



MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 9th, 2020

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky
Commissioner Stephen Piehler
Commissioner Richard Sassi
EMS Admin Michael Benenati
Secretary Bria Le
Commissioner Bob McCord
Commissioner George Burns
Chief Barry Ward
Treasurer Mark Pozniak

At 6:03 pm, Chairman Marc Komorsky called the regular meeting for Tuesday, June 9th, 2020, to order (via Zoom video) and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone and, on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, expressed heartfelt condolences to the Caso family on the loss of their father, Mr. Caso.

MINUTES: 5/26/20

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner McCord and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to approve the minutes from 5/26/20. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you letter and donation from Behrmann - \$300.00
- Check – Southwest LaGrange Fire Co. 3 for cable reimbursement - \$332.04
Upon a MOTION made by McCord and SECONDED by Commissioner Piehler, the Board RESOLVED to deposit it into the General Fund. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**
- Checks – Metropolitan Reporting Bureau for information request - \$15.00 & \$15.00
Upon a MOTION made by McCord and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to deposit it into the General Fund. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**
- Check – NYS Dept. of Tax and Finance for MCTMT tax refund - \$15.90
Upon a MOTION made by McCord and SECONDED by Piehler, the Board RESOLVED to deposit it into the General Fund. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

ROOM USE REQUESTS: *(none)*

REPORTS: (by officers present)

- **Treasurer –**
TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Mark Pozniak informed the Board that he is still focused on getting grant funding and that he would have his normal report ready for the next meeting. Pozniak said that the District has had about \$87,000 worth of material expenses related to COVID about \$130,000 for labor related expenses. He said the amount of funding that can be recovered is still to be determined, but that it is usually around 75% of the costs. Lengthy discussion followed regarding grant funding

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sources and whether the Board will have a second meeting in June. Komorsky said that the next meeting will be held on the 23rd of June at 6 pm.

- **Chief –**

COVID-19 UPDATE: Chief Barry Ward gave more details about the District's labor side of the COVID-19 response. He and EMS Administrator Michael Benenati reviewed the demobilization plan and noted that the State now has guidelines that were not established when the District began protective measures eleven weeks ago. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the demobilization plan, the chances of getting reimbursement of expenses, and when to resume in person meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chief Ward said that he has three items for Executive Session that are personnel related.

- **EMS Administrator –**

AMBULANCE REMOUNT: EMS Administrator Michael Benenati said that he needs the final invoice for the ambulance remount to be approved at the meeting in two weeks. He said that he and Jeff Frazier will be going down within the next week for the final inspection. Short discussion followed regarding the precautions taken during the inspection and the anticipated delivery date.

- **Department –** *(no report)*

- **Union –**

Union Treasurer Anthony Champion thanked the Board for their continued support in staffing and for making sure the staff, as well as the volunteers and community, are safe. He read a thank you letter from a member of the public for one of the birthday drive-by's with the fire truck.

OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS:

- **Building Repairs/Repair Requests** – Komorsky said that more siding was falling off at Station 3 and he is reaching out to some contractors. He said he is waiting on getting estimates. He noted that he has had two different lawn guys decline to provide estimates for the lawn at Station 3 so he will let everyone know once he can get an estimate.

Komorsky said he has spoken to a few roof vendors who said that the roof reseal that was presented was just a band-aid. He said that he would be more comfortable doing a whole new roof. Short discussion followed regarding the roofs at Station 2 and Station 3. Benenati recommended that the Board revisit the list of capital repairs and Komorsky said he would like to focus on the roof, the bathrooms, and the phones. Discussion followed regarding the needed repairs and which items can be done first. Pozniak reminded the Board that they may need to get formal bids for the roof and that there is referendum process if the Board wants to use reserve funds for either project.

Upon a MOTION made by McCord and SECONDED by Piehler, the Board RESOLVED to get estimates on the roof and the bathroom (at Station 2). Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



NEW BUSINESS: *(none)*

ABSTRACT: \$498,346.04

Discussion held about the large increase in the Workers' Compensation policy.

Upon a MOTION made by Burns and SECONDED by McCord, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for May as per the abstract for \$498,346.04. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Anthony Pignataro asked the Board about last year's costs for the workers' comp policy and Le said that last year the total cost was around \$242,000. Pignataro next asked how the volunteer response on EMS calls during COVID differs from volunteer response during normal times. Chief Ward said that under normal times a volunteer could have initial contact with a patient but now, due to the virus, contact with a patient is restricted to limit potential exposure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:21 pm, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Sassi and SECONDED by McCord, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss three items pertaining to personnel from the Chief and one personnel item from the Secretary. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

OPEN SESSION & ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:52 pm, the Board resumed Open Session.

Upon a MOTION made by McCord and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 6/23/20

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VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	Due Date	6/9/2020
A-1 Auto and Pool Supplies ✓	\$ 72.21	9750		Reflective Tape & supplies
Bottini Fuel ✓	\$ 651.42	9748		Diesel Fuel
Bottini Fuel ✓	\$ 274.02	9757		Diesel Fuel
CDW Government, Inc ✓	\$ 2,417.76	9719		Check Point service agreement
ClorDISys Solution, Inc ✓	\$ 390.00	9615A		Freight
Cryo Weld ✓	\$ 562.32	9749		Cylinder Lease
ESO Solutions Inc. ✓	\$ 5,762.27	9742		Cardiac Monitor
Fisch Internet Solutions ✓	\$ 300.00	9759		Spotted Dog System
Fleury Risk Management ✓	\$ 29,174.90	9746		Group Manager fee for WC
Freihofer Ice & Springwater ✓	\$ 153.00			Office Water Delivery
Frontier Communications ✓	\$ 105.87	9744		Local & Long Distance
Garrison Fire ✓	\$ 1,504.96	5091		Pressure governor for pump panel
Garrison Fire ✓	\$ 194.91	5090		Skid pumps on 47-61 & 47-62
Jackson Lewis P.C. ✓	\$ 6,439.50	9747		Professional Fees
John Page Development Co. ✓	\$ 4,176.40	9740		Rent Mechanics facility
Manpower ✓	\$ 1,725.93	9743		Office Work
Manpower ✓	\$ 777.33	9752		Office Work
Medical Warehouse ✓	\$ 180.46			EMS Supplies
Medical Warehouse ✓	\$ 119.76			EMS Supplies
Municipal Emergency Services ✓	\$ 82.47	5088		Pump adaptors
Murphy's Sand and Gravel ✓	\$ 250.00	5092		Pump Water Station 2
NYCOMCO ✓	\$ 180.00	5072		Repair Headset on 47-55
NYS Department of Health	\$ 200.00	9755		Clinical Lab Evaluation Program
NYS Employee Health Benefits ✓	\$ 73,894.27	9745		Employees Premium June 2020
NYSIF ✓	\$ 348,472.30	9764		Workers' Compensation
Optimum ✓	\$ 385.44	9763		Cable & Internet
Premier Fire Apparatus ✓	\$ 913.50	9738		Quarterly Service
Premier Fire Apparatus ✓	\$ 970.00	9754		Quarterly Service
Royal Carting Corp ✓	\$ 433.00			Waste Removal
Safeguard Business Systems, Inc ✓	\$ 334.41	9762		Ordered Checks
Servpro of NW & SE Dutchess ✓	\$ 825.28	9751		Cleaning Services
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Servpro of NW & SE Dutchess ✓	\$ 825.28	9761		Cleaning Services
Tomkins ✓	\$ 6,814.25	9760		Credit Card Billing
VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists ✓	\$ 76.00	9741		Parts & Repairs for 47-71
Verizon Wireless ✓	\$ 756.01	9758		Apparatus & Smartphone Service
Waterway ✓	\$ 6,836.40	9739		Hose Testing
WEX Bank ✓	\$ 289.13	9753		Unleaded Gasoline

TOTAL SUBMITTED	\$ 498,346.04	Date:	Commissioner Signatures:
changes listed:			
TOTAL APPROVED			
KEY:			
pre-paid			
Paid			