

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2024
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Joe Falese called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on April 18, 2024, 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 Dan Tholotowsky, Michael Smollen, Joe Falese, Raymond Negreti, and Linda Bernacchi.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Attorney John Motylinski and Recording Secretary Sandy Dominik.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve, under consent agenda, the March 21, 2024, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill listing totaling \$1,326,128.42 Trustee Falese made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: James Howard presented his first quarter meeting. Remark of revenue and expenditure highlights the district has reached 26% of the budget.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Falese expressed his appreciation to everyone in the fire district for the outpouring of heartwarming support shown to the family during the services for Reverend Bergmark. Reverend Bergmark served the district for 56 years and oversaw and implemented a lot of change in the district. We are thankful for his dedicated service. Trustee Tholotowsky remarked of the great strides the "Minutes Matter" facilitating team efforts have been making and made special mention of union personnel that have been out canvassing, putting out flyers and yard signs. The deputy chiefs were thanked for carrying out the open houses and were highlighted in the team effort.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski updated the board that the bill that would increase bidding limits has not been passed or processed. However, there was a unanimous vote on the accumulations bill; if goes to senate we would be able to accumulate funds in ambulance and rescue accounts. Department of labor didn't publish guidance on the paid leave for all workers act as of yet. The senate created a whole committee for it, but not moving forward. Situations remain fluid.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on the new hires, they started shift on April 9th. They will rotate shifts every 4 months to be evaluated by all shifts, lieutenants and battalion chiefs. They are doing good. Chief Peksa is excited to announce they have budgeted in the capital plan for a new dive vehicle this year, with a wait time of 2 to 3 years. The Quarryman race is May 11 and Park District is short volunteers, we will be taking an active role in that event. DC Peksa reported 346 calls for service in March, which is a decrease from last March, however call volume is trending on an 8 percent increase for the 2024 year.

Deputy Chief Truffa updated the Board on the arrival of the ambulance ordered in 2021. The ambulance committee members traveled to Iowa to pick it up Monday April 8. The ambulance will be in service by the end of May beginning of June after the installation of radios and an antenna. The second new ambulance will be on track once the chassis is manufactured. DC Truffa reported the Adopt A Firefighter program is wrapping up for the school year and big shout out to the crews for supporting the LHS Special Olympics practices. DC Truffa informed the board of special events permit software that has been implemented with the Village of Lemont to vet vendors to NFPA standards.

Chief Tasso congratulated EVT Tech Stacy Devitt on his one-year anniversary, FF Brandon Davis celebrating 2 years, Fire Marshal Murray celebrating 4 years. Lt. Anderson and Lt Frank both celebrated 22 years and Jeff Hawthorne celebrates 23 years of service with the district. Congratulations to all. Chief Tasso informed the Board he is working with the BOC to update the rules and regulations of the eligibility list of new hires. Our current list expires in August, and in May hope to have the timeline and process finalized. Chief Tasso gave kudos to the facilitating team, that has been doing an outstanding job at the open houses and with community engagement efforts. May 2nd is the next facilitating team meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the purchase of a new Deputy Chief vehicle at a cost of \$52,295.00 seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, present. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negreti, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the purchase of the annual subscription renewal of ESO Solutions: EMS & Fire reporting software in the amount of \$22,735.04, seconded by Trustee Negreti. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negreti, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negreti to ratify the purchase of paid postage for the first round of Minutes Matter newsletter with Marquardt Printing Company in the amount of \$3,259.74.

Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negreti, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify the purchase of AirTraq camera intubation kits with Mercury Medical in the amount of \$ 6, 087.65 and was included in the budget, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negreti, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify the purchase of GEAR WASH annual gear cleaning service in the amount of \$4, 122.75, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negreti, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

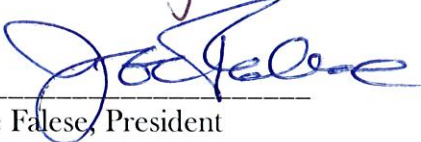
A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to ratify the purchase of the MES TRT tripod in the amount of \$3,400.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negreti, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:25pm a motion was made by Trustee Negrete to enter closed session, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negreti, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM, after closed session, on a motion made by Trustee Smollen, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negreti, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the 16 day of May, 2020.



Joe Falese, President

ATTEST:



Linda Bernacchi, Secretary