

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 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 August 18, 2022, at 6:02 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, Ray Negrete, Joe Falese and Michael Kasperski. Trustee Dan Tasso was absent.

**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 Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Tasso.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve, under consent agenda, the July 21, 2022, regular meeting minutes, July 21, 2022, closed session minutes and July 25, 2022, special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Tasso.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Negrete read the bill listing totaling \$774,346.12. Trustee Negrete made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Tasso.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** Trustee Cobbett invited everyone to the upcoming POW MIA Remembrance Ceremony on September 16, 2022 at 7:15 PM.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Truffa stated we will be transitioning to Microsoft 365 for emails starting next week. He stated we are still securing the annual pricing for the service and will have that available for next month's Board meeting. He informed the Trustees that our Ambulance on order will now be a 2023 chassis, with a potential price increase. We will not know what that is until January, 2023.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 355 calls in July which is an increase of 0.85 % over July, 2021. He stated our Tender has a build slot and completion should be in November, 2022. He informed the Trustees that he will be providing them with access to Lexipol (policy manual) and Vector Solutions for annual mandatory training. He will begin working with them next week.

Chief Jareczek updated the Board on the current Covid-19 within the District. He stated the CDC guidelines have changed, however, we are still following proper PPE guidelines from Silver Cross Hospital. He informed the Trustees that Battalion Chief Oslakovich will be retiring on September 8<sup>th</sup> and Lieutenant Lippe will be retiring on September 14<sup>th</sup>. He stated the oral interviews for the Lieutenant and Battalion Chief candidates have been completed. We have 10 candidates for Lieutenant and 5 candidates for Battalion Chief. Our firefighter eligibility list has been completed, we have 21 candidates on the list. This will post on August 24, 2022. We were well represented at the emergency vehicle night held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Deputy Chief Peksa gave an update on the purchase of a new Engine. He stated the Committee began in April, 2022 and sent specs out to the manufacture in early May, 2022. Two months later we received pricing. The committee was not happy with the new price they received so currently the specs are being sent to other manufactures for comparable prices. A discussion followed. Deputy Chief Peksa stated as soon as pricing comes in he will bring it to the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve the IT services for integration of Microsoft 365 from Virtek at a cost of \$8,880.00, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Tasso.

A motion was made by Kasperski to adopt Ordinance 22-01, Annexing Certain Territory (13206 Archer Ave.) Pursuant to 70 ILCS 705/16d, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Tasso.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Falese to enter closed session at 6:24 PM for discussion on probable or pending litigation, acquisition of real property, review Fire Chief contract, consider and/or act upon Chief application and appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion Carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Tasso.

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

**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to increase Fire Chief Jareczek's salary by 3%, effective 9/20/2022, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Tasso.

Recording Secretary Clark was directed to prepare/publish a Fire Chief ad for outside candidates, due September 1, 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

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