

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JULY 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 July 15, 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, Joe Falese, Ray Negrete and Mike Kasperski.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Frank Jareczek, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Attorney John Motylinski and Recording Secretary Carla Clark.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Trustee Cobbett administered the oath of office of Firefighter/Paramedic to Eric Windmoeller and Matthew Wingfield. Congratulations were given by all.

RECESS: Trustee Cobbett called for a 15 minute recess at 6:07 PM and invited all to enjoy some refreshments.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 6:22 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the June 10, 2021, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$1,775,296.35. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

AUDIT PRESENTATION: Trustee Cobbett invited our auditor, Mr. Lou Karrison to review our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) FY 2020. Mr. Karrison stated the District has been awarded the certificate of excellence in financial reporting for FY 2019. Mr. Karrison reviewed the financial highlights of the 2020 fiscal year CAFR. He stated fiscal year 2020 net pension liability decreased by \$4,027,717.00 from prior year, mostly due to investment returns. He stated the pension funding level is at 84.75%, which the Board should be proud of. He stated the District exceeded its liabilities by \$(7,399,578.00). During 2020 the District's total net position increased by \$848,966.00. As of December 31, 2020, the District reported combined ending fund balances of \$6,642,791.00, an increase of \$4,011,082.00 from the prior year. Of this amount the general and ambulance funds had a combined ending fund balance of \$1,505,506.00 (unassigned), tort liability fund had an ending fund

balance of \$(21,386.00), other special revenues funds had an ending balance of \$152,565.00, capital projects fund had an ending fund balance of \$5,006,016.00 and the debt service had an ending balance of \$19,701.00. For fiscal year 2020 the net pension liability of \$7,536,800.00 is reflected in our financial statements on the balance sheet. He stated that our financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the Lemont Fire District. A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the fiscal year 2020 comprehensive annual financial report, as presented, 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 Negrete to approve the Annual Treasurer's statement for fiscal year 2020, as presented, seconded by Trustee Falese. 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 mentioned former Trustee Ercoli's wife recently passed away and sent condolences to his family. Trustee Cobbett requested a condolence card be sent to the family. Trustee Cobbett reminded everyone that this year is the 20th Anniversary of 9-11 and we will be hosting a ceremony at 8:30 AM at Station 1.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski stated the pension consolidation is gearing up to transfer funds, Lemont has a transition date of January 4, 2022. He also stated Kane County has a pending lawsuit filed claiming that the consolidation is unconstitutional. Attorney Motylinski will continue to keep the Board updated.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 323 calls in June which is an increase of 12.71% over June, 2020. Deputy Chief Truffa discussed the two fires we had during June. Deputy Chief Truffa stated our pre-construction meeting on our Tender is next Tuesday. He stated our Engine should be delivered sometime in August.

Chief Jareczek updated the Board on the current state of the District during Covid-19 pandemic, stating that we are moving back to in-person events and community interaction. He thanked Black shift, Deputy Chief's Peksa and Truffa, Public Educators Sandy Dominik and Jeff Hawthorne, and Fire Inspector Jennifer Murray for helping to make the Park District July Fourth festivities a great success. He stated we are at 95% complete on our yearly hydrant inspections.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the Odor Alert Network annual membership at a cost of \$2,250.00, 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 Tasso to ratify the purchase of a Tender from Rosenbauer at a cost of \$373,023.00 and pre-pay for the apparatus, 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 approve the purchase of a thermal imaging camera from Dinges Fire Company at a cost of \$8,340.00, 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 7:04 PM on a motion made by Trustee Negrete, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, 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