



# LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Special Meeting – Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**ATTENDEES:** Chairman Marc Komorsky  
Commissioner Rich Sassi  
Commissioner Anthony Pignataro  
EMS Administrator Michael Benenati  
Commissioner Stephen Piehler  
Commissioner George Burns  
Chief Tim O'Connor  
Secretary Bria Le

At 6:00 pm, Chairman Marc Komorsky called the special meeting of the LaGrange Board of Fire Commissioners to order for December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed everyone and said the meeting was called to discuss the staffing concerns related to COVID-19.

**COVID-19 STAFFING:**

Komorsky and Commissioners Sassi & Piehler asked the Chief what his plans were for staffing the firehouses in response to COVID situation in the area and the anticipated financial implications of the staffing. Chief Tim O'Connor reviewed the recent improvements to the COVID response plan that was put in place in the spring and the adjustments to the IMT (Incident Management Team). Lengthy discussion followed about staffing for peak volume and volunteer participation. Further discussion followed in regards to staffing and budget concerns. Komorsky asked if the Board could get a report monthly about the expenses related to COVID OT hours and COVID supplies. Further discussion followed regarding the staff's normal shift hours.

**COVID VACCINE:**

EMS Administrator Michael Benenati reported to the Board that EMS providers are in New York State's Tier 1A to receive the vaccinations and that he will be scheduling the certified members of the staff that have expressed interest in the vaccine with the hospital. Short discussion followed regarding the safety of going to the hospital for vaccinations.

Benenati said that he received a call from the EMS Coordinator at Vassar Medical Center who asked if agencies could assist by providing paramedics to help with the administration of vaccinations. Discussion followed regarding who would pay for the staff's time for providing the assistance.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:53 pm, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Burns and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Burns – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

***Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 1/12/21***

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Please note that this meeting was conducted remotely and open for public viewing and/or listening using the video conferencing platform Zoom, as per NYS Executive Order #202.1 (Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Related to the Disaster Emergency).