

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 19, 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 May 19, 2022, 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 Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Recording Secretary Carla Clark and Attorney Tom Gilbert.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the April 21, 2022, regular meeting minutes and August 21, 2022, closed session 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 \$796,078.76. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Negrete. 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 at the Pension Fund board meeting last night they received a draft update on the actuarial report. He stated it shows the fund is 86.19% funded and the levy request has decreased by 16.62% over last year's request. Trustee Cobbett informed everyone that on May 30th at 11:00 AM the VFW will be holding a Memorial Day Service at the WWII Memorial.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert stated no decisions have been made on the current Pension Fund case in Kane, County stating a ruling is supposed to come out tomorrow. He informed the Trustees on new legislation for property annexed by a Municipality, if a lawsuit is filed because they do not pay the reparations required by law they are responsible for Attorney fees.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa stated the Station Alerting project is still not complete, he is hoping for completion very soon. He stated EMS Coordinator Yost taught a trauma class for paramedic students at Silver Cross. He stated Fire Marshal Jen Murray is doing well in her new role and is highly motivated and has a lot of ideas for Public Education.

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 April which is an increase of 6.07% over April, 2021. He thanked Prologis for the donation of the building at 2501 Davey Road, he stated we logged in over 687 hours of training. He stated the Engine committee is hoping to come to the Board in June with a presentation.

Chief Jarczek updated the Board on the current state of the District during Covid-19 pandemic. He stated our weekly rapid testing is going well, we have not had any positive results to date. He acknowledged that the District received the certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting for the third year in a row. He thanked Executive Assistant Clark for her hard work on completing and submitting the report. He stated we have received over \$15,000.00 the first quarter from Fire Recovery. He informed the Board the family of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Gerald R. Helms were very appreciative with our participation with the Illinois Patriot Guard in the escort home of his remains.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to adopt Resolution 22-04, appointing Raymond Negrete to the Pension Board for a three year term (April 2022 - April 2025), seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion Carried.

Trustee Cobbett stated a letter was received by Commissioner John Bernacchi requesting his renewal to the Board of Fire Commissioners. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to renew the appointment of John Bernacchi to the Board of Fire Commissioners for a three year term (June 2022 - June 2025), seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion Carried.

A quote was received from IPRF to renew our current worker compensation policy. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to renew our worker compensation with IPRF from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 at a cost of \$366,671.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to ratify the purchase of a new furnace at Station 3 from Comfor Temp at a cost of \$6,339.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the replacement of ceiling tiles at Station 2 from Contractors Acoustical Supply at a cost of \$3,423.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to ratify the repair and purchase of extra door springs at Station 2 from Wunderlich Doors Inc. at a cost of \$3,109.15, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to ratify the purchase of an Atlas - Advanced LED fog generator, using IPRF grant monies, from Master FX at a cost of \$3,153.98, seconded by Trustee Tasso.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the purchase of 8 sets of turn out gear from MES, Inc. at a cost of \$35,720.00, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to enter closed session at 6:37 PM for discussion on probable or pending litigation, collective negotiations for one or more classes of employees, acquisition of real property, and appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee, seconded by Trustee Tasso. 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 7:52 PM on a motion by Trustee Tasso, seconded by Trustee Falese. 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 7:53 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