

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 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 November 17, 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, Joe Falese and Michael Kasperski.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Trustee Cobbett administered the oath of office of Fire Chief to Daniel Tasso. Congratulations were given by all.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION: Trustee Kasperski will officially resign/retire as Trustee after this meeting tonight. Trustee Cobbett presented a plaque recognizing Trustee Mike Kasperski's thirty-two years and seven months of service to the Fire District. Congratulations were given by all.

RECESS: Trustee Cobbett called for a 15-minute recess at 6:16 PM and invited all to enjoy some refreshments.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 6:31 PM.

Trustee Cobbett appointed Trustee Ray Negrete as pro-tem Treasurer of the Board for tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Falese to approve, under consent agenda, the October 20, 2022, regular meeting minutes and October 20, 2022, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill listing totaling \$787,083.53. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Cobbett presented a plaque from the DuPage County Marine Corp League, showing their appreciation to the Lemont Fire Protection District for their support of the 2022 Toys for Tots campaign.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski gave a brief update on the Safe T Act during the fall veto session. He foresees no significant changes made before it goes into effect on January 1, 2023.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa stated the annual Fire Inspections are 95% complete this year. He stated we should be at 100% completion by the end of the year. He stated we are working with the Village of Lemont with tickets for fire violations. Since Fire Marshal Murray has to be present at their court hearings, maybe we could work out some sort of percentage. He thanked Fire Chief Jareczek and Trustee Kasperski for their support and service to the District. He welcomed Chief Tasso.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training, and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 335 calls in October which is a decrease of 3 % over October, 2021. He stated our 4 new probationary Firefighters have started and are working days for 4 weeks prior to being placed on shift. He is currently reviewing applications for the Mechanic position, stated he will get together with Chief Tasso after the holidays. He stated our Tender is complete, the committee will go out for their final inspection on November 30, 2023. He also thanked Fire Chief Jareczek and Trustee Kasperski. He welcomed Chief Tasso.

Chief Jareczek congratulated Mechanic Mike Smollen on his recent retirement after 47 years. He thanked Walgreens for coming out to administer flu shots to the employees this year. He stated our stakeholder meetings for external and internal are completed. He thanked representatives from CPSE for coming out to help.

BUDGET HEARING: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to open the meeting to the public at 6:37 PM for comments with regards to Ordinance 22-06, Budget fiscal year 2023, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried. Recording Secretary Clark stated the 30 day budget notice was published and a copy of the proposed budget has been available to the public. Chief Jareczek stated the budget presented tonight for approval is the same one the Board reviewed in detail at a special meeting earlier tonight. No member of the public addressed the Trustees on the proposed Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 22-06 for fiscal year 2023; therefore, a motion was made by Trustee Negrete to close the hearing at 6:39 PM, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to adopt Ordinance 22-06, Budget and Appropriations for fiscal year 2023, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete authorizing the Fire Chief to sign/enter into real estate agreements to purchase property, subject to Attorney approval, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to adopt Ordinance 22-04, amending the Lemont FPD Board of Trustees rules and regulations, Salary Appendix A, as presented, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to adopt Ordinance 22-05, Board of Trustees 2023 schedule of regular meetings, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A proposal for property liability insurance from Selective was reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve our property liability insurance renewal for 2023 from Selective Insurance at a cost of \$92,790.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to adopt Resolution 22-07, declaring the 2008 Ford Explorer surplus, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to ratify the purchase of a thermal imaging camera from Dinges Fire Company at a cost of \$13,346.20, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. Chief Jareczek stated the Foreign Fire Tax Board is splitting the cost with the District and will reimburse the District \$6,673.10. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to ratify the purchase of a Mack-5500 custom air system from MES at a cost of \$4,250.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the cost of the Battalion Chief and Lieutenants promotional testing from Resource Management Associates at a cost of \$11,094.01, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

New Business Item H, approve contract with James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc was tabled

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve the contract with APTIM for Phase I Environmental Site Assessments on potential property to be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to approve the contract with TSC for Geotechnical Engineering Services on potential property to be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to enter closed session at 6:57 PM for discussion on probable or pending litigation, acquisition of real property, collective bargaining, and appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of an employee, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion Carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 8:22 PM on a motion by Trustee Negrete, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the non-union employee salary increases for 2023, as amended, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

By mutual consent, the Board will hold a special meeting on November 28th at 3:45 PM for the purpose of interviewing Trustee candidates.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM on a motion made by Trustee Cobbett, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, 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:

Secretary