

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 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 April 20, 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, Joe Falese, Linda Bernacchi, and Dan Tholotowsky. Trustee Ray Negrete was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Recording Secretary Lisa Gabor, and Attorney John Motylinski.

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

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Trustee Cobbett administered the oath of office of Firefighter/Paramedic to Brandon Davis. Congratulations were given by all.

RECESS: Trustee Cobbett called for a 15-minute recess at 6:08 PM and invited all to enjoy some refreshments.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 6:23 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve, under consent agenda, the March 16, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Tholotowsky read the bill listing totaling \$998,838.60. Trustee Tholotowsky made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

James Howard presented to the Board a power point presentation and financial report with the year-to-date expenses and revenues through March 31, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Tholotowsky would like to give his condolences to the Chicago Fire Department on the loss of two members. Trustee Tholotowsky congratulated Firefighter Brandon Davis for completing his probationary training.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski reminded the Board that next month they will have to have a committee put together for the Efficiency Act. He will provide an ordinance for us at the May Board meeting. He informed the Board HB1625 has passed and eliminates the MMAI appraisal from the process of selling real estate. He updated the Board that HB1626 increases the bidding threshold from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00. This was due to the price increase on most goods and services. He let the Board know that there will be a change to the Open Meetings Act allowing the Board to hold an entirely remote meeting. If the meeting is remote, the agenda posted should reflect that it will be a remote meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Truffa informed the Board that we have updated the firewall system which makes our network more secure. He let the Board know that our EMS coordinator Tyler Yost attended an advanced cardiac class hosted by Zoll. It was open to all EMS Coordinators in the Silver Cross system. They are looking at new ways of doing cardiac resuscitation based on different studies. He updated that Board that there is an increase in residential sprinkler systems being put in. Summer Olympics will be finishing in May and Adopt a Firefighter will continue until the end of the school year.

Deputy Chief Peksa informed the Board that the radio and graphics have been installed on the new tender and it should be in service by the end of the month. Trustee Tholotowsky asked what we will do with the old tender. DC Peksa stated that we will sell it. He updated the Board that the new hires are on their second rotation and each rotation is 4 months of training and evaluations. Deputy Chief Peksa informed the Board that he is working with the IPRF representative regarding their HELP program which will help keep our workman's comp rates down. He let the board know that our new Emergency Vehicle Technician, Stacy Devitt, has started working and is settling in well.

Fire Chief Tasso would like to congratulate Lt Steve Frank and Lt Bill Anderson on their 21 years of service with us. He informed the Board that Phase I ESA has been completed and now we need to proceed with the Phase II ESA on the 127th Street properties.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve Lexipol policy #1021, Wellness and Fitness Program, as Lemont Fire Protection District policy, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve amendments to Lexipol policy #1004, Salary, Wage and Educational Incentives, this has updated language for consistency with current practices and clarifies Special Duty pay calculation for Battalion and Deputy Chiefs, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve amendments to Lexipol policy #1005, Paid Time Off and other Leaves, this has updated language for consistency with current practices and adjusts administration days for Battalion Chiefs, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify the purchase of a work bench for the vehicle maintenance shop from Elf Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$5,102.20, seconded by Trustee Falese.

Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to ratify the purchase of AED's for Engines 911 and 931 from Zoll Medical in the amount of \$5,951.90, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to ratify the purchase to replace the Cisco Firewall from Virtek, in the amount of \$5,685.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to ratify the purchase to replace a Thermal Imaging Camera from Dinges in the amount of \$3,020.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve a three-year lawn maintenance contract with Beary Landscaping in the amount of \$14,600.00 per year, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to approve the annual ESO Solutions renewal for EMS and Fire reporting software, in the amount of \$21,722.86, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to adopt Resolution #23-01, opposing HB2121 and SB2170, which would amend the fireworks bill legalizing sparklers, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

MABAS Master Agreement 2022 is an intergovernmental agreement that secures benefits of mutual aid in responses to fires, emergency medical calls, hazardous material, technical rescue, and disasters.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to adopt Ordinance #23-02, An Ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to authorize the Board of Fire Commissioners to hire one Firefighter to replace a retiring Firefighter in September 2023, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve the proposal for Phase II environmental site assessment from APTIM for properties, 15783 & 15757 W 127th St, Lemont, in the amount of \$11,610.00 seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes.

Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM on a motion made by Trustee Tholotowsky, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Negrete.

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

President

ATTEST:

Secretary