

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 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 October 21, 2021, at 6:04 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, and Joe Falese. Trustees Ray Negrete and Mike Kasperski were absent.

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 Tasso to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote: Trustees Negrete and Kasperski.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the September 16, 2021, regular meeting minutes and September 16, 2021, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote: Trustees Negrete and Kasperski.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$2,015,605.40. Recording Secretary Clark stated an error between fund allocations has occurred. She stated the Capital Fund should be \$756,161.97 and the FF Pension Fund should be \$210,896.13. She stated a capital purchase was mistakenly placed in the pension fund allocation, however the total report amount of \$2,015,605.40 is correct. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as corrected, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote: Trustees Negrete and Kasperski.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Tasso congratulated the District on their successful open house. Trustee Tasso stated the Silent Parade had a good turn out and he was pleased to see that Lemont Fire attended. Trustee Cobbett wished the Marine Corps a Happy 246th Birthday coming up on November 10th.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert stated the Governors mandate requiring healthcare workers to receive a Covid vaccine or be tested weekly has not changed. He informed the Trustees that HB 0220, requiring Bargaining Units to include the rank of Battalion Chief has been resurrected, but is still a long way from passing.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa stated the Station Alerting project is moving forward, we were assigned a project manager today. He stated we will be increasing our speeds on our Comcast fiber, as well as having a dedicated power link from Station 1 to Orland Dispatch. He stated our Public Education department has been busy with community events during Fire Prevention month. Deputy

Chief Truffa thanked Local 3966 for hosting a family picnic for the members of the District. He stated it turned out very well and he looks forward to this becoming an annual event.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 382 calls in September which is an increase of 36% over September, 2020. He congratulated Mechanic Mike Smollen for being voted in as President of IFAMA. He congratulated FF Rami Elshareif and his K9, Magnus, for their achievement of a National Certification. He stated this took over 600 hours of training to accomplish. He stated training continues in the donated structure from Prologis, we have over 550 hours logged to date. He thanked Rosenbauer for hosting their Power Tour here on October 13th, it was well attended. He stated he is currently working on a new program, Evaluations Plus and will continue to keep the Trustees informed. Deputy Chief Peksa stated our new rescue Engine has arrived.

Chief Jareczek updated the Board on the current state of the District during Covid-19 pandemic. He stated members will be wearing pink t-shirts this month in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month. He congratulated the Public Education department and the members of the District that participated in our open house, it was a great success. He personally thanked and acknowledged the Engine committee, DC Peksa, DC Truffa, Mechanic Smollen, Lt. Anderson, Lt. Moses, Lt. Palcu, FF Jager and FF Hopkins, for the great job they did on our new Engine

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the following policies: Lexipol 317, Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation, new Lemont FPD policy; Lexipol 1042, Driver's License Requirements, replaces Chapter 4 Section 4.06; Lexipol 1000, Recruitment and Selection, replaces Chapter 4 section 4.02 & 4.03; Lexipol 1018, Personnel Records, replaces Chapter 4, Sections 4.07; Lexipol 1014, Personnel Complaints - Disciplinary Procedures, replaces Chapter 4 Section 4.09; Lexipol 1035, Return to Work, replaces Chapter 4 Section 4.14; Lexipol 1046, Sick Leave, replaces Chapter 4 Section 4.15; Lexipol 203, Training policy, new Lemont FPD policy; Lexipol 613, Training Records, new Lemont FPD policy; Lexipol 903, Communicable Diseases, amended, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote: Trustees Negrete and Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to ratify the repair for spring packs on the ladder truck from Joliet Suspension at a cost of \$3,393.60, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote: Trustees Negrete and Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve the final cost for the rescue engine from Rosenbauer America at a cost of \$731,017.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote: Trustees Negrete and Kasperski.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to enter closed session at 6:31 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, acquisition of real property, and approval of Chief Jareczek's contract, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion Carried. Absent from the vote: Trustees Negrete and Kasperski.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 7:01 PM on a motion by Trustee Tasso, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote: Trustees Negrete and Kasperski.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve Chief Jareczek's contract with a 3% salary increase for Chief Jareczek, effective 9-19-21, and the termination date extended to September 19, 2024, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote: Trustees Negrete and Kasperski.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM on a motion made by Trustee Tasso, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote: Trustees Negrete and Kasperski

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

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Michael Kasperski, Secretary