

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 11, 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 November 11, 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, Ray Negrete, Michael Kasperski and Joe Falese.

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

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY:** Trustee Cobbett administered the oath of office of Firefighter/Paramedic to Marcin Orszulak. Congratulations were given by all.

**RECESS:** Trustee Cobbett called for a 15 minute recess at 6:05 PM and invited all to enjoy some refreshments.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting reconvened at 6:15 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the October 21, 2021, regular meeting minutes and October 21, 2021, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$709,442.78. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** Trustee Kasperski stated the Firemen's Association will be participating in this year's tree lighting ceremony by bringing Santa in the Antique Fire Truck.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Motylinski stated HB 0220, requiring Bargaining Units to include the rank of Battalion Chief has been passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Truffa stated the Station Alerting project, once it begins, will take about one week per Station to complete. He stated we just passed our 5 year anniversary partnership

with BRYCER and have taken our 24% deficiency rate to 2% over that time. He thanked our Fire Marshal and Fire Inspectors for their work.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 344 calls in October which is an increase of 16% over October, 2020. He thanked Gold Shift personnel for their response to an unusual call involving an injured subject on a roof top. He thanked Lt. John Palcu for his work involved in the SCBA quote under New Business this evening.

Chief Jareczek updated the Board on the current state of the District during Covid-19 pandemic. He stated our weekly testing for employees who have opted out of the vaccine will begin December 1<sup>st</sup>. He informed the Board that BC Bettenhausen has been chosen by his peers as the Firefighter of the Year and will be honored at the annual Heritage Corridor Business Alliance Best of Lemont Banquet on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**BUDGET HEARING:** A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to open the meeting to the public at 6:23 PM for comments with regards to Ordinance 21-02, Budget fiscal year 2022, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried. Recording Secretary Clark stated the 30 day budget notice was published and a copy of the proposed budget has been available to the public. Chief Jareczek stated the budget presented tonight for approval is the same one the Board reviewed in detail at a special meeting earlier tonight. No member of the public addressed the Trustees on the proposed Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 21-02 for fiscal year 2022; therefore a motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to close the hearing at 6:28 PM, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt Ordinance 21-02, Budget and Appropriations for fiscal year 2022, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to adopt Ordinance 21-01, charging of fees for emergency medical and response services, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to adopt Ordinance 21-04, Salary, Appendix A, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to adopt Ordinance 21-05, BOT schedule of regular meeting for fiscal year 2022, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

The Trustees reviewed the proposal on our property/liability insurance renewal submitted by Selective. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the proposal from Selective for property/liability insurance from 12/14/21 - 12/14/22 in the amount of \$81,383.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll

Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ambulance from Lifeline Emergency Vehicles at a cost of \$289,500.00, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the replacement of our fleet of (39) SCBA's from Municipal Emergency Services at a cost of \$366,720.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the renewal membership with Vector Solutions at a cost of \$6,711.55, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM on a motion made by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, 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