

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 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 March 17, 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, and Joe Falese. Trustee Michael Kasperski was absent

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY:** Trustee Cobbett administered the oath of office of Battalion Chief to Dave Evers and the office of Lieutenant to Jeffery Bailey and Rami Elshareif. Congratulations were given by all.

**RECESS:** Trustee Cobbett called for a 15 minute recess at 6:09 PM and invited all to enjoy some refreshments.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting reconvened at 6:25 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Falese to approve the February 17, 2022, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$1,861,623.04. 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. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** Trustee Tasso stated he has finished his 16 hour Pension Trustee training.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Miller updated the Board of a law change. On June 1, 2022, the Battalion Chiefs can join the union, usually through a petition.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Truffa stated the Station Alerting project is functioning at about 90% and should be finalized within three weeks. He stated since we began using the system our response times have dropped. On Ambulance calls we went from 2.04 minutes to 1.43 minutes and on all calls we went from 2.30 minutes to 2.04 minutes. He stated that the members are grateful to the Board for approving the Station alerting system. He stated Fire Prevention has started to return to onsite inspections with the drop in Covid cases.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 294 calls in February which is an increase of 8% over February, 2021. He stated we still have 6 members out with injuries, however, we are expecting 3 back within two weeks. He stated the evaluation plus project is complete, over a 100 evaluations were developed to evaluate a probationary FF skills during their first year. He thanked Lt. Steve Frank for stepping up and helping with this project. He stated we are beginning to create our next apparatus committee for an Engine in 2023. The manufacturers are stating it is a 550 day delivery from the order date.

Chief Jareczek updated the Board on the current state of the District during Covid-19 pandemic. He stated that we have entered into an agreement with E-Environmental for cleaning up at haz-mat incidents, at no cost to the District. They recover their costs by billing the individual/company that was responsible for the incident. He congratulated Lt. Ron Lambert on his retirement after serving the District for 37 years.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the amendments to Lexipol policy #903, Communicable Diseases, as presented, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

By mutual consent the Board of Trustees directed the Board of Fire Commissioners to hire (2) Firefighters and to proceed with Eligibility and Promotional testing.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve the purchase of a backup system for dispatch from Chicago Communications at a cost of \$8,195.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve upgrades to our breathing air trailer from Breathing Air Systems at a cost of \$18,667.40, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM on a motion made by Trustee Falese, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

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