

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 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 April 21, 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 Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Recording Secretary Carla Clark and Attorney Tom Gilbert.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Rick Lee of the Red Cross informed the Board of ways they can help residents of the District after a fire. He stated they will come out and provide shelter, food, and clothes to homeowners. He also stated they install fire alarms in homes. Deputy Chief Peksa requested that Mr. Lee provide us with a packet or flyer that can be placed in our normal packet that is given to homeowners after a fire. Mr. Lee stated he will provide us with a packet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the March 17, 2022, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Tasso. 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 \$901,911.63. 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 Tasso informed the Board that a special meeting of the Pension Fund was held on April 14th and the Pension Board made a decision to transfer our assets to the FPIF as requested by them on June 1st.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert stated no decisions have been made on the current Pension Fund case in Kane, County.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa stated the Station Alerting project is still not complete, the holdup is the installation of fiber lines from Comcast. He is hoping by next meeting this will be complete. He informed the Board that our Facility/Equipment Manager, Terry Stark, has updated Station 3 kitchen with a remodel. He stated Mr. Stark did an excellent job. Public Education began practicing with Lemont Special Olympics and implemented adopt a firefighter program in the schools this year.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 297 calls in March which is an increase of 6.83% over March, 2021. He discussed the two fires we had recently, both were on Red Shift, one in District the other mutual aid to Northwest Homer. He stated they did an outstanding job. However, the home was a total loss and Homer Tree Service lost their mechanic shop. He stated the new engine apparatus committee has been formed and consist of Lt. Moses, Lt. Palcu, Lt. Anderson, FF Rauch, FF Hopkins, FF Kastner and Mechanic Smollen.

Chief Jareczek updated the Board on the current state of the District during Covid-19 pandemic. He reminded the Board that they will need to appoint a Trustee to the Pension Fund Board at their May meeting. He thanked Trustees Negrete and Kasperski for suggesting to match Engine 931 graphics to Engine 921. He stated they look fantastic and invited all to take a look when they had a chance. He informed the Board that our Fire Marshal, Mark Blackaller, has chosen to retire. He last day will be April 29th and we will have an open house that day to wish him well.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the initial employment agreement with Probationary FF Brandon Davis, seconded by Trustee Negrete. 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 adopt Resolution 22-01, Capital Asset Policy (Lexipol 222), as presented, 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 adopt Resolution 22-03, declaring a Zoll Cardiac Monitor surplus, 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 Falese to approve the renewal of our ESO software from ESO Solutions, Inc. at a cost of \$20,313.06, 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 approve the purchase of a Ford Escape SUV for the Fire Prevention Bureau from Currie Motors at a cost of \$25,170.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. 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 approve a community driven strategic plan by the Center for Public Safety Excellence at a cost of \$17,400.00, 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 Cobbett to approve the purchase of Purchase Order software from Procurify at an annual cost of \$9,600.00, 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 work at Station 3 on the East/West gable vents by Pic Builders, Inc. at a cost of \$8,100.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. 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 work at Station 2 for brickwork/tuck-pointing repairs by Shamrock Tuckpointing at a cost of \$3,675.00, 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 Tasso to enter closed session at 6:50 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 7:27 PM on a motion by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to promote Jennifer Murray to Fire Marshal, effective May 2, 2022 at a starting salary of \$76,000.00 annually, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM on a motion made by Trustee Negrete, 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.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Michael Kasperski, Secretary