

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 09, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Joseph Falese called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on November 09, 2023, at 5:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, Illinois.

Trustee Falese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Trustees Joseph Falese, Ray Negrete, Linda Bernacchi, Michael Smollen, and Daniel Tholotowsky.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Daniel Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, and Recording Secretary Carla Clark.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete 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.

BUDGET REVIEW: Chief Tasso reviewed the highlights of the tentative Budget for fiscal year 2024. He stated this year's levy request will be 110% of the 2022 extension base. He stated the reason behind this year's request is to capture new growth. The District saw a .21% decrease in EAV for 2022.

The 2024 Budget revenue is expected to be \$25,441,974.00, which is 1% less than last year's revenue. Our expense total is \$17,382,630.00, which is a 10% decrease over last year. He discussed line items that had a significant increase or decrease to them as well as any new line items for the year. Chief Tasso stated that a 3-year actual revenue/expense review was done, resulting in increases, decreases, or no change in line items. Chief Tasso stated 31.47% of the Firefighters salaries were used to determine the Pension levy. Chief Tasso reviewed the Capital Fund, stating new items for this year include Scene lights with portable generators, Station relocation/remodel project, 2 Administrative vehicles, an Ambulance, Mechanic Service Vehicle and Dive Vehicle are budgeted with Bond and Capitol monies. Overall, most of our line items remained the same with no increase. Chief Tasso stated that the budget includes a 3% increase for salaries. Overall, the salary and benefits for all employees increased by 5.72%. The 2024 budget shows \$8,059,344.00 in revenue over expenses.

The Board reviewed a three-year Budget comparison spreadsheet. Questions were asked and answered during the review.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM on a motion made 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.

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

Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary