

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 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 April 15, 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, Dan Tasso, and Dan Tholotowsky. Trustee Mike 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 Tasso, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the March 18, 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 \$766,239.74. 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 congratulated our two new Trustees (Joseph Falese and Raymond Negrete) who were elected to the Board at the consolidated election on April 6, 2021. Trustee Cobbett thanked Trustee Bergmark for his 56 years of service to the Lemont Fire Protection District. She read a proclamation honoring him, upon his retirement. She also thanked Trustee Tholotowsky for his 7 years of service. Trustee Cobbett congratulated the incoming Trustees on their election win.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Motylinski stated that Congress has passed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Stimulus package, which allocates 4 billion dollars to Illinois counties, excluding the City of Chicago.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Truffa stated our new Comcast phones have been installed at all stations and seem to working very well. He stated we administered 214 first dose vaccines on March 31\* at our vaccination pod, the second dose will be given on April 21\*. He stated we were awarded a \$300.00 grant from Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition and are looking into what we will do with it. He thanked both Trustee Bergmark and Trustee Tholotowsky for their service.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 276 calls in March which is a decrease of 5.48% over March, 2020. He stated we have been 1 of only 6 agencies to be selected in Illinois to serve as a test site for the Illinois OSFM Target Solutions roll out. He stated we hosted and instructed a three day vehicle heaving lift training class for MABAS 19. He stated we received our evaluation from ISO, we were given an ISO rating of 3. We disagree with some of their findings and have worked with Flashpoint Strategies to issue a dispute letter, which was sent out on April 9<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to their response. He also thanked both Trustee Bergmark and Trustee Tholotowsky for their service.

Chief Jareczek updated the Board on the current state of the District during Covid-19 pandemic. He updated the Trustees on our new Cordico wellness app, stating we will be rolling it out to our members early May. He stated we will have the app training for the Trustees at a later time. He wanted to let the Board know that FF Elshareif and his K9 partner, Magnus, will be testing for their National Certification with Illinois Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue this coming October. He stated they have been training for just over a year with Task Force 1 in West Chicago.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The review and discussion on Firemen's Association was tabled until May.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify the purchase of a David Clark intercom for the new engine from Radio Communications and Beyond at a cost of \$4,335.20, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to adopt Lexipol policy #611, Respiratory Protection Training as a Lemont FPD policy, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to adopt Lexipol policy #908, Respiratory Protection Program as a Lemont FPD policy, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to adopt Lexipol policy #706, Knox Box Access as a Lemont FPD policy, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to adopt Lexipol policy #404, Community Fire Station Visitation Program as a Lemont FPD policy, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to adopt Lexipol policy #1022, Physical Fitness as a Lemont FPD policy, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the annual service agreement with Rebound for medical service provider network for injured employees at a cost of \$6,000.00, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to appoint two Fire Commissioners to fill the vacancies on the Board of Fire Commissioners, Jay Nickleski to serve June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2023 and George Rimbo to serve June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2024, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve filling the EMS Coordinator position with a starting salary of \$70,000.00, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the renewal of our ESO software from ESO Solutions at a cost of \$19,721.42, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Chief Jareczek and Trustee Cobbett recognized Trustees Bergmark and Tholotowsky for their years of service to the District. Plaques were presented. Congratulations were given by all.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Fire Commissioner John Bernacchi thanked Commissioners Falese and Negrete for the time they served on the Fire Commissioner Board and wished them the best as they will now serve as Trustees.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM on a motion made by Trustee Bergmark, 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.

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Victoria Cobbett, President

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary