

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Joseph Falese called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on June 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, IL.

Trustee Falese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Trustees Joe Falese, Raymond Negrete, Dan Tholotowsky, Linda Bernacchi and Michael Smollen.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the May 18, 2023, 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 \$884,362.33. Trustee Bernacchi made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Tholotowsky wanted to remind everyone how dangerous fireworks are and to leave them to the professionals.

Trustee Bernacchi would like to come up with ways to better communicate with the public. To inform the public about the Fire District, who we are, and what we do. Ways to provide information like our training and when we get a new apparatus.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski updated the court on a bill that passed which removes the MAI appraisal portion of the sale of property. He let the Board know that the General Assembly is setting aside money for Paramedic/EMT training. This new bill will appropriate funds to help defray the cost of training and hopefully increase interest in the paramedic field. Attorney Motylinski informed the Board that the Illinois Supreme Court will hear the case regarding the pension asset consolidation.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa let the Board know the new Tender has been in service for about 3 weeks. He extended a thank you to Ganz Builders for donating a house to us for training. We have logged more than two hundred hours training in the house. Currently our EVT Stacy Devitt is at the Rosenbauer plant for a seminar. He is also registered in the fall for more training seminars. He informed the Board we had 368 calls in May, which is an increase of 7.2 %. Deputy Chief Peksa informed the Board there was a garage fire on May 31st in which Black Shift responded. He said they did an excellent job and contained the fire to the garage.

Deputy Chief Truffa let the Board know he attended the Life and Health Safety review with both the high school and elementary school. He has been attending for several years and they are very receptive to suggestions on protecting students and buildings. He told the Board that Sandy Dominik hosted a "Camp I Am Me" poster party. Sandy, along with Lisa Gabor and 8 other volunteers spent a day creating posters for the summer camp held for burn survivors. He read an excerpt from the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance website explaining all the benefits to children who are burn survivors and attend the summer camp. Deputy Chief Truffa told the Board that the paramedic program at Silver Cross EMS System has a low attendance. MABAS 19 and the Will County Chiefs Association pushed Silver Cross to increase their class size. Silver Cross requested help with the increase, so we allowed our EMS Coordinator, Tyler Yost, to help and most recently he went to Silver Cross to proctor for the student's practical's. Our manufacturer contacted Deputy Chief Truffa to inform him that we will not be able to get a new ambulance this year. He suggested that we might have a better chance if we switched from a Dodge to a Ford chassis. Deputy Chief Truffa welcomed Mike Smollen to the Board of Trustees.

Chief Tasso recognized all who had work anniversaries in June. Fire Chief Tasso informed the Board he has been re-confirmed as a Chief Fire Officer through the Center for Public Safety Excellence. The Center for Public Safety Excellence is also the company that we are accredited through, and the renewal process of Chief Fire Officer is part of the LFPD accreditation process. Congratulations were given by all. Chief Tasso reported we have closed on the 1051 Internationale Pkwy property. The purchase price was \$1,450,000.00. The 2 properties on 127th St should have a closing date very soon. Chief Tasso informed the board there has been an increase on outside brush fires in our district and surrounding districts. With the ground being very dry he asks the public to be careful and avoid fireworks. A resident, Mr. Todd Richardson, posted on Facebook and tagged the Lemont Fire District thanking us for saving his life. He was at home and called 911. We responded, treated, and transported him to the hospital. Mr. Richardson said, "the Crew that came out were great". Chief Tasso wants to encourage everyone to call 911. That we are ready to help all our residents and guests.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the annual worker compensation insurance renewal with IPRF, in the amount of \$379,549.00, as presented, 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 cost of the annual fire hose testing by Fire CATT in the amount of \$5,272.50, 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 Tholotowsky to ratify the purchase of our annual SDS tracking software, with Velocity EHS, in the amount of \$3000.00, 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 Bernacchi to approve the cost of our annual membership in the Lemont Odor Alert Network in the amount of \$2,250.00, 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 Lexipol policy #910, Health and Safety Officer, as a Lemont Fire Protection District policy, 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 Smollen to approve Lexipol policy #913, Ground Ladder and Fire Hose Testing, as a Lemont Fire Protection District policy, 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 Negrete to approve the purchase of 9 sets of turnout gear from MES, Inc, which is a budgeted item, in the amount of \$44,010.00, 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 change to the Facilities Manager position from full time to part time, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. 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 6:41 PM on a motion made by Trustee Smollen, seconded by Trustee Negrete. 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 _____ day of _____, 2023.

Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary