

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 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 October 20, 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, Dan Tholotowsky and Michael Kasperski.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Tom Gilbert, Fire Chief George Rimbo, Deputy Chief Jay Nickleski and Recording Secretary Carla 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 Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION:** Trustee Cobbett requested Item IX, Presentation of service plaque for Keith Latz be moved up. Trustee Cobbett and Fire Chief Rimbo presented a plaque to Mrs. Debbie Latz for her late husband, Keith Latz, service of fourteen years and one month to the Lemont Fire District as a Trustee.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY:** Trustee Cobbett administered the oath of office of Lieutenant to Christian Ganz. Congratulation were given by all. Trustee Bergmark administered the oath of office of Battalion Chief to Frank Jareczek. Congratulations were given by all. Trustee Cobbett administered the oath of office of Trustee to Daniel Tholotowsky. Congratulations were given by all.

**RECESS:** At 7:15 PM Trustee Cobbett called for a 15 minute recess and invited all to enjoy some refreshments.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made, under consent agenda, by Trustee Kasperski to approve the September 15, 2016, regular meeting minutes, October 6, 2016, special meeting minutes, and the October 6, 2016, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to appoint Trustee Mike Kasperski, Treasurer, seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kasperski read the bill listing totaling \$948,616.28. Trustee Kasperski made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Ward. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** Trustee Ward presented Trustee Cobbett with his letter of resignation, effective October 21, 2016. He stated that he and his wife are moving to Florida at the end of the month. Trustee Cobbett presented Trustee Ward with a service plaque for his two years ten months service to the Lemont FPD as Trustee.

**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 284 calls in September which is a 2.5% increase over September, 2015. Deputy Chief Nickleski stated that employees logged in 1207 hours of training for the month of September. He stated we took delivery of our new ladder truck on September 18, 2016. He stated that training is being done currently and that it will be a few months before it is placed into service.

Chief Rimbo informed the Trustees that Public Educator, Sandy Dominik, will be receiving the 2016 New Horizon Award from the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association at their luncheon on October 28<sup>th</sup> and congratulated her on her achievement. Chief Rimbo congratulated EMS Coordinator, Tina Pirc, for completing the 26.2 miles in the Chicago marathon in 5 ½ hours. He stated Illinois American Water has given us a \$700.00 grant which will be used to purchase struts. Trustee Kasperski commented on our new ladder truck stating that since it has been driving around town he has gotten comments on the cost of the vehicle and he wanted to let the residents know that this is more than just a piece of apparatus, it is a tool that will help our firefighters perform their jobs more efficiently and safely.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to purchase a digital fire extinguisher training system from Bullex at a cost of \$13,826.99, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to appoint Executive Assistant, Carla Clark, as the Local Election Official for the consolidated election on April 4, 2017, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Rimbo stated that with Dan Tholotowsky stepping down as our Part-time Fire Marshal he is recommending that the Trustees hire our current Inspector Ben DeAnda as our Full-time Fire Marshal, effective October 24, 2016, with an annual salary of \$75,000.00. A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to hire Ben DeAnda as full-time Fire Marshal with an annual salary of \$75,000.00, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the Trustees responsibility to appoint a Trustee to the Pension Fund Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy left with the passing of Trustee Latz.. Trustee Kasperski stated that since he is Treasurer, he will also serve as Trustee on the Pension Board. A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to adopt Resolution 16-04, appointing Trustee Mike Kasperski to the Pension Fund, Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy, his term will be effective immediately and expire in April, 2018, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Ward to adopt Resolution 16-03, declaring our 1996 Pierce Aerial ladder truck surplus, seconded by Trustee Kasperski. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Ward, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Rimbo stated we have not received the invoice for the repairs to Engine 911 and recommended we table this until next month. Trustee Cobbett tabled the approval until next month.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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