

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2018
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 15, 2018, at 6:01 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, Glenn Bergmark, Dan Tholotowsky, and Dan Tasso. Trustee Kasperski was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Tom Gilbert, Fire Chief George Rimbo, Deputy Chief Jay Nickleski Administrative Assistant Lisa Gabor and Recording Secretary Carla Clark.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made, under consent agenda, by Trustee Tholotowsky, to approve the January 18, 2018, regular meeting minutes and January 18, 2018 closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$754,158.07. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Tasso congratulated Lemont H.S. cheerleaders for making State Champions. He also thanked the Police and Fire District for providing an escort for the girl's bus upon returning. He also congratulated Chief Rimbo for being inducted into the Lemont H. S. Alumni Hall of Fame. Trustee Tholotowsky expressed condolences to the family of our Commissioner, Walter Hilger as well as to the family of fallen Chicago Police Cmdr. Bauer. He requested residents of the District to help out and maintain fire hydrants near their homes by clearing the snow during this season.

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 382 calls in January which is a 16% increase over January, 2017. Deputy Chief Nickleski stated that employees logged in 1766 hours of training for the month of January. He informed the Board that a grant has been submitted for new communications equipment in the amount of \$350,655.37. He stated the ambulance committee has

visited several other Fire District's to get ideas for specs on the new ambulance. Engine 911 is back in service and our GIS analysis should be completed by June.

Chief Rimbo congratulated Joyce Stanislawski for being awarded the IFSA Above and Beyond Award for all of her work with Burn Camp over the years. Chief Rimbo asked the Trustees to let him know if they would like to attend the Mayor's State of the Village luncheon on March 7th. Chief Rimbo pointed out two new art pieces hanging in the room; the American metal flag was purchased by the Foreign Fire Tax Board for all 4 Stations and the picture of firefighters made from thumb prints by the preschoolers thru 2nd graders at St. Cyril's. Chief Rimbo mentioned that we had a ratings call from Moody's Investors. The District was downgraded from an A2 to A1. Before the call he spoke with our financial bond advisor and was informed that we should expect a downgrade due to the economic factors over the past several years. He invited IT Manager Alfonso to come up and speak on the need for a server room at Station 4. IT Manager Alfonso stated we are trying to create a fail safe environment at Station 4 that will serve as our back up to Station 1. He explained that the project will cost approximately \$35,000.00 and that most of the cost will be in the purchase of two servers. Chief Rimbo requested permission to begin this project and all cost will be brought to the Trustees for their approval. By mutual consent, the Trustees approved the project. Chief Rimbo gave a power point presentation of our Annual Summary for 2017. Topics included; staffing, operations, emergency response summaries, runs per District, call types, emergency medical services, accreditation, fleet services, IT, Fire Prevention Bureau, public education and building and grounds.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to hire William Granat as a part-time Fire Inspector at an hourly rate of \$25.20, pending background check and medical results, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the process of hiring a full-time Fire Inspector, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the Firefighter eligibility testing process by the Board of Fire Commissioners, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to adopt Resolution 18-02, declaring a 2004 Ford Expedition as surplus, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to enter closed session at 6:38 PM for discussion on probable or pending litigation, collective negotiations for one or more classes of employees and appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 7:40 PM on a motion by Trustee Tasso, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM on a motion made by Trustee Tholotowsky, seconded by Trustee Tasso. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the _____ day of _____, 2018.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Bergmark, Secretary