

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 20, 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 May 20, 2021, at 6:01 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, Dan Tasso, Mike Kasperski, Joe Falese, and Ray Negrete.

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 Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

ELECTION RESULTS: The Trustees acknowledged the April 6, 2021 Consolidated election official certificate of results from Cook, DuPage and Will Counties. Mr. Joseph Falese and Mr. Raymond Negrete won the election for the open Trustee spots.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Trustee Cobbett gave the oath of office of Trustee to Joseph Falese and Raymond Negrete. Congratulation were given by all. Trustee Cobbett gave the oath of office of Fire Commissioner to George Rimbo and Jay Nickleski. Congratulations were given by all.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Trustee Tasso nominated the following slate of officers: Trustee Cobbett, President; Trustee Kasperski, Secretary; Trustee Tasso; Treasurer, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Steve Bonk and Mrs. Patricia Bonk (nee Smollen) addressed the Trustees with a request to restore a former 1958 Lemont Fire Department Jeep. They stated they wanted to restore the vehicle back to what it looked like when it was owned by the fire department. The Board asked Attorney Gilbert to issue a disclaimer from the District indicating that the vehicle is to be used only in parades, car shows or museums and not for daily uses. It should also have an identifier somewhere on it stating “not property of LFPD.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the April 15, 2021, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$1,010,226.31. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Kasperski stated that since he was absent at the April meeting he wanted to say it has been a pleasure to work with former Trustees Bergmark and Tholotowsky and wished them the best in retirement. Trustee Cobbett invited everyone to attend the ceremony at the World War II memorial on May 31st at 11:00 AM.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert addressed the two new Trustees and provided them with the specific training requirements that they will need.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa stated the station alerting system is in the planning stages and a proposal should be ready by the Board's June/July meeting. He and Deputy Chief Peksa attended the Silver Cross EMS Coordinator meeting with EMS Coordinator Pirc, this being her final one. He thanked EMS Coordinator Pirc for all of her efforts here at Lemont and wished her well on her retirement. He stated the Park District is planning on having fireworks on July 3rd this year.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 280 calls in April which is an increase of 20% over April, 2020. Deputy Chief Peksa, Deputy Chief Truffa and Randy Reeder attended a two hour meeting with ISO to discuss our review. He is hoping for an improvement of our ISO rating. Deputy Chief Peksa thanked Duke Reality for allowing us to use the Lowes/AMC theatre for training during April and May.

Chief Jarczek 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 it has been rolled out to our members and it was well received. He stated we will have the app training for the Trustees soon. He stated FLOW, our pre-planning software, requested a few of our personnel be a part of a training video they were making. He thanked FF Stefanelli for organizing as well as Red shift for participating.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Tasso requested that the Firemen's Association provide an annual report to the District.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Falese to hire Tyler Yost as our EMS Coordinator starting on May 26, 2021 at an annual salary of \$74,000.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt Resolution 21-02, appointing Dan Tasso to the Pension Board as Trustee for a three year term beginning April 18, 2021 to April 17, 2024, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve Lexipol policy 914, Personal Protective Equipment as a Lemont FPD policy, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve Lexipol policy 1044, Member Speech, Expression and Social Networking, to replace Chapter 1, Section 1.26 in the BOT policy manual, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve Lexipol policy 1028, Personal Appearance Standards, as a Lemont FPD policy, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to approve Lexipol policy 500, Pre-Hospital Care Reports, as a Lemont FPD policy, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

Deputy Chief Peksa presented a power point presentation on the purchase of a Tender. He stated that the Committee has been working on designing a Tender that will meet the needs of the District. Currently, the price is at \$372,423.00. With adding radios, equipment, lights and sirens he is requesting a budget of \$429,000.00. A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to proceed with the purchasing of a Tender, not to exceed \$429,000.00, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the worker compensation insurance renewal with IPRF from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021 at a cost of \$332,298.00, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to authorize the Board of Fire Commissioner to hire a Firefighter to replace one who retired, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM on a motion made by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

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

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Michael Kasperski, Secretary