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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting – Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 6:14 pm, Chairman Marc Komorsky called the regular meeting to order for the LaGrange Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners for Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**MINUTES:** 6/23/20 Regular Meeting & 6/24/20 Special Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner McCord and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the 6/23/20 Regular Meeting. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Sassi and SECONDED by McCord, the Board RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the 6/24/20 Special Meeting. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Komorsky said that the Board would go out of order and start with the appointment of the new chief.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Appointment of Fire Chief – Komorsky read the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the LaGrange Fire District does hereby appoint Timothy O'Connor to the position of Fire Chief of LaGrange Fire District and to pay him as per the contract approved by this Board of Fire Commissioners on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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

Secretary Le then administered an Oath of Office to the newly appointed Fire Chief Timothy O'Connor.

Komorsky expressed his congratulations to the new chief and noted his appreciation to the outgoing chief.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** *(none)*

**ROOM USE REQUESTS:** *(none)*

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Komorsky said that he had two personnel items for Executive Session, Piehler said he had one contractual item to discuss, and Chief Ward said he had one personnel issue.

## **REPORTS:** (by officers present)

### • **Treasurer –**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Mark Pozniak reported that all of the bank accounts have been reconciled. He said that total operating cash as of 6/30/20 was \$6,107,564.04, Reserve & Restricted monies was \$972,138.87, and Total Cash was 7,079,702.91. Pozniak gave an update on the FEMA grant detailing what the District can expect as far as reimbursement and noted that very little of the overtime expenses that were incurred will be allowed. Lengthy discussion followed about the grant submission and some budget items.

### • **Chief –**

WEBSITE: Chief Barry Ward said he met with Nate Herring-Trott in reference to a website. Ward said the District has attempted this before but there was never anyone taking ownership of it, but with Nate driving the effort as an extension of Community Relations having a website could be beneficial. He requested approval and noted the initial setup would not exceed \$3000.00 and the monthly fees would not exceed \$250.00 per month.

Upon a MOTION made by Piehler and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to approve a district website for a set-up fee not to exceed \$3000 and a monthly fee not to exceed \$250 per month. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### • **EMS Administrator –**

AMBULANCE REMOUNT: EMS Administrator Michael Benenati informed the Board that the ambulance remount continues to move forward. He said he hoped to get to New Jersey to inspect it before the next meeting. Short discussion followed regarding the ambulance.

Sassi asked if there was a way to track calls that have been dispatched as COVID or possible COVID so the Board can get a rough idea on how much in reimbursement the District can expect. Benenati said that certainly could be done.

### • **Department –** (no report)

### • **Union –** (no report)

## **OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS:**

- **Building Repairs/Repair Requests** – Komorsky thanked Mike Hackett for all of his efforts in painting the doors at Station 3. He said they were painted red with yellow on the bottom and look really nice.

Komorsky said that Rabco has sent the estimate on the repairs to the south side of the building and asked the secretary to forward it to the Board once received. Short discussion followed about the work that needs to be done.

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- **Station 1 Concrete work** – Komorsky noted that in the bays at Station 3 are in bad shape. He said the grates are totally rusted, the floor is cracking under the vehicles, and the blacktop is heaving from when the trucks pull out. He said the Board has received a plan to redo the concrete inside but said he would prefer to extend the concrete work outside to at least twelve feet. Discussion followed in regards to extending the concrete apron.

Komorsky said that the bathrooms at Station 2 will need to be addressed down the road, based on the monetary restraints. Short discussion followed regarding the repair priorities and completing one project at a time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:** *(cont.)*

- **Ice Machine Station 2** – Komorsky said that he has gotten a recommendation on a new ice machine from Mike Hackett and has estimates from a couple of different vendors the same Avantco Ice machine. He said one proposal was \$2649 plus shipping and the other was for \$2849 with free shipping. McCord noted that this is the same ice machine that is at Station 3 and they have had it several years with no problems, but the current machine at Station 2 has had a lot of issues.

Upon a MOTION made by McCord and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to approve up to \$2850 for the purchase of the ice machine. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Piehler and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to declare the existing ice machine surplus. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Komorsky stated that the Board of Fire Commissioners has reviewed the Tompkins Mahopac Bank LaGrange Fire District General Fund Money Market account, the General Fund Personal Services account, the Land & Building Reserve account, the Apparatus Reserve account, the Trust & Agency checking account, and the General Fund checking account. He said that everything was in order.

### **ABSTRACT:** \$190,169.63

Upon a MOTION made by Piehler and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for June and July as per the abstract for \$190,169.63. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Anthony Pignataro asked about the timing of payments for a couple of budget items, such as the State Retirement System, and Pozniak confirmed it was a one-time payment and a discussion followed regarding the benefit expenditures for the year to date. Next Pignataro asked if any type of on call scenario was allowed and Chief Ward said that the contract does not have a provision for it and that arrangement is something that would have to be negotiated. Pignataro noted that the website was a great idea to get information out to the public and congratulated Chief Ward on his retirement.

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:14 pm, upon a MOTION made by Sassi and SECONDED by McCord, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss one contractual and two personnel item from Komorsky, one contractual item from Piehler, one personnel item from Ward, and one contractual item from Sassi (that may overlap with one of the other Commissioners). Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **OPEN SESSION & ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:50 pm, the Board resumed Open Session.

Upon a MOTION made by McCord and SECONDED by Piehler, 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 from the Board of Fire Commissioners on 7/28/20***

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VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	Due Date	7/14/2020
A-1 Auto & Pool Supplies ✓	\$ ✓355.83	9795		Shop & Vehicle Supplies
Bobby's Backyard ✓	\$ ✓675.00	5108		Lawn cleaning & mowing Sta 3
Bottini Fuel ✓	\$ ✓592.34	9805		Diesel
Bottini Fuel ✓	\$ ✓86.41	9815		Propane
Central Hudson ✓	\$ ✓821.56	9792		Electric
Central Hudson ✓	\$ ✓1,613.25	9819		Sta 2 Electric
Cryo Weld ✓	\$ ✓91.01	9808		Cylinder Refills
Day & Stokosa Engineering P. C. ✓	\$ ✓1,295.00	9806		Visit & Design slab replacement
Doyle Security System ✓	\$ ✓319.50	9818		Building Monitoring
Frontier Communications ✓	\$ ✓104.36	9796		Telephone Sta1
HAIX-USA ✓	\$ ✓271.39	9799		Boots (O'Connor)
HG Page ✓	\$ ✓91.96	5097		Household Supplies
HO Penn Machinery ✓	\$ ✓2,120.04	9776		Sta 2 Generator repair
HV Wipers & Supply ✓	\$ ✓180.00	5098		Shop Supplies
Jackson Lewis P.C. ✓	\$ ✓8,147.50	9797		Professional Fees
John Page Development ✓	\$ ✓4,176.40	9803		July rent mechanics bldg
Magna 5 ✓	\$ ✓486.34	9817		Local & Long Distance
Manpower ✓	\$ ✓803.68	9794		Office Work
Manpower ✓	\$ ✓744.39	9807		Office Work
Manpower ✓	\$ ✓790.50	9811		Office Work
Mass Mutual Financial Group ✓	\$ ✓528.00	9822		Career Life Insurance
Medical Warehouse ✓	\$ ✓291.28			EMS Supplies
Medical Warehouse ✓	\$ ✓88.20			EMS Supplies
Minerva ✓	\$ ✓99.60	9781		Gear Repair
Mondial Automotive Inc ✓	\$ ✓2,509.70	9652		Power Inverter
Municipal Emergency Services ✓	\$ ✓100.08	5099		Batteries
Municipal Emergency Services ✓	\$ ✓3,148.80	9595		Tychem Suits
Municipal Emergency Services ✓	\$ ✓1,046.67			Compressor Preventive Maintenance
Murphy's Sand & Gravel ✓	\$ ✓250.00	5100		Pump out waste water
Optimum ✓	\$ ✓385.44	9816		Cable & Internet All stations
Premier Fire Apparatus ✓	\$ ✓1,229.32	9802		Parts & Repairs 47-13
Royal Carting Corp ✓	\$ ✓433.00			Waste Removal
Servpro of NW & SE Dutchess ✓	\$ ✓1,185.28	9804		Building Cleaning
Servpro of NW & SE Dutchess ✓	\$ ✓825.28	9810		Building Cleaning
Servpro of NW & SE Dutchess ✓	\$ ✓825.28	9821		Building Cleaning
State of NY Health Benefits ✓	\$ ✓73,894.27	9793		Health Benefits July 2020
State of NY Health Benefits ✓	\$ ✓73,251.02	9820		Health Benefits August 2020
SW LaGrange Fire Co 3 ✓	\$ ✓245.35	5109		Paint for Sta 3 doors
The Workplace ✓	\$ ✓3,164.00			Members Physicals
Tompkins ✓	\$ ✓1,594.00	9809		Misc Supplies
Verizon Wireless ✓	\$ ✓759.53	9813		Appartus & Smartphone Service
VESO Life ✓	\$ ✓314.63			Life Insurance Volunteers
WEX Bank ✓	\$ ✓234.44	9812		Gasoline

<b>TOTAL SUBMITTED</b>	<b>\$ 190,169.63</b>	Date:	Commissioner Signatures:
<i>changes listed:</i>		7/14/2020	
		7/14/2020	
<b>TOTAL APPROVED</b>		7/14/20	
<b>KEY:</b>		7/14/2020	
pre-paid		7/14/2020	
Paid		7/14/2020	