

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 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 September 15, 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, and Michael Kasperski.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Tom Gilbert, Attorney John Motylinski, Fire Chief George Rimbo, Deputy Chief Jay Nickleski and Recording Secretary Carla Clark.

Trustee Cobbett delivered the following eulogy for Trustee Latz. "I want to take time to remember our colleague and friend, Trustee Keith Latz, who passed away suddenly on Labor Day. Keith joined our Board in 2002 and was re-elected twice. He has served as Board President and most currently as Treasurer and Pension Board representative. Over the past 14 years, he has rarely if ever missed a meeting and was very diligent in his efforts to ensure we are able to provide the quality emergency services that are available from this Fire District. He had excellent financial insight and he always remembered he was representing the tax payers. He was ever prepared: for the meetings and with a smile. His genuine love for this town made him a valuable part of the Board. Keith was a lifelong resident of Lemont where he lived with his wife, Debbie, and children, Taylor, Nicole, and Alicia. He was quite serious about public service and giving back to the community. He belonged to St. Cyril and Methodius Church where he served as a Eucharistic Minister, usher and member of the Holy Name Society. A partial list of his many other community activities include: Past Lemont Little League Board of Directors; Past Lemont Village Board of Trustees; Past President Lemont Jaycees; President of the Safety Village Board; Lemont Open Space Advisory Commission; Alvernia Manor Nursing Home Board of Directors; Local Channel 6 broadcaster. Most recently, he was seen on Labor Day weekend, coordinating the Keepataw Parade and directing the entries for lineup. He loved sports and was a basketball referee and coach. He broadcasted many of the Lemont sporting events for the Elementary and High Schools including football, basketball and baseball and his spot on narration was frequently heard on all local televised activities. He was a hard working, conscientious, honest man and will be greatly missed. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Fire District, we extend

our deepest condolences to his entire family. Farewell, friend Keith.” Trustee Cobbett called for a moment of silence.

**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. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made, under consent agenda, by Trustee Kasperski to approve the August 18, 2016, regular meeting minutes, August 29, 2016, special meeting minutes, and the August 29, 2016, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Trustee Kasperski read the bill listing totaling \$799,854.21. Trustee Kasperski 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. Motion carried.

Mr. Harrington, Sawyer-Falduto Asset Management, LLC, reviewed the activity of our investment portfolio through June, 2016. Mr. Harrington pointed out that the investment guidelines are listed and have not changed. He stated that at this time nothing in the Investment Policy needs to be changed. Mr. Harrington stated for the second quarter the portfolio had an investment return of \$12,922.00 and a year to date return of \$36,886.00. The second quarter ending market value is \$1,940,881.00. For second quarter the gross return was .63%, net return was .59%. Mr. Harrington stated since inception the portfolio has gained \$83,130.00. Mr. Harrington commented given the Fed’s current position on future rate increases combined with the global demand for U.S. debt, rates are likely to remain compressed for some time.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** Trustee Cobbett invited everyone to attend the POW-MIA Ceremony at the VFW Hall, Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

**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 299 calls in August which is a 2.7% increase over August, 2015. Deputy Chief Nickleski stated that employees logged in 1278 hours of training for the month of August. He stated he has received all of the 2017 budget requests and will be forwarding them on to the Chief.

Chief Rimbo thanked Mechanic Smollen and Facilities/Equipment Manager Wiktor for the time they put in together to repair the outrigger on the ladder truck. If we would have sent this out for repair it would have been very costly, they completed the project for a few hundred dollars. He informed the Board that FF Puckett and FF Newmes will be attending the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial this year in Colorado. He stated we have received thank you letters from Westmont FD, Downers Grove FD and District 113A. He informed them that on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 12:00, the Union will be hosting a pancake breakfast with proceeds going to the AFFL. He stated our ladder truck will be delivered this Sunday/Monday. He invited everyone to attend our open house on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00 this year.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Attorney Gilbert and Attorney Motylinski reviewed Ordinance 16-01, adopting the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code. Changes to the fines and a provision for an injunction were the legal changes put into the Ordinance. Trustee Ward asked questions on Section 5.07 – water supply, Section 903.2 – single family homes and sprinklers, Section 907.666 – False alarms and Section 5608 – Fireworks Display. Chief Rimbo addressed all of his questions and discussion was had. A motion was made by Trustee Kasperski to adopt Ordinance 16-01, adopting the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Rimbo requested to hire two (2) new Firefighters to replace BC Slivinski who retired and Lt. Boersema who will be retiring in January, 2017. A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the hiring of two (2) Firefighters, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Rimbo stated this is the agreement with Brycer also known as the “Compliance Engine” which was Inspector DeAnda discussed last month. Trustee Cobbett asked a question regarding the Fees, she believed that there would be no fees associated with this agreement. Inspector DeAnda stated the fees they are referring to will go to the third party performing the inspection, not the business owner. A motion was made by Trustee Ward to approve the service level agreement with Brycer, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Rimbo stated that due to an ongoing issue related to our property line at the recommendation from Attorney Gilbert he is requesting approval to have a platt of survey done for Station 1. The last platt done was in 1976. By mutual consent, the Trustees agreed that a platt of survey be obtained.

Attorney Gilbert stated that with the passing of Trustee Latz, the Board has 60 days to fill the vacancy on the Board. The Trustees directed the Chief to place a notice on our website and possibly in the paper regarding the vacancy with where/when to submit a letter of interest and resume.

Chief Rimbo requested that a date be set to hold our Budget Workshop. The Trustees agreed to hold a special meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM to discuss the tentative 2017 Budget. The Trustees also scheduled a special meeting for October 6<sup>th</sup> at to review potential Trustee candidates.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion made by Trustee Kasperski seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Victoria Cobbett, President

**ATTEST:**

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Glenn Bergmark, Secretary