

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 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 February 18, 2021, at 6:02 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, and Dan Tholotowsky. Trustee Kasperski was absent.

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. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the January 21, 2021, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$762,591.66. 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. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Tholotowsky acknowledged the Village of Lemont for posting a hydrant program on their website, encouraging people to clean the snow from hydrants in front of their homes. Trustee Tholotowsky congratulated our Pub Ed department for participating and winning the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance's Community Risk Reduction week awareness contest. Trustee Cobbett congratulated Fire Chief Jareczek for receiving the Chief Fire Officer designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence. Trustee Tholotowsky, on behalf of the District, offered condolences to Trustee Kasperski's family on their loss.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski stated that no legislative bills impacting the Fire Service were passed recently in Springfield. He stated that when the 3rd stimulus package is approved the Covid relief programs that ended on 12-31-2020 maybe reinstated.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa stated we have completed ACLS/CPR classes with personnel. He stated Fire Prevention has been following up on any fire alarm issues and this month was the lowest number of reporting trouble and out of service fire alarms by Orland dispatch in several years. He stated that Pub Ed did win the IFSA contest, mentioned above, and will receive 50, 10-year

sealed battery smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to be shared through the community, as a need arises.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 270 calls in January which is a decrease of 12.34% over January, 2020. He thanked Firefighter Costa for taking the lead on our Velocity EHS and placing it in service. He thanked Firefighter Hanson for taking the lead on our Wodify Fitness program and placing it in service. He stated we have submitted a grant request to Firehouse Subs for a small boat. He stated our CPAT licensing process is complete and we should receive our license in a few weeks.

Chief Jareczek updated the Board on the current state of the District during Covid-19 pandemic. He informed them that we will be hosting our annual service award luncheons in March. Chief Jareczek requested that we update our District photo that was done three years ago. He will bring a quote for approval at the next meeting. He informed the Board that our new Facilities/Equipment Manager, Larry McDonnell, has submitted his resignation, effective February 26, 2021. He stated our EMS Coordinator, Tina Pirc, will be retiring in May, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion was held regarding the two vacancies on the Board of Fire Commissioners. The Trustees directed Recording Secretary Clark to place an ad on our website and have all letters of interest submitted by April 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve Lexipol policy #1023, Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, as a Lemont FPD policy, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve Lexipol policy #606, Hearing Conservation and Noise Control Training, as a Lemont FPD policy, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve emergency vehicle lights and supplies for the new Deputy Chief vehicle from Fleet Safety Supply at a cost of \$6,015.58, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the installation of emergency vehicle lights and supplies on the new Deputy Chief vehicle by CAMZ Communications at a cost of \$4,490.00, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the purchase of a Ford Escape SUV for the Fire Prevention Bureau from Currie Motors at a cost of \$24,617.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM on a motion made by Trustee Tasso, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. **Roll Call:** Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Bergmark, Secretary