

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2024
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Joseph Falese called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on June 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, IL.

Trustee Falese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Trustees Dan Tholotowsky, Michael Smollen, Joe Falese, Raymond Negrete, Linda Bernacchi.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Attorney John Motylinski, Recording Secretary Sandy Dominik. Creative Entourage Representative Jennifer Volk. Minutes Matter Facilitating Team; Community Chair Ryan Raetzman, Communication Chair Lisa Kross, Canvassing Chair Tracey Papesh. Victoria Cobbett, John Falduto.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT: Minutes Matter Facilitating Team Members: Communication Chair Lisa Kross, Canvassing Chair Tracey Papesh, Community Chair Ryan Raetzman presented a power point to the Board, reporting findings and feedback from the Minutes Matter community engagement campaign. Trustee Tholotowsky thanked the Facilitating Team, (F.T.) for their time and effort put forth on the Community Engagement project. After expressing appreciation to the facilitating team for the work and time taken to complete the project, Trustee Bernacchi asked the F.T about continuing to educate residents who may not have heard of the Minutes Matter campaign or recognize the needs of the fire district. Trustee Falese invited Jennifer Volk from Creative Entourage to report on resident survey feedback. Jennifer Volk stated ways we will continue to educate the residents. Victoria Cobbett asked the F.T. about ways to educate the residents about the increase in coverage. The F.T. team states they will continue to educate residents on the current and future needs of the District.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the May 16, 2024, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill list totaling \$1,564,721.95. Trustee Tholotowsky made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chief Tasso invited John Falduto of Asset Management, LLC to provide a monthly report of the District's investment portfolio.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Negrete thanked DC Peksa, DC Truffa, Trustee Tholotowsky, and Trustee Falese for their efforts on the Community Engagement initiative. Trustee Tholotowsky thanked the union for their efforts on the canvassing weekends. Trustee Tholotowsky extended sympathies to the Smollen family on the passing of Mike's mother. Trustee Tholotowsky wanted to remind everyone how dangerous fireworks are and to leave them to the professionals. Trustee Tholotowsky shared Sara Tholotowsky will be graduating from Romeoville Fire Academy. Trustee Smollen thanked the Board for supporting his family in their time of loss.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski states the legislative chair is out of session and 2 bills previously mentioned are awaiting signatures. He will keep the Board informed and update as needed.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa let the Board know the new Hazmat Squad is slated for radios and graphics and should be back in the next week. He reports 3 Firefighters are on Workers Comp, down from 4. Two shifts are on variances with reduced staffing from 13 to 12. He informed the Board we had 361 calls in May, which is a decrease from last May but still trending a 5.8% increase for this year.

Deputy Chief Truffa informed the Board the new ambulance is stocked and awaiting IDPH inspection and expects it will be in service in the coming weeks. He let the Board know EMS Director Tyler Yost will be on extended leave as he takes care of a scheduled procedure. DC Truffa and the EMS committee will be picking up the workload in Yost's absence. DC Truffa explained to the Board that a new Public Education Coordinator is expected to start next week.

Chief Tasso recognized those who had work anniversaries in June: Union President Dave Gubbins with 15 years and Eric Windmoeller and Matt Winfield, both celebrating 4 years with the District. Fire Chief Tasso informed the Board 28 applications were taken from applytoserve.com and 18 applicants showed up to take the test on 6/20/2024. Oral interviews are scheduled for July 10th. Chief Tasso expressed his appreciation to the Minutes Matter facilitating team for all their hard work and research on the Minutes Matter Initiative.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the annual service agreement with Ready Rebound, in the amount of \$9,450.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to ratify the cost of Hazmat Squad graphics with Harmonic Designs in the amount of \$7,965.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify in-frame engine rebuild of E911, with JX Enterprises Inc., in the amount of \$20,695.17, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the purchase of turnout gear with MES, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to adopt Resolution 24-05, declaring 2003 Chevy carryall as surplus, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM on a motion made by Trustee Bernacchi, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

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

Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary