

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2020
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 July 16, 2020, at 6:00 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, Glenn Bergmark, Dan Tasso, and Dan Tholotowsky. Trustee Michael Kasperski was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Frank Jareczek, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Attorney John Motylinski 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 by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve, under consent agenda, the June 11, 2020, regular meeting minutes, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Tasso read the bill listing totaling \$1,185,601.19. Trustee Tasso made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote, Trustee Kasperski.

AUDIT PRESENTATION: Trustee Cobbett invited our auditor, Mr. Lou Karrison to review our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) FY 2019. Mr. Karrison stated the District has been awarded the certificate of excellence in financial reporting for FY 2018. Mr. Lou Karrison reviewed the financial highlights of the 2019 fiscal year CAFR. He stated fiscal year 2019 net pension liability decreased by \$1,840,868.00 from prior year, mostly due to investment returns. He stated the pension funding level is at 75.59%, which the Board should be proud of. He stated the District exceeded its liabilities by \$(8,248,544.00). During 2019 the District's total net position decreased by \$279,768.00. As of December 31, 2019, the District reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,631,618.00, an increase of \$318,499.00 from the prior year. Of this amount the general and ambulance funds had a combined ending fund balance of \$1,466,469.00 (unassigned), tort liability fund had an ending fund balance of \$(254,658.00), other special revenues funds had an ending balance of \$90,747.00, capital projects fund had an ending fund balance of \$1,329,060.00 and the debt service had an ending balance of \$19,701.00. For fiscal year 2019 the net pension liability of \$11,564,517.00 is reflected in our financial

statements on the balance sheet. He stated that our financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the Lemont Fire District. A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the fiscal year 2019 comprehensive annual financial report, as presented, 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 approve the Annual Treasurer's statement for fiscal year 2019, 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 Tholotowsky stated, per the agreement with the Fire District, the Lemont Plaza has completed installing fire sprinklers in all but 1 tenant space. Trustee Tholotowsky stated the Lithuanian Center has requested an extension for one year on the agreement they have with the Fire District due to COVID. Trustee Tholotowsky stated the Village of Lemont has an offer of a grant on their website for businesses to install fire alarm and fire protection systems. He requested that we provide a link on our website to the Villages offer.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski stated there is a law firm, out of Geneva, who has been soliciting Pension funds for a class action suit against the Firefighter Pension Investment Fund.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board on apparatus, training and the various meetings he attended since last meeting. He stated we responded to 296 calls in June which is a decrease of 5% over June, 2019. Deputy Chief Peksa stated employees logged in 1566 hours of training for the month of June. Deputy Chief Peksa stated the Forge Quarry Adventure Park is doing a soft opening this Friday. He stated crews have been out there for pre-planning. He stated our probationary Firefighters will begin working shift on Monday, July 20th. He congratulated Firefighter Stefanelli and Lt. Puckett for their work with the flow program to bring our pre-plans up to 84% complete. He also stated our ISO review has been rescheduled to September 24th.

Deputy Chief Truffa stated we started working with Fire Recovery submitting claims for motor vehicle accidents and we received our first payment this week. Deputy Chief Truffa stated our EMS Coordinator, Tina Pirc, has been contacted by School District 113 to begin CPR training for all of their staff. He stated Station 2 has had their septic field done and at Stations 1 & 4 the landscaping has been completed. Deputy Chief Truffa stated Sandy Dominik, Public Educator, is looking at re-starting the Safe Sitter program.

Chief Jareczek stated the Firefighter eligibility written exam went well with a total of 38 individuals taking the exam and 31 successfully passing. He stated the oral interviews are scheduled for July 20th & 21st. Chief Jareczek stated he and the on-duty personnel as well as Deputy Chief's Peksa & Truffa participated in the July 3rd holiday parade with the various other groups of Lemont. He stated we held our last service award luncheon for Black shift this month.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the initial employment agreements for Probationary Firefighter's Eric Windmoeller and Matthew Wingfield, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote, Trustee Kasperski.

A motion was made by Trustee Tasso to approve the purchase of replacement hose damaged at a fire from W.S. Darley at a cost of \$3,890.00, 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 Tholotowsky to authorize the proxy for the IAFFD 2020 annual membership meeting, 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 renewing subscriptions for current Blue Card members from Across the Street Productions at a cost of \$3,800.00, 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 replace 5 laptops on the Engines and Truck from RCN Technology at a cost of \$14,547.45, 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 Tasso to adopt Lexipol policies #331, Ride-Along Program and #332, Grocery Shopping on-duty as Lemont FPD policies, 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 adopt Resolution 20-03, declaring 15 turnout coats and 5 turnout pants surplus, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Chief Jareczek stated we plan on donating the turnout gear to Shawneetown Fire Department. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote, Trustee Kasperski.

Recording Secretary Clark discussed with the Board the possibility of borrowing \$3.5 to \$4 million dollars for future capital expenses over the next 3 years. She requested consent to bring in Mr. Eric Anderson, Piper-Sandler, to the August meeting to review the options the Fire District has. The Board agreed by mutual consent.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to enter closed session at 7:25 PM for the discussion on probable or pending litigation, collective negotiations for one or more classes of employees, the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of an employee and the review of Fire Chief Jareczek's contract and evaluations, 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.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 8:09 PM on a motion by Trustee Tasso, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Tasso, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote, Trustee Kasperski.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM on a motion made by Trustee Tasso, 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.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Victoria Cobbett, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Bergmark, Secretary