

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JULY 20, 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 July 20, 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 Tholotowsky 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 Bernacchi to approve the June 15, 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 \$4,927,342.97. 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.

James Howard presented to the Board a power point presentation and financial report with the year-to-date expenses and revenues through June 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the Treasurer's Annual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for FY 2022, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. 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 with all the bad weather we have been having, to pay attention to the tornado warnings and watch alerts. Trustee Smollen attended the rededication of the Danish Cemetery on July 3rd and stated there was a good turnout.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert informed the Board that they will be following the pension consolidation case and will inform us of any updates from the Supreme Court. Attorney Gilbert informed the Board that all the recordings for virtual meetings held during COVID can be destroyed after 18 months without permission from the state archivist.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa stated we responded to 375 calls last month, which is an increase of 7% from last year. The new hires will be in their third and final rotation in August and are doing well. Deputy Chief Peksa stated the old tender has been sold to Malta Fire District. Deputy

Chief's Peksa and Truffa spoke with Citgo about re-establishing a water supply to the Exxon Mobile site on High Road. Deputy Chief Peksa thanked Lt. Fischer for putting together a great fire hydrant inspection program. They are down to 39% of hydrants left to inspect for this year.

Deputy Chief Truffa stated we have received many applications for the Facility Maintenance position and will be conducting interviews in August. He stated the inter-operability radio tests with Will County were successful. Deputy Chief Truffa stated we received notification from the manufacturer that they will be opening the process to order a chassis for a new ambulance on July 24th. The Lemont Park District held its annual July 3rd extravaganza, and our personnel were involved in completing inspections of tents and fireworks, public education tent with handouts, engine standby, UTV medic standby, and incident command. Deputy Chief Truffa collaborated with Turnabout, Jimbos, and Gelsosomo's Pizza to distribute "Slice of Advice" fliers on pizza delivery boxes. This will be an ongoing program and we will be changing the safety and district news to coincide with the seasons.

Chief Tasso would like to recognize FF's Costa, Hopkins, Bandyk, Post, LT's Spivak, and Ganz work anniversaries this month. Chief Tasso shared with the Board thank you letters that we received. Chief Tasso is happy with the overall process and transition to James Howard as our accountant. We have begun preparing for our 2024 budget. Chief Tasso stated we have finally closed on all three properties, and he thanked Chief Peksa for all his work in the last two years.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the annual service agreement with Ready Rebound, in the amount of \$8,100.00, 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 ratify the service agreement with Beary Landscaping for clean up at 1051 Internationale Pkwy, in the amount of \$3,980.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, no. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to ratify the annual lawn maintenance agreement with Beary Landscaping at 1051 Internationale Pkwy, in the amount of \$3,750.00, 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 ratify the purchase of 2 Dell laptops for the training division, in the amount of \$4,661.68, 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 Smollen to approve amendments to Lexipol policy #900 Illness and Injury Prevention Program, policy #906 Apparatus/Vehicle Backing, policy #908 Respiratory Protection Program, and policy #1028 Personal Appearance Standards, 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 Lexipol policy #911 Vehicle Safety Belts and policy #915 Hazardous Energy Control Lockout/Tagout as Lemont Fire Protection District policies, 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 purchase of a new fire engine from Rosenbauer in the amount of \$900,165.00, this includes a prepayment savings of \$96,131.00, 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 Programming & Planning Study with FGM Architects for a cost not to exceed \$18,000.00, 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 purchase of a vehicle maintenance truck from Runnion Equipment Company in the amount of \$160,000.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM on a motion made by Trustee Negrete, 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 _____ day of _____, 2023.

Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary