

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 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 December 9, 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 Tom Gilbert and Recording Secretary Carla Clark.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve, under consent agenda, the November 11, 2021, special meeting minutes and November 11, 2021, regular meeting 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 \$1,154,694.56. 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 a food drive on December 18<sup>th</sup>, at Jewel from 9 - 1. Trustee Tasso thanked the District, Chief's and the Union for getting involved and sponsoring a child through Project Fire Buddies.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Truffa stated the Station Alerting project will begin on December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will begin the weekly Covid testing for the employees who are unvaccinated.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 334 calls in November which is an increase of 5% over November, 2020. He stated that we will be participating in cross training with Citgo Fire in 2022.

Chief Jareczek updated the Board on the current state of the District during Covid-19 pandemic. He stated the Deputy's and himself served the veterans at their luncheon and then the seniors at their luncheon.

**LEVY HEARING:** A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to open the meeting to the public at 6:21 PM for comments with regards to Ordinance 21-03, Tax Levy Tax Year 2021, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried. Chief Jareczek stated we are requesting the sum of \$12,031,168.00 to be levied for the tax year 2021. No member of the public addressed the Trustees on the proposed Ordinance 21-03 Tax Levy; therefore a motion was made by Trustee Negrete to close the hearing at 6:22 PM, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to adopt Ordinance 21-03, Levying and Assessing taxes for tax year 2021, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt Ordinance 21-06, Abating the tax levy to pay debt service on GO Bond Series 2020, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Jareczek stated we have met with our insurance broker's, Vista National, and the Health Insurance Committee to discuss this year's renewal. It is the Health Insurance Committee's recommendation to approve the following coverage: remain with Blue Cross Blue Shield at a 16.75 % increase; change dental carrier to Guardian at a 5% decrease; remain with vision carrier, Eyemed, with no increase for (2) years; remain with life insurance carrier, Standard, at a 0% increase; remain with the District funding of the H.S.A. to \$2000/\$4000; and continue the health insurance opt-out program. The above recommendation is an overall 15.99% increase to our insurance cost. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the health insurance renewal options, as recommended by the Insurance Committee, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the engagement letter from Karrison LLC to perform the audit for fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 at a cost of \$12,600.00, 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 conversion of the analog voter and receiver sites at all stations by Chicago Communications at a cost of \$9,355.80, 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 adopt Resolution 21-04, declaring the 1992 Pierce Fire Engine surplus, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

By mutual consent, the Trustees decided to review the 2022 non-sworn salary increases under new business. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the 2022 non-sworn employee salary increases, as presented, by Chief Jareczek, 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 6:29 PM on a motion made by Trustee Falese, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

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Michael Kasperski, Secretary