated our Ladder truck should return next week from having repairs completed after being involved in an accident. He also thanked Kevin Wiktor for his service.

Chief Jareczek thanked Kevin Wiktor for his service and introduced our new Facilities and Equipment Manager, Larry McDonnell to the Board. Mr. McDonnell gave a brief update on some upcoming projects for 2021. Chief Jareczek gave a brief presentation on our annual 2020 summary. He discussed the following: COVID and EMS; Specialty Teams; OSHA site visit; ISO evaluation visit; IT Department, Public Education and Capital and Operational expenditure plan for 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the engagement letter with Lauterbach & Amen for annual actuarial reports for FY2020 (\$2,810), FY2021 (\$900), FY2022 (\$2,980), and FY2023 (\$950), 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 Tasso to approve Lemont FPD website design and development with Axyx Media at a cost of \$6,000.00, 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 purchase a 2021 Ford Utility Interceptor from Currie Motors at a cost of \$36,581.00, 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 Kasperski to approve a customized wellness app through Cordico at a cost of \$15,000.00, 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 Tholotowsky to ratify the hiring of Larry McDonnell at a starting salary of \$60,000.00, effective January 5, 2021, 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 ratify the purchase of an email gateway spam server upgrade to the Cloud from CDW-G at a cost of \$4,536.00, 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 ratify the purchase of a warning light package for the new pickup truck from Fleet Safety Supply at a cost of \$4,411.50, 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 6:56 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 _____, 2021.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Bergmark, Secretary