

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 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 September 16, 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, Dan Tasso, Joe Falese, Ray Negrete and Mike Kasperski.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Frank Jareczek, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, 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 Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the August 19, 2021, regular meeting minutes and August 19, 2021, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Tasso. 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 \$786,822.96. 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.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** Trustee Negrete extended his appreciation for the involvement shown by the District and the Board for his father-in-law's passing. Trustee Kasperski stated the Firemen's Association attended the Keepataw day parade and are planning to attend the Downers Grove silent parade. He stated the Antique is currently running well, no foreseeable mechanical issues. Trustee Cobbett stated the VFW is having their annual POW-MIA ceremony on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Gilbert discussed the Governors mandate requiring healthcare workers to receive a Covid vaccine or be tested weekly. A discussion took place. Attorney Gilbert stated that there has been no decision made on the Pension consolidation suit as of yet.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Truffa stated our EMS Coordinator, Tyler Yost, enrolled us in the drug overdose program so we will now be a secondary location for individuals to pick up Narcan for overdoses. He stated the approved Station 1 bunk room air conditioning project was completed today.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 357 calls in August which is an increase of 15% over

August, 2020. He stated we were able to log 325 hours of training in the donated building at 1205 Davey Road. He reviewed fires that occurred on 8/29 and 9/1 and stated both shifts did a great job. He stated we had our final inspection on our new Engine, which went well, and we are expecting delivery around 10/13. He stated we are currently working on a policy for the new vaccine mandate and should have it ready for Board approval by next month.

Chief Jarczek updated the Board on the current state of the District during Covid-19 pandemic. He stated our twentieth anniversary of 9/11 memorial service was a great success. He thanked President Cobbett, Public Educator Dominik, the VFW, Red Shift members and FF's Holtz, Rauch and Gubbins along with everyone else that attended. He stated members are wearing Gold colored shirts this month in support of childhood cancer awareness.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Falese to approve the following policies: Lexipol 206, Electronic Mail Retention, replaces Chapter 1 Section 1.32; Lexipol 215, Risk Care and Management policy, replaces Chapter 6 Section 6.17; Lexipol 701, Personal Communication Devices, replaces Chapter 1 section 1.34; Lexipol 704, Information Technology Use, replaces Chapter 1, Sections 1.30 and 1.31; Lexipol 917, Personal Firearms and Weapons, replaces Chapter 1 Section 1.20; Lexipol 1024, Workplace Violence, replaces Chapter 1 Section 1.19, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the second Lemont Refinery Real Property Tax Assessment Settlement Agreement and authorize Fire Chief Jarczek to execute same, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt Resolution 21-03, authorizing the amendment and restatement of retirement plan 401 (a) nontrusteed retirement plan for governmental employees of the Lemont Fire Protection District, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the purchase of a G2 fire station alerting system for all four stations, from US Digital Design at a cost of \$135,630.02, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve the installation of the fire station alerting system by Chicago Communications at a cost of \$50,135.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Cobbett acknowledged the annual levy request from the Pension Fund in the amount of \$1,748,354.00 which was sent, in writing, by the Pension Fund Attorney on August 27, 2021.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to enter closed session at 6:45 PM for discussion on probable or pending litigation, collective negotiations for one or more classes of employees, and appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee,

approval of Chief Jareczek's contract, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion Carried.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting reconvened at 7:15 PM on a motion by Trustee Cobbett, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM on a motion made by Trustee Cobbett, seconded by Trustee Negrete. 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.

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Victoria Cobbett, President

**ATTEST:**

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Michael Kasperski, Secretary