

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**CALL TO ORDER:** Trustee Linda Bernacchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on September 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, IL.

Trustee Bernacchi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** On call of roll Trustees Raymond Negrete, Dan Tholotowsky, Linda Bernacchi and Michael Smollen. Trustee Joseph Falese was absent.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve Trustee Bernacchi as president pro tempore, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Attorney Hayley Leutek, Edward Lavin, and Recording Secretary Sandy Dominik.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** NONE

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the August 15, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Negrete read the bill list totaling \$998,798.07. Trustee Smollen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Edward Lavin from Sawyer Falduto updated the Board with an investment report. Mr. Lavin discussed the benefits regarding transferring a Chase savings account into a money market account to accrue interest.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD:** On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Tholotowsky would like to invite everyone to attend our Open House on 10/05/2024, at station 1. Trustee Tholotowsky congratulated Tyler Yost on his accomplishment and recognition, awarded the "Stand and Deliver" award at the EMS World Expo. Trustee Bernacchi encouraged the public to attend our open house for a day of family fun.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** NONE

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**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Deputy Chief Truffa informed the Board he attended the OAN meeting where they honored Reverend Bergmark as a founding father. He updated the Board that the Trustee laptops will be replaced by next month. Deputy Chief Truffa acknowledged Tyler Yost and the recognition he was awarded the "Stand and Deliver" award at the EMS World Expo. Public Education named a winner of the "Back to School" fire escape plan contest, Congratulations to Dominic. Deputy Chief Truffa thanked Lemont High School for announcing our Open House event at their football game.

Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board that he and DC Truffa spent 2 days working with Creative Entourage filming informative videos. He stated that they have begun working on replacing the radios and the project should be resolved soon. Deputy Chief Peksa stated that this week they worked with UL testing pump, ground and aerial ladder testing. The service truck graphics will be completed soon and in service next week. There are 3 employees still on Workers Comp. 379 calls for service last month, which is a 2% increase for this year.

Fire Chief Tasso acknowledged and thanked those that celebrated work anniversaries for their years of service; FF Scott Sienkiewicz, 21. Lt Andy Puckett, 20. FF Kuzmicki, 17, Lt Mike Holtz, 17. Chief Tasso congratulated Firefighter Atwood on the completion of his probationary period, he will be sworn in next month and awarded badge #110. He informed the Board of the Government Accounting Budget Workshop Meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Chief Tasso thanked the Village of Lemont for hosting a Referendum Informational meeting last week.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the purchase of Public Education supplies for Open House with Promos911 in the amount of \$4,296.63, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve the purchase of RIT-Pak for reserve engine with MES in the amount of \$4,605.00 seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the purchase of RobinAir A/C Machine with SureFire in the amount of \$5,199.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the purchase of AquaEye Sonar with Dive Right In Scuba in the amount of \$ 4,675.60, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

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A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the purchase of 8 mobile radios, not to exceed the price of \$48,000.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the amendments to LFPD Policy #1027, Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

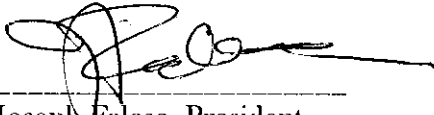
A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the purchase of one set of turn out gear with MES in the amount of \$4,955.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

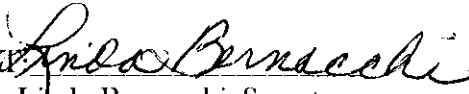
A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the amendments to Lexipol Policies; #801, Release of Records, #914, Personal Protective Equipment, #1023, Physical Fitness, #1024, Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, #1026, Lactation Breaks, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM on a motion made by Trustee Smollen seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Falese.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

  
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Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST   
Linda Bernacchi, Secretary