

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2022  
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 January 20, 2022, 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, Ray Negrete, Michael Kasperski and Joe Falese.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Frank Jareczek, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Attorney Joe Miller and Recording Secretary Lisa Gabor.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Falese. 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 Falese to approve the December 9, 2021, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. 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 \$1,284,070.04. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** None

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Miller stated the CPI has been released for the year and it is 7%. That is a record high, so next year you will definitely want to do a Truth and Taxation for your levy to capture everything. He stated on this year's tax extensions you will see an amount under revenue recaptured included with your extension. Basically the counties are refunding revenue captured during property assessments.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Truffa stated the Station Alerting project has been installed at all the Stations, just waiting for final programming and connection to Dispatch. He stated Station 4 LED light project has been completed. He stated he received a call from a resident, she has lived here 12 yrs. and involved with the Girl Scouts. They had a first aid class at the Park District and wanted to let us know that it was an excellent class by instructor Tyler Yost, EMS Coordinator. She said it was the best class she has ever experienced with the Girl Scouts and received numerous calls from parents stating the same.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 379 calls in December which is an increase of 13% over

December, 2020. He stated the new Engine is in service out at Station 2. He stated the training record scanning project will be completed very soon.

Chief Jareczek updated the Board on the current state of the District during Covid-19 pandemic. He stated we have received just over \$35,000.00 from Fire Recovery for the year. Chief Jareczek reviewed the annual summary for 2021. He discussed daily staffing levels, emergency response summaries, fire training program, emergency medical services, communications, public education, fleet services and notable events in 2021.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the cost of \$4,875.00 for Trustees, Commissioners and Staff to attend the annual NIAFPD conference, 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 Negrete to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Lemont taxing bodies to intervene in property tax assessment appeals and objections, 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 Cobbett to authorize the Board of Fire Commissioners to appoint (1) to the rank of Battalion Chief, 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 Kasperski to authorize the Board of Fire Commissioners to appoint (1) to the rank of Lieutenant, 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 Lexipol policy #604, Hazard Communication Program Training, as a Lemont FPD policy, 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 Lexipol policy #916, Hazard Communications, as a Lemont FPD policy, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to enter closed session at 6:21 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, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion Carried.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting reconvened at 6:45 PM on a motion by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM on a motion made by Trustee Cobbett, seconded by Trustee Falese. **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