

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 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 September 15, 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, Ray Negrete, Dan Tasso, 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 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 Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, 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 August 18, 2022, regular meeting minutes and August 18, 2022, closed session minutes seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$816,535.67. Trustee Tasso 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 Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Cobbett reminded everyone of 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 have transitioned to Microsoft 365 for emails and office suites. He stated the Station Alerting project is finally complete. He stated the Village of Lemont has a new Building Commissioner and he is working well with our Fire Marshal. He thanked Illinois American Water for donating their time in helping us complete Station 3's hydrant pad.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training, and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 350 calls in August which is a decrease of 2.23 % over August, 2021. He stated our Tender midpoint inspection has been scheduled for the end of September. He stated our strategic plan external stakeholders meeting is scheduled for November 7th and we are hoping to have at least 50 people attend. He stated we sent a few members to the CPSE workshop to help out with accreditation.

Chief Jareczek congratulated BC Tim Oslakovich and Lt. Scott Lippe on their recent retirements. He thanked the Union for hosting their second annual family picnic, fun was had by all who attended. He stated our members were recognized at the annual Hometown Heroes night at the Lemont High School football game last Friday. He stated that tomorrow morning around 7:00 AM, WGN News will be doing a fly over of Station 1 for their broadcast.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve one to the rank of Battalion Chief, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. 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 Tasso to approve two to the rank of Lieutenant, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. 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 the hiring of two Firefighter/Paramedics, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. 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 Tasso to adopt Lexipol policy #1100, Facility Security, as a Lemont FPD policy, 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 for consideration and adoption of an Ordinance (22-02) authorizing the sale of Corporate Purposes Tax Anticipation Warrants in evidence of a no interest loan from the County pursuant its Local Taxing District Loan Program, 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 Kasperski for consideration and adoption of an Ordinance (22-03) authorizing the sale of Ambulance Purposes Tax Anticipation Warrants in evidence of a no interest loan from the County pursuant its Local Taxing District Loan Program, 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 adopt Resolution 22-05, declaring the 1999 International Tender surplus, 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 Kasperski to adopt Resolution 22-06, declaring various SCBA equipment surplus, seconded by Trustee Negrete. 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 Negrete to enter closed session at 6:20 PM for discussion on probable or pending litigation, acquisition of real property, review Fire Chief applications, review closed session minutes 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 Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion Carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM on a motion by Trustee Falese, 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.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to release the following closed session minutes; November 20, 2008, August 17, 2017, March 5, 2020, October 15, 2020, November 5, 2020, and January 20, 2022, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM on a motion made by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Cobbett announced that a special meeting will be held on September 22nd for Fire Chief oral interviews.

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

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Michael Kasperski, Secretary