

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 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 October 19, 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.

AWARD CERAMONY: Fire Marshal Jen Murray presented Pat Crean with the 2022 Life Safety Award in recognition of the extraordinary efforts he has provided to fire and life safety, for the Lemont Bromberek Combined School District 113a students and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the September 14, 2023, regular meeting minutes, September 14, 2023, closed meeting minutes, September 21, 2023, regular meeting minutes, September 14, 2023, closed meeting minutes, and October 2, 2023, special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. 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 \$1,059,765.52. Trustee Bernacchi made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, 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 congratulated Pat Crean on his Life Safety award. He would like to remind residents that Halloween is coming up and to watch out for kids Trick or Treating and drive Safely.

Trustee Negrete congratulated Chief Tasso and staff on how well the Open House went.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert had nothing to report.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on our new probationary FF Kevin Atwood who will be starting to work shifts on 10/18/23 and said he is doing well. We finally received our build slot for a new engine in March of 2024. Hopefully we will take delivery end of 2024 or beginning of 2025. The Training Committee is working on putting together the 2024 Training Calendar. We went on 382 calls in September which is an 8% increase over last year.

Deputy Chief Truffa informed the Board that Steven Bacho, our new Facility Manager, started on 10/17/23. Fire Marshal Murray has completed all the school inspections for this year. FLSA Sandy Dominik attended the Trick or Treat Trail at the Park District and will attend the Halloween Hoedown on 10/28/23. The Engines will be out around town on Halloween giving out candy. This is very well received in the community and the FF's love doing it.

Chief Tasso would like to recognize BC Evers, LT's Stasiak, Flood, and Elshareif, FF's Hines, Stefanelli, Orszulak, DeCamp, Rauch, and Jager on their work anniversaries this month. Chief Tasso shared with the Board thank you letters that we received. He would like to thank everyone who came to our Open House on 9/30/23, making it a huge success. He thanked the community partners who assisted us with Open House. The message for this year's Fire Prevention Month is Cooking Safety Starts With You. According to the NFPA 50% of all home fires involve cooking equipment. Chief Tasso informed the Board that he received Carla Clark's letter of resignation, and she will be retiring on 10/27/23. Thank you for over 22 years of dedicated service to the Fire District. He reminded the Board that next month the regular meeting will be on 11/9/23 at 6pm and the budget workshop will be right before it at 5pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve Resolution No. 23-03, Appointing Lisa Gabor as the authorized agent for IMRF, 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 Tholotowsky to approve Ordinance No. 23-04, regarding the change in fees for Emergency Medical and Response Services. Seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. These fees are based on the GEMT federal reporting which shows the actual cost of our emergency services. 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 a rotation motor for ladder truck 949 from Sentinel Emergency Solution, in the amount of \$9,760.36, 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 ratify the purchase of new tires for Engine 911 from Pomp's Tire Service, in the amount of \$4,518.66, 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 ratify the purchase of personal safety equipment, swift water rescue supplies, and safety equipment for the rescue boat, from Municipal Emergency Services, in the amount of \$4,629.35, 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 Bernacchi to approve the Property Liability Insurance renewal for 2024, from Assured Partners, in the amount of \$101,080.00, which is a 7.7% increase over last year, 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 a community engagement program, seconded by Trustee Smollen. This will allow us to start our community engagement efforts by sending out a letter to recruit individuals for a Resident-led Community Outreach Team. 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 Fire Chief Daniel Tasso's contract effective 11/14/23 to 11/13/26, 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: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to enter closed session at 6:27 PM for discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of an employee, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 6:47 PM on a motion by Trustee Tholotowsky, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM on a motion made by Trustee Bernacchi, 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