

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2016
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Victoria Cobbett called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on February 18, 2016, at 7:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, IL.

Trustee Cobbett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Trustees Victoria Cobbett, William Ward, Glenn Bergmark, Michael Kasperski and Keith Latz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief George Rimbo, Deputy Chief Jay Nickleski, Attorney Tom Gilbert, and Recording Secretary Clark

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made, under consent agenda, by Trustee Kasperski to approve the January 21, 2016, regular meeting minutes and the January 21, 2016, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Latz read the bill listing totaling \$682,337.61. Trustee Latz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Tom Sawyer, Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, reviewed the District's investment portfolio thru December 31, 2015. The ending value as of December 31, 2015, was \$2,215,494.83. He stated the portfolio shows an investment gain of \$26,195.76 from December 2014 – December 2015. The allocation of the portfolio are 88.3% in fixed income and 11.7% in cash equivalent. Since the first day of investment, January 8, 2014, our investment gain is \$47,797.00. The Board thanked Mr. Sawyer for his review.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: None

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gilbert updated the Board on an Illinois Supreme Court case on the Public Duty rule. The Supreme Court threw out the Public Duty rule, which basically states that those of us in public duty do not have a duty to those that we serve and are exempt from liability. He said that the impact to Fire District's is very minimal. It may cause an increase in liability insurance premiums. He stated Firefighters are still exempt from being responsible from ordinary negligence. The only time that they are legally responsible in rescuing someone is if they are guilty of willful and wanton conduct.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Nickleski updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 308 calls in January which is a 15.3% increase over January, 2015. Deputy Chief Nickleski stated that employees logged in 1,275 hours of training for the month of January, this is a 55.4% increase. The increase is due to the rolling out of our new target training program. He informed the Board our chassis and cab are completed on the new ladder truck and we can expect delivery around mid-May.

Chief Rimbo commented on a fund raiser that our employees participated in during the Bears wrestling tournament for the Cappuano family. He congratulated all those that participated in raising \$1,500.00. Chief Rimbo stated our sprinkler project at Station 1 is almost completed. He informed the Board that he and Deputy Chief Nickleski have been making an effort to meet with the surrounding Chiefs to see how we can help one another. Chief Rimbo stated as part of our Strategic Plan we have launched accounts on Twitter and Facebook putting out general Department information and safety tips. Trustee Latz asked the Chief if he is planning to place emergency information out to the public. Chief Rimbo stated that eventually, however, we will be going forward cautiously. Trustee Latz asked if we have talked to the Village regarding their Nixel program. Chief Rimbo stated that the Village has not been using that program recently. Deputy Chief Nickleski stated that the Village has a program called "Code Red" that sends out emergency notifications. Chief Rimbo stated we could add that link to our website. Trustee Latz asked Attorney Gilbert about securing photo releases from individuals prior to posting on Facebook or Twitter. Attorney Gilbert suggested that we look for a photo release template and begin to use it.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark approving the Board of Fire Commissioners to proceed with their Firefighter and Promotional testing process this year, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to approve the purchase of Zoll Monitor upgrades to accommodate high performance CPR, using IPRF grant monies, from Zoll Medical Corporation at a cost of \$15,120.00, seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Rimbo explained the necessity for alterations to our fire alarm panel. He stated that some of the changes are a result of the installation of the sprinkler system, but the rest is to bring the panel into compliance with the same codes we ask the public to follow. A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve alterations to Station 1 fire alarm panel by Cross Points Sales, Inc. at a cost of \$5,950.00, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Ward to enter closed session at 7:45 PM to discuss probable or pending litigation, collective negotiations for one or more classes of employees, the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee and review closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 8:55 PM on a motion by Trustee Kasperski, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to release the following closed session minutes; September 15, 2011, November 8, 2012, June 20, 2013, February 20, 2014, January 10, 2015, special, January 15, 2015, May 21, 2015, and June 24, 2015, seconded by Trustee Kasperski.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM on a motion made by Trustee Cobbett, seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the ____ day of _____, 2016.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Bergmark, Secretary