

# ***Fox Lake Fire Protection District***

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**Edward Lescher**

March 5, 2020

Dear Representative Judy Martini,

Below is a list of the many, but not all of, the accomplishments that the Fox Lake Fire Protection District has been able to do with the help and direction of Trustee Linda Walleck. She has unselfishly given her time and effort to our department since she was appointed Trustee in May 2004. During her sixteen years with us she has served as President, Secretary and Treasurer. Linda has been an inspirational unspoken leader to all of the members through the years.

- Appointed to the Board of Trustees May 2004
- Helped obtain a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant to replace all of the department portable radios in the amount of \$272,000 in February of 2007.
- Hired the first Full Time Fire Chief June 01, 2008
- Elected President June 11, 2009
- Hired first 3 Battalion Chiefs on October 19, 2009
- Have hired 12 fulltime District Firefighter/Paramedics since March 16, 2012
- Purchased 2.8 acres of vacant property in downtown Fox Lake on February 28, 2013 for the potential of replacement of the headquarter fire station
- Was instrumental in the process of adopting the Fire District's first Strategic Plan in June of 2013 and updating it in 2018.
- Secured a (5) year loan on July 19, 2013 to purchase (2) new Ambulances and (1) Used pickup truck. That loan was paid off 3 years early, saving the taxpayers thousands of dollars in interest payments.
- District was successful in having the residents of the fire district, not living in the Village of Fox Lake, approve an ambulance tax increase on April 7, 2015

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- Played a major role in assisting the Village of Fox Lake with having their residents approve to annex into the Fire District in March of 2016
- Entered into a favorable (5) year contract with the Village of Fox Lake that began on June 1, 2016
- Hired the first fulltime Deputy Chief on June 1, 2016
- Helped secure a (5) year loan to purchase an Engine, a Tender, an Ambulance, 54 air packs, (2) Hurst tools with accessories, Breathing Air Compressor, and air conditioners for Station 3
- Helped to bring a smoke detector program to the fire district where a resident can have a brand new smoke detector installed free of charge thanks to a grant with the American Red Cross
- Elected Treasurer of the Fire District Board September 6<sup>th</sup> of 2017
- District was successful in getting a grant from the Office of the State Fire Marshal in June of 2018 for a new set of extrication tools in the amount of \$25,000.00
- Helped obtain a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant to install diesel exhaust systems in all of the District Fire Stations creating clean air for our firefighters to breathe in August of 2018 in the amount of \$168,000.00
- Assisted with the process of getting the Fire District ISO rating lowered saving residents money on their insurance premiums
- Annexed several properties that the fire district provided service to that were not legally in our fire district
- Helped negotiate a new 25 year agreement with the Village of Fox Lake for the use of the fire stations and the district owned community garden property in 2019
- Tested and appointed the first full time sworn Lieutenants in October of 2019

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Hoehne

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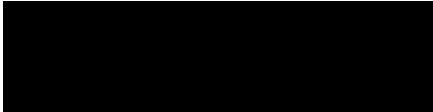
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District 5 Representative Judy Martini



March 5, 2020

Dear Representative Martini,

I respectfully ask that you reappoint Fox Lake Fire Protection District Trustee Linda Walleck to a 3- year term this coming May. Her current appointment expires at that time, and it would be extremely beneficial to our department and the citizens that we protect if you would consider having her approved for another term by the Lake County Board.

Trustee Walleck first got appointed in the year 2004 to replace a member that moved out of the district. She has been very instrumental in the transformation of a municipal department being operated by the Village of Fox Lake, to a total fire protection district, which became official in March of 2016 when the Village residents approved annexing into the district. As you know, this is beneficial to not only the District and Village, but for all of the residents having the same Fire and Ambulance tax rates.

Trustee Walleck has invested a lot of time and energy in helping our department become properly staffed with trained personnel, upgrading our equipment and vehicles, and keeping a balanced budget with limited funds that we currently receive.

I truly believe she deserves the chance to help complete all of the projects and programs that have been underway since 2004. She has proven to be a valuable asset to the Fox Lake Fire Protection District.

If you have any questions feel free to call me anytime at [REDACTED]

Respectfully,



Ronald S. Hoehne

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*Danice Moore*  
*Brian Marr*

Honorable Judy Martini,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Linda Walleck to the Fox Lake Fire Protection District (FLFPD) Board.

Linda has been a pleasure to work with the past seven years I have been Mayor. She is always available, and her dedication and passion for the FLFPD are evident.

Under Linda's leadership, working corroboratively with the Village of Fox Lake, the Fox Lake Fire Department was dissolved, and the Village of Fox Lake annexed into the FLFPD district. This action corrected a dire financial situation for the District and secured the financial stability of the district for generations to come.

Linda has initiated safety programs, such as the free installation of smoke detectors. Her concern for the public's safety and financial responsibility is admirable.

Under Linda's guidance, the Village of Fox Lake and the Fire Marshall conduct business and building inspection together. Previously, the inspections had been done separately which was inefficient at best, and confusing to our residents and businesses.

Prior to Linda's appointment as Chairperson of the FLFPD, the relationship between the Village and District had deteriorated. We now have a great collaborative working partnership that serves our residents and businesses efficiently, resulting in savings to the Village and District.

I hope you accept this endorsement of Linda and I look forward to working with her in the future.

Sincerely,

Mayor Donny Schmit,  
Village of Fox Lake