



LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 8th, 2020

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky
Commissioner Stephen Piehler
Commissioner Richard Sassi
Chief Barry Ward
Treasurer Mark Pozniak
Commissioner Bob McCord
Commissioner George Burns
Chief Tim O'Connor
Secretary Bria Le
EMS Admin Michael Benenati (remote via Zoom)

At 6:21 pm, Chairman Marc Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting to order for Tuesday, September 8th, 2020. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 8/25/2020

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner McCord and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to accept the minutes from 8/25/20. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Abstain, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

ROOM USE REQUESTS:

- Station 2 for Red Cross Blood Drive on 10/19/20 (previously approved 11/12/19)
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Piehler and SECONDED by Commissioner Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to approve the Red Cross to use the room. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

REPORTS: (by officers present)

- **Treasurer –**
Treasurer Mark Pozniak stated that the Board has all of the bank statements from August 2020 for review. He presented an unofficial draft budget, outlined the budget calendar, and reviewed some of the items he included in the draft. Lengthy discussion followed regarding some priorities that the Board would like to see included in the budget. Pozniak said he has one item of a personnel nature for Executive Session.

- **Chief –**
9/11 MEMORIAL EVENTS: Chief Tim O'Connor informed the Board that the District will be participating in two events on September 11th, one that will be hosted by the Rotary and held on Stringham Road and one a unity event that will be held at Blessed Kateri.

VEHICLES: Chief O'Connor said that he sat down with FF/Mechanic Frazier and came up with a list of outstanding repairs and maintenance items for all of the vehicles and a list of different vendors to use for the services. He noted that 47-62 did not pass inspection due to frame rust. Discussion followed regarding the amount of use of the vehicle and how to dispose of it.

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Upon a MOTION made by Piehler and SECONDED by McCord, the Board RESOLVED to declare the vehicle as surplus with no value. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

BUILDINGS: Chief O'Connor said he looked at the floor at Station 1 and noted that there are details missing from the drawings. Short discussion followed regarding the items that needed to be included in the plans. O'Connor informed the Board that the ice machine at Station 2 is done and seems to be working well and noted that the waste line issue in the sink was resolved when the ice machine was installed. Next he requested to increase the size of the dumpster at Station 2 to accommodate the extra waste from cleaning out the mechanics facility and the Board did not object. O'Connor then noted that the generator at Station 3 had a fuel injector problem but it has been fixed. He said that he and Jeff (Frazier) and Jack (Burghardt) are working on inventorying everything at the mechanics facility to determine what is worth keeping versus disposing of or selling. The Chief then went over the status of the Building Committee that he is establishing and noted that they will create a priority list to factor into the budget. After a short discussion Commissioners Burns and Piehler agreed to be on the committee.

MEMBERSHIP: Chief O'Connor said that he has said he had an opportunity to meet with the other fire companies and that there would be some shifting of duties for the Volunteer Membership Committee.

GRANTS: O'Connor noted that sat through another webinar about the grant process and arranged to meet again with Pozniak to work on the grant submissions.

SAFETY DAY/FIRE PREVENTION: The Chief noted the Safety Officer Nate Herring-Trott submitted a budget for fire prevention activities. He said that Herring-Trott recommended cancelling Safety Day due to gathering restriction. He noted that Herring-Trott adjusted the budget to increase the quality and quantity of take home materials for students.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chief O'Connor said that he had one item for Executive Session regarding contractual issues.

- **EMS Administrator** – *(no report)*
- **Department** – *(no report)*
- **Union** – *(no report)*

OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS:

- **Building Repairs/Repair Requests** – Komorsky said that it has come to his attention that there is a bee infestation at Firehouse #3 and that the exterminator has been notified to address the issue. He noted that the Commissioners agreed that the elections could take place at the firehouses and that the Board of Elections would handle the safety precautions. Komorsky said that the bathrooms at Firehouses 1 and 2 are priorities to get done and he would like them included in the budget if possible.

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- **Mechanics Facility Lease** – Piehler asked if it would be a good time to give the required notice for the mechanics facility lease. Discussion followed about how long it would take to get the materials out of the facility and a potential date.
- **Physicals RFP** – Piehler asked if the RFP for physicals was ready and Chief Ward said it was just waiting for final review by counsel and the treasurer. Short discussion followed regarding the physicals.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Records Destruction Schedule** – Secretary Le said that a new records retention schedule was coming out but noted there are records that are set to be disposed of under the old schedule (list attached).
Upon a MOTION made by Piehler and SECONDED by McCord, the Board RESOLVED to approve the records destruction authorization. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**
- **Fire Prevention Budget** –
Upon a MOTION made by McCord and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to approve the Fire Prevention Budget (attached) for \$7532.50. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Komorsky informed everyone that the Union and the Board of Fire Commissioners will be hosting a luncheon on September 18th, for Chief Ward's last day. Short discussion followed regarding the luncheon.

ABSTRACT: \$22,345.89

Upon a MOTION made by Piehler and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the month of September as per the abstract of \$22,345.89. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Anthony Pignataro asked how the District classified volunteers and whether they were an adjunct to the career staff. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the positions of volunteers and the issue of a dwindling volunteer base.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:13 pm, upon a MOTION made by McCord and SECONDED by Piehler, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss one personnel issue from Pozniak, one contractual item from Chief O'Connor, and two personnel items from Komorsky. Burns – Aye, McCord – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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OPEN SESSION & ADJOURNMENT:

At 7.49 pm, the Board resumed Public Session.

Upon a MOTION made by McCord and SECONDED by Burns, 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 9/22/20

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