

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JULY 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 July 21, 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, Joe Falese and Michael Kasperski.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Frank Jareczek, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Recording Secretary Carla Clark and Attorney Jim Wargo.

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 Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve, under consent agenda, the June 16, 2022, regular meeting minutes and June 16, 2022, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$1,166,827.53. 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 Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

AUDIT PRESENTATION: Trustee Cobbett invited our auditor, Mr. Lou Karrison to review our Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) FY 2021. Mr. Karrison stated the District has been awarded the certificate of excellence in financial reporting for FY 2020. Mr. Karrison reviewed the financial highlights of the 2021 fiscal year ACFR. He stated fiscal year 2021 net pension liability decreased by \$3,552,316.00 from prior year, mostly due to investment returns. He stated the pension funding level is at 92.22%, which the Board should be proud of. He stated the District exceeded its liabilities by \$(5,275,271.00). During 2021 the District's total net position increased by \$2,124,307.00. As of December 31, 2021, the District reported combined ending fund balances of \$6,661,654.00, an increase of \$18,953.00 from the prior year. Of this amount the general and ambulance funds had a combined ending fund balance of \$2,813,190.00 (unassigned), tort liability fund had an ending fund balance of \$(69,399.00), other special revenues funds had an ending balance of \$145,801.00, capital projects fund had an ending fund balance of \$3,752,361.00 and the debt service had an ending balance of \$19,701.00. For fiscal year 2021 the net pension liability of \$3,984,484.00 is reflected in our financial statements on the balance sheet. He stated that our financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the Lemont Fire District. A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the fiscal year 2021 annual comprehensive financial report, as presented, seconded

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

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to approve the Annual Treasurer's statement for fiscal year 2021, as presented, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: None

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Wargo stated the Governor has issued a new Executive Order on July 12th removing EMS personnel from vaccination requirements and weekly Covid 19 testing.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa stated the Station Alerting project will finally be complete on July 25th, final programming is scheduled for that day. He stated we are looking into options for replacing our exchange email server, windows 365 is one of those options. He hopes to bring a proposal to the Board next month.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 348 calls in June which is an increase of 6 % over June, 2021. He stated the Engine committee is still securing pricing for the new Engine and hopes to be able to present it to the Board at their next meeting. He stated the land swap with Northwest Homer will also be on the August agenda for approval. He informed them that we have secured the Lemont Park District to use for our internal strategic planning. He thanked the Village of Lemont for giving us the small building, formerly used by Southwest, near the Houston Street tower that we will use as our main receiving site for our radio communications.

Chief Jareczek 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 stated we held our oral interviews for the Firefighter eligibility list, 21 candidates participated. He stated we opened up the signup period for our promotional exams, the final lists being posted on November 8th. He thanked Gold Shift, Deputy Chief Peksa, Deputy Chief Truffa, Public Educators Sandy Dominik and Jeff Hawthorne for helping make the Park District July Fourth festivities a great success.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt Lexipol policy #912, Fire Station Safety, as a Lemont FPD policy, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to ratify the sealcoating and restriping of Station 1 parking lot by Wilson Paving & Sealcoating at a cost of \$3,650.00, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to purchase responder winter parkas from Municipal Emergency Services at a cost of \$15,923.00, this cost will be split with Foreign Fire Tax Board, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote, Trustee Falese.

New Business Item C was tabled until after closed session.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to enter closed session at 6:40 PM for discussion on probable or pending litigation, collective negotiations for one or more classes of employees, acquisition of real property, review Fire Chief evaluations, and appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion Carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 7:50 PM on a motion by Trustee Falese, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve the Fire Chief job description with the updated required knowledge, skills and abilities, as presented, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, abstain. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A discussion was held to hold a special meeting on July 25th at 5:30 PM to discuss the possible actions and time line for the Fire Chief job posting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM on a motion made by Trustee Negrete, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Michael Kasperski, Secretary