

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2023  
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 January 19, 2023, 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, Linda Bernacchi, Dan Tholotowsky and Joe Falese.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Recording Secretary Carla Clark, Administrative Assistant Lisa Gabor and Attorney John Motylinski.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve, under consent agenda, the December 8, 2022, regular meeting minutes, and December 8, 2022 closed session meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Negrete read the bill listing totaling \$1,270,596.15. Trustee Negrete made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** Trustee Tholotowsky informed the Board that as of 1/1/23 Illinois Smoke Detector Act is now in place regarding the 10 year battery requirement in new residential homes. He stated that the Governor has proclaimed this week as Illinois Community Risk Reduction week. Trustee Tholotowsky would like to pass on condolences to the family of James Cainkar, who passed away in December. He was an engineer for the Village of Lemont and many municipalities. Also worked for The Lemont Fire District in the past.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Motylinski stated the 2023 levy CPI is 6.5%. This exceeds the amount allow by PTELL and we will need to hold a Truth & Taxation hearing at the end of the year. The Ill Supreme Court has stayed the cash bail component of the Safety Act.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Truffa spoke today with Deputy Chief Peksa who is in Minnesota for a pre-construction meeting for a new engine. Chief Peksa said that the pre-construction meeting went very well. Our new Tender has arrived and is in the bay at Station 1. The total calls for December was 395 which was up 5% since December of 2021. We had 4097 calls for the entire year which is the highest since we have been tracking. Deputy Chief Truffa updated the Board that we have collected \$50,480.00 from Fire recovery for 2022 with 91 calls and we collected \$37,621.00 in 2021 with 65 calls. Fire Prevention Bureau completed 99% of all inspections for 2022 and will finish them up this month. The Village of Woodridge is updating their building codes to 2021. Fire Marshall Murray had a meeting with

the Village of Lemont about updating their codes from 2015 to 2021. That way everyone in our District will have the same building codes. Public Education worked with Tractor & Toys and Toy Express this year. It went very well and it was nice to see so many come in and pick out Christmas presents. We began our Adopt a Firefighter program. We have 12 members including Chief Tasso.

Chief Tasso stated that he has been able to visit every station and meet with all the Administration and Lieutenants. Chief Tasso has met with Will County Fire Chief's Association, the Village of Woodridge Administration, Lisle-Woodridge Fire Department and Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District Fire Chief's. He will continue to meet with other sounding fire stations.

Chief Tasso informed the Board Lisa Gabor was recognized for her 5 years of membership with IFSAP at the IFSAP Awards Luncheon on 12/9/22.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the contract with James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc., for &1,500.00 per month, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve and ratify the purchase/sale/lease agreement for 15783 W 127<sup>th</sup> Street, Lemont, in the amount of \$1,001,880.00, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve and ratify the purchase/sale/lease agreement for 15747 W 127<sup>th</sup> Street, Lemont, in the amount of \$500,940.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve and ratify the purchase/sale agreement for 1051 Internationale Pkwy, Lemont, in the amount of \$1,450,000, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve/ratify the IGA with Orland Fire District for Fleet Maintenance and Repair service, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to adopt Ordinance 23-01, providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 Fire Protection Notes, Series 2023, for the acquisition of personal property or of real estate or in the erection of improvements on such real estate of the Fire Protection District, and authorizing the sale of said Fire Protection Notes to the purchaser thereof, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Negrete made a motion to approve the cost of the annual NIAFPD conference, for twelve attendees in the amount of \$4,000.00, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes.

Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Tasso updated the board regarding the statistics of use for the Cordico wellness app.

Trustee Negrete made a motion to approve the renewal of the Cordico Firefighter wellness app, in the amount of \$15,000.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Cobbett made a motion to approve the renewal of Vector Solutions (Target training online) software, in the amount of \$7,131.96, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Tholotowsky made a motion to approve the renewal of Vector Solutions scheduling software, in the amount of \$5,026.47, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Cobbett made a motion to approve the change orders (2021-2022) on the Tender Build by Rosenbauer, in the amount of \$5,088.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Cobbett made a motion to approve the purchase of one set of turn out gear for the Fire Chief from MES-Illinois, in the amount of \$4370.00, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

New Business Item J: Approve IGA with Romeoville for Donation of fire engine has been tabled.

Trustee Cobbett made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 2023 Lifeline Ambulance, in the amount of \$303,348.00, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM on a motion made by Trustee Negrete, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

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Joseph Falese, Secretary