

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 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 February 16, 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 Matt Peksa, Administrative Assistant Lisa Gabor and Attorney Megan Lamb.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Lee praised the Fire District on their response to a recent fire.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Falese to approve, under consent agenda, the January 19, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. 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 \$827,148.97. Trustee Tholotowsky made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. 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 would like to commend Lemont's Mayor Egofske on his appointment to the 82nd District Illinois House.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Lamb informed the Board that Atty John Motylinski will be in contact to inform us who will be the public member on the Decennial Committee. The pension fund litigation was in favor of the larger funds. The next step would be to take it to the Illinois Supreme Court.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board that the land purchase contracts have been signed and we are waiting for the environmental study and soil stability testing. Rebound Vitality came to the stations to assess our FF/Paramedics. They use sensors to find possible weaknesses in the knees, hips, back etc. Then they are given exercises that can prevent up to 60% of injuries. Deputy Chief Peksa informed the Board that the new Tender has been delivered and the goal is to have it in service by the end of March.

Fire Chief Tasso informed the Board that the Strategic Plan has been completed and published on the website. The Deputy Chief's are working on updating the Standards of Cover document that is 2 years old. Chief Tasso informed the Board that Senate Bill 1306 was filed on February 3rd and would amend the EMS Systems Act requiring all EMS personnel to be equipped with body cameras. He will update the Trustees as he receives any information.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: The Chief informed the Board that in order to keep a quorum, he will be stepping down from the Pension Board after they hold their elections. He will recuse himself from any vote that could possibly be a conflict of interest.

We received approximately 20 applications and did interview 3 candidates this week. Fire Chief Tasso thanked Mike Smollen for all his help with the interviews for the new mechanic.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the hiring of a mechanic not to exceed \$90,000.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to ratify the renewal cost for FlowMsp in the amount of \$3,200.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve the annual renewal cost for Lexipol in the amount of \$11,167.14, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to ratify the renewal cost for our mapping software ArcGis in the amount of \$4,144.98, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the cost for a class on ArcGis software in the amount of \$3,500.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify the cost for 4 replacement desktop work stations in the amount of \$4,184.36, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve amendments to Lexipol policy #1004.3.2, Longevity Pay, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve amendments to Lexipol policy #1005.5, Personal Days, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve amendments to Lexipol policy #1046.6, Sick Leave Benefits, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:24 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.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Joseph Falese, Secretary