

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 18, 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 May 18, 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, Raymond Negrete, Dan Tholotowsky, Linda Bernacchi and Michael Smollen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Attorney Tom Gilbert and Recording Secretary Lisa Gabor.

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

ELECTION RESULTS: The Trustees acknowledged the April 4, 2023, Consolidated election official certificate of results from Cook, DuPage, and Will Counties. Mr. Dan Tholotowsky won the election for the two-year open Trustee spot. Mrs. Linda Bernacchi and Mr. Michael Smollen won the election for the six-year open Trustee spots.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Trustee Cobbett gave the oath of office of Trustee to Michael Smollen. Congratulations were given by all.

RECOGNITION CEREMONY: Trustee Falese presented Victoria Cobbett with a plaque recognizing her 22 years of loyal and dedicated service. Chief Tasso presented Trustee Cobbett with a flag. Congratulations were given by all.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Trustee Tholotowsky nominated the following slate of officers: Trustee Falese, President; Trustee Bernacchi, Secretary; Trustee Negrete; Treasurer, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Lee congratulated Trustee Smollen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to approve the April 20, 2022, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill list totaling \$1,384,245.65. Trustee Falese made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Falese thanked his fellow Trustees for appointing him as President.

Trustee Tholotowsky Congratulated and welcomed the new Trustees. Trustee Tholotowsky expressed his appreciation to Vicky Cobbett for all her hard work for the last 22 years on the Board.

Trustee Bernacchi congratulated Trustee Tholotowsky on his election to the Board.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert explained to the Board the requirements for the new Decennial Committee Act.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa welcomed Mike Smollen to the Board of Trustees. Deputy Chief Peksa let the Board know that the new tender will be in service next week. He would like to thank BC Moses and Lt Anderson for coming up with the training program and following through until everyone was trained on the tender. The old tender will be sold. He informed the Board that they participated in the Rescue Task Force active shooter drill at the high school along with the Police and neighboring fire districts. Deputy Chief Peksa thanked Gold Shift for all their hard work during hose testing. 15,000 feet of hose was tested in one day. He thanked Ganz Builders for the use of a building on 129th St for training. Everyone has been training for the last 2 weeks and it is a valuable asset for the probationary firefighters. Deputy Chief Peksa informed the Board that we received a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and were able to purchase an inflatable rescue boat, motor, and trailer which we took delivery of last week. This is the second grant that we were awarded from Fire House Subs and between the two, we received \$50,000.00 in equipment that saved the taxpayers money. He stated we responded to 320 calls in April which is an increase from last April with 297 calls. Deputy Chief Peksa would like to thank all companies that responded to the tragic tank explosion on New Ave. Especially Red Shift, Station 2, Lt Ganz, FF Sienkiewicz, and FF Landgraf. They were the second company at the scene and had to enter an extremely dangerous area to provide immediate assistance to the injured.

Chief Tasso thanked and congratulated President Cobbett for her 22 years of service to the district. He also congratulated Mike Smollen who was elected as a new Trustee. Chief recognized Sal Cirrincione for his 7th year anniversary with the district. He informed the Board that the district was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence from the Government Finance Officer Association for the 2021 fiscal year. He quoted from the GFOA website "The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." The district was presented with this recognition 4 years in a row. Congratulations to Carla Clark for all her hard work attaining this award. Chief Tasso congratulated District 210's Superintendent Dr. Mary Ticknor for being named as the Illinois Association of School Administrators 2023 Superintendent of Distinction. Chief Tasso updated the Board that the Phase II site assessment was completed on 5/3/23 on the 127th Street properties and we are expecting to have a closing date for the Internationale Pkwy property soon. He let the Board know that he completed the Peer Assessor Training program through the Commission of Fire Accreditation International. This is a required class for the accreditation manager and is part of our accreditation process. Chief Tasso informed the Board that we were honored to participate in ISP Brian Frank's homecoming procession, after a long stay at a rehabilitation center, on May 13th. Trooper Frank was injured when his patrol vehicle was struck on I55 near Plainfield. The Chief would like to remind everyone to move over and slow down when approaching emergency or construction vehicles or incidents.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to adopt Ordinance #23-03, creating and authorizing a committee pursuant to the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to adopt Resolution #23-02, Appointing Linda Bernacchi to fill a vacant position on the pension board, her term will begin on May 18, 2023, and expire on April 17, 2024, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee

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

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to appoint Jay Nickleski as a Fire Commissioner for a three-year term, June 2023 to May 2026, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the fire station alerting system service agreement with US Digital Design, in the amount of \$11,919.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the purchase of extrication tools, a budgeted item, to replace outdated tools on Engine 921 from Equipment Management in the amount of \$59,887.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the purchase of a Wing Rescue Boat, motor, and trailer from MilPro Marine LLC in the amount of \$28,805.00, paid by a grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to ratify the purchase of computer replacements for the Lieutenant, Battalion Chief, and Fire Prevention Bureau from Dell Marketing LP, in the amount of \$4,184.36, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.


A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve starting the bidding process to purchase a mechanic's truck, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

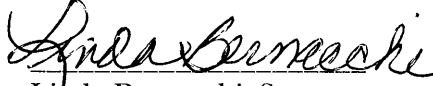
PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM on a motion made by Trustee Bernacchi, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

Approved (as is) amended by the Board of Trustees on the 15 day of June, 2023.


Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:


Linda Bernacchi, Secretary