

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 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 October 20, 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, Ray Negrete, Dan Tasso, Joe Falese and Michael Kasperski.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Frank Jareczek, 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 Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Trustee Cobbett administered the oath of office of Battalion Chief to Richard Moses and the office of Lieutenant to Michael Holtz and Christopher Flood. Congratulations were given by all.

RECESS: Trustee Cobbett called for a 15-minute recess at 6:06 PM and invited all to enjoy some refreshments.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 6:24 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve, under consent agenda, the September 15, 2022, regular meeting minutes, September 15, 2022, closed session minutes, September 22, 2022, special meeting minutes, and September 22, 2022, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Tasso. 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 \$800,913.91. 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 Kasperski mentioned the Firemen's Association will be participating in the Halloween Hoedown tomorrow at 1:00 PM. After that maintenance will be performed on the Antique Engine. Trustee Tasso thanked the Lemont FPD for their support in the Downers Grove silent parade. Trustee Tasso stated he will be submitting a letter of resignation as Trustee after the meeting tonight. Trustee Cobbett reminded everyone that November 10th is the 247 Marine Corp Birthday and Veteran's Day is November 11th.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa stated EMS Coordinator Yost has returned from the annual EMS World conference and has a lot of good ideas for the future. Pub Ed held a safe cooking presentation at Franciscan Village, which was very well received. He stated we responded to 343 calls in September which is a decrease of 10.0 % over September 2021. He stated our Tender final inspection has been scheduled for the end of November. He stated the Engine committee has removed the elevated boom from the specs, so the new Engine will be exactly like Engine 931. A presentation will be forthcoming.

Chief Jareczek thanked FF Cirrincione, Public Educator Dominik and Facilities Manger Stark for all their work in organizing the WGN News fly over of Station 1 for their broadcast. He thanked Trustee Cobbett and the VFW for allowing us to attend the POW/MIA memorial service. He stated the promotions testing has been completed, final list will be posted November 8th. He stated we will be hiring four probationary Firefighters soon, this will bring us up to full staffing since 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to appoint Lisa Gabor as Deputy Local Election Officer for the April 2023 Consolidated Election, seconded by Trustee Falese. 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 Lexipol policy #322, Child Abuse, as a Lemont FPD policy, 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 Negrete to adopt Lexipol policy #318, Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection 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 Falese to approve Lexipol 1003.15, Mechanic job description, as presented, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Cobbett acknowledged the Pension Fund's annual tax levy request in the amount of \$1,457,722.00.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to enter closed session at 6:40 PM for discussion on probable or pending litigation, acquisition of real property, review Fire Chief Tasso's contract, 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 7:32 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: Trustee Cobbett directed Executive Assistant Clark to advertise for the Mechanic, Facilities-Equipment Manager and two Trustee positions.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to enter into a contract, subject to Attorney approval, for the property on Internationale Parkway and the three lots on 127th Street, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the contract for Fire Chief Daniel Tasso, as presented, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tasso, abstain. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM on a motion made by Trustee Cobbett, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tasso, 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