



MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, July 13th, 2021

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky
Commissioner Richard Sassi
Commissioner Stephen Piehler
EMS Admin Michael Benenati
Secretary Bria Le
Commissioner George Burns
Commissioner Anthony Pignataro
Chief Tim O'Connor
Treasurer Mark Pozniak

At 6:06 pm, Chairman Marc Komorsky the called meeting of the LaGrange Board of Fire Commissioner to order for Tuesday, July 13th, 2021, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone and said it was nice for everyone to be back in person.

MINUTES: 6/22/21 Regular Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Piehler, the Board RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the 6/22/21 Regular Meeting. Burns – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- Check –Arlington Fire District for return of payment - \$193.00
- Check – Little Lambs Family Day Care for CPR & First Aid classes - \$350.00
- Check – Ventura & Ribeiro LLC for records request - \$5.25

Upon a MOTION made by Piehler and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to deposit into the General Fund. Burns – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Certificate of Appreciation from Dutchess County

ROOM USE REQUESTS: *(none)*

REPORTS: *(by officers present)*

- **Treasurer –**
REPORT & EXECUTIVE SESSION: Treasurer Mark Pozniak said that a couple of timely items came up in the past couple of days that he will discuss in Executive Session. He said that he will present his reports at the next meeting. He noted that the Executive Session items involved one contractual and one personnel/contractual.
- **Chief –**
INCIDENTS: Fire Chief Tim O'Connor brought up a couple of notable incidents that have occurred over the past couple of weeks. He reviewed the called that involved a fire at Hudson River Housing and noted that standby for the Carnival was relatively uneventful. Next he described a serious MVA on the Taconic and the efforts put forth to aid the patients. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the incident.

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TRAINING: Chief O'Connor said that state training is starting up again and noted that a fire police class that two LFD members previously started will be resuming. He said that Lt. Martell will be going to FLIP school August 2nd – 27th, to Montour in September for Fire Instructor II, and to Montour in October for Fire Officer II. He said the two new guys will be attending a Ropes class at the Fire Academy but he isn't sure about re-enrolling them in the Haz-mat class that was canceled/postponed due to low enrollment.

VEHICLES: O'Connor said that he didn't have a vehicle report from Lt. Champion, but he did report that when Premier Fire Apparatus was working on 47-13 the truck fell off of a jack onto the axel when the wheel was off. Discussion followed regarding the issues that resulted from the incident and Premier paying for the damages and clean-up. The Chief said that this brings up the topic of an in house mechanic and that the District is struggling to manage the fleet. Short discussion followed regarding the amount of time the District is without vehicles due to sending them out for repairs.

PERSONNEL: Chief O'Connor said that there is a new EMS applicant who is being sent for a physical then he reviewed the current volunteer staff levels.

COVID: The Chief reported that the IMT team had a meeting earlier that morning to discuss the level of precautions needed due to the current state of COVID in the area. Discussion followed regarding the current recommendations for vaccinated vs non-vaccinated staff.

SAFER GRANT: O'Connor said that FEMA contacted him just before July 4th, to get some more detailed information and he said it was a positive sign that there were actual humans looking at the application and asking questions.

ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY: The Chief said he sent out a draft accountability policy for the Board to review and make comments on before a final draft is ready for approval.

MUTUAL AID: Chief O'Connor informed the Board that the crew recently responded to an ambulance call in Glenham (near Dutchess Stadium) and noted that the EMS system in Dutchess County is completely broken, especially in the Southwestern corner of the county. He said that on the day of that call, for whatever reason, there were no more units in Orange County, Putnum County, or Dutchess County that would respond to this call. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the lack of elasticity in the EMS system in Dutchess County, the problems with going too often on Mutual Aid calls to areas outside our community, and the need to balance out helping neighbors against being abused by other municipalities that don't put in resources to their staffing levels. EMS Administrator Michael Benenati read a draft letter that he and the Chief recommend that the Board send to the County 911 regarding the District's response under Mutual Aid. Further discussion followed regarding the letter and how it would work in practice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Chief said he had two personnel issues and one union issue for Executive Session.

- **EMS Administrator –**

AWARD: EMS Administrator Benenati reported that Lt. Thomas Martell was named Dutchess County ALS Provider of the Year and he will receive the award in September.

UPDATES: Benenati said that 47-73 was taken to New Jersey to have the punch list done and should be back early next week, then should be put in service shortly afterwards. He noted that he has been

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working on some Quality Assurance items and reviewing some cases, that he did the semi-annual controlled substance report, and that he has been working with Lt. Martell on his new position.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Repairs and Repair Requests** – Komorsky said that the room on the Southside of the building at Station 3 was flooded by all of the recent rain. He said that RABCO has been out to look at it and will adjust the repair estimate to repair that damage. Komorsky noted that the A/C compressor was also struck by lightning and is no longer working so Redemption Mechanical has been contact for a repair estimate and the insurance company has also been notified of the damage.
Komorsky brought up the ongoing issue with the outside electrical panel at Station 2 and said that an engineering firm has been contacted to prepare the scope of work to get it corrected.
O'Connor said that he met with Devens to look at the soffets at Station 3, some of the doors and the bathrooms at Station 2, and the oil/water separators at both Stations 1 & 3, and that he will come back with prices.
- **Recruitment & Retention** – Chief O'Connor reviewed the training plans and said that a training calendar has just been put out. He said that the calendar is geared towards the new hires but open to everyone because it is the training that needs to be done. Discussion followed in regards to engaging more with the volunteer staff on recruitment and retention and access to a town fire hydrant for pump training.
- **Old 47-13** – Secretary Le said she reached out to the agency in Tennessee but didn't receive a response on their interest. Discussion followed regarding the disposal of the vehicle and potential scrap value.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Hurst Battery Powered Ram** – Chief O'Connor said that the ram is the final piece of the battery operated e-hydraulic tools on 55. He said the cost is \$9290.50 from MES (quote attached)
Upon a MOTION made by Pignataro and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to purchase the Hurst Battery Powered Ram from the preferred vendor, MES, for \$9290.50.
Burns – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Pignataro asked if NYS HIRE Contract PC69026 meant it was on State Contract and Piehler confirmed that it did.

ABSTRACT: \$139,737.57

Upon a MOTION made by Pignataro and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the month of June and part of July as per the abstract of \$139,737.57.
Burns – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *(none)*

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:39 pm, upon a MOTION made by Sassi and SECONDED by Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session for one contractual and one personnel/contractual item from the Treasurer, one personnel issue regarding a volunteer and one personnel issue with the attorney from the Commissioners, and two items personnel issues and one union issue from the Chief. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

OPEN SESSION & ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:19 pm, the Board resumed Open Session.

Short discussion held with FF Jason Ryan.

At 10:23 pm, upon a MOTION made by Pignataro and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Burns – Aye, Piehler – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 7/27/21

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66 Firemens way
 Poughkeepsie NY 12603
 United States

Quote

Date 05/10/2021
Quote # QT1471845
Expires 06/09/2021
Sales Rep Sommerville, Dan
PO #
Shipping Method FedEx Ground

Bill To
 LAGRANGE FIRE DIST
 504 FREEDOM PLAINS ROAD
 Poughkeepsie NY 12603

Ship To
 LAGRANGE FD
 504 FREEDOM PLAINS RD
 Poughkeepsie NY 12603
 United States

Item	Alt. Item #	Units	Description	QTY	Unit Sales Pri...	Amount
274085000			R 421E2 Ram Package (includes R 421E2 Ram, charger, and 2 EXL batteries)	1	7,786.00	7,786.00
272080910			Hurst eDRAULIC Bank Charger DC	1	1,504.50	1,504.50

Subtotal 9,290.50
Shipping Cost (FedEx Ground) 0.00
Total \$9,290.50

NYS HIRE Contract PC69026

This Quotation is subject to any applicable sales tax and shipping & handling charges that may apply. Tax and shipping charges are considered estimated and will be recalculated at the time of shipment to ensure they take into account the most current local tax information.

All returns must be processed within 30 days of receipt and require a return authorization number and are subject to a restocking fee.

Custom orders are not returnable. Effective tax rate will be applicable at the time of invoice.



QT1471845

VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	Due Date	7/13/2021
A-1 Auto Supply ✓	\$ 4.99	10571		Bolts & washers
ADP ✓	\$ 880.31	10569		Payroll processing charges
Arkel Motors ✓	\$ 635.84	10592		47-73 repairs
Arlington Fire District ✓	\$ 1,713.20	10581		NYS Paramedic Core Classes (Split cost)
Bottini Fuel ✓	\$ 2,229.82	10572		Diesel fuel and propane deliveries
Briggs Paving, Inc. ✓	\$ 2,800.00	10577		Sta 2 sinkhole repairs
Central Hudson ✓	\$ 1,486.25	10573		Station 2 Electric charges - June
Central Hudson ✓	\$ 134.11	10591		Sta 2 generator & fuel pump electric Jun 2021
CryoWeld ✓	\$ 99.56	10574		Oxygen delivery
Doyle Security System ✓	\$ 108.33	10588		Alarm service call to Station 2
Frontier Communications ✓	\$ 114.56	10575		Sta 1 Phone service July
Grainger ✓	\$ 292.42	10556		Bins, cable, & bolt cutter
Haix ✓	\$ 4,698.03	10525		Contracted boot order
HG Page ✓	\$ 103.92	5181		Cleaning supplies for Station use
HO Penn ✓	\$ 2,414.28	10576		Generator maintenance all three stations
Medical Warehouse	\$ 386.43			Medical supplies
Medical Warehouse	\$ 183.42			Medical supplies
Medical Warehouse	\$ 79.20			Medical supplies
Medical Warehouse	\$ 495.31			Medical supplies
Medical Warehouse	\$ 256.47			Medical supplies
Medical Warehouse	\$ 149.59			Medical supplies
Medical Warehouse	\$ 218.66			Medical supplies
Medical Warehouse	\$ 242.53			Medical supplies
Minerva Cleaners ✓	\$ 124.65	10578		PPE repair
Municipal Emergency Services	\$ 14.00			30 min. flare container
Municipal Emergency Services	\$ 175.71			Uniform items
Municipal Emergency Services	\$ 45.00			SCBA Flow test (1 unit)
Municipal Emergency Services	\$ 112.64			Uniform Items
Municipal Emergency Services	\$ 285.00			Hydrant ball valve
Municipal Emergency Services	\$ 44.64			Batteries
Municipal Emergency Services	\$ 152.94			SCBA Repairs
NYCOMCO ✓	\$ 1,958.00	10445		Motorola MOTOTRBO x 2
NYS Academy of Fire Science	\$ 2,867.00	10309		Academy Training - Filancia
NYS Academy of Fire Science	\$ 2,863.00	10308		Academy Training - Zaluski
NYSHIP ✓	\$ 80,416.18	10580		Health Insurance - August
Optimum ✓	\$ 371.59	10594		Cablevision service July 2021
Precision Automotive ✓	\$ 438.45	10582		47-8 steering repairs
Pyramid Media ✓	\$ 506.25	10567		First Aid & CPR cards & student handbooks
Redemption Mechanical ✓	\$ 4,300.00	10589		Station 3 meeting room condenser replacement
Royal Carting ✓	\$ 407.62			Waste removal - June 2021
Ruge's Ford ✓	\$ 355.92	10583		47-72 inspection, oil change, filter change
Safety Instruments ✓	\$ 755.00	10555		Meter service visit
Security Mutual Life Insurance ✓	\$ 457.00	10587		Life Insurance Premium
Shelterpoint ✓	\$ 993.02	10586		Vision Insurance Aug. 2021
Stars & Stripes Lawncare	\$ 156.00	10559		Sta 3 lawncare - initial cleanup
Stars & Stripes Lawncare	\$ 65.00	10585		Sta 3 grass cutting
Stryker Sales Corp. ✓	\$ 18,025.88	10518		Stryker stretcher
The Workplace ✓	\$ 1,307.00	10596		Member physicals - June 2021
Tompkins (Cardmember Services) ✓	\$ 1,069.49	10595		Credit Card purchases - June 2021
VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists ✓	\$ 127.30	10597		Bumper holders & louver
Verizon Wireless ✓	\$ 626.90	10593		Cell Phone service June 2021
VESO Life ✓	\$ 324.32			Volunteer Term Life Insurance
Wright Express Fleet ✓	\$ 664.84	10590		Gasoline card purchases - June 2021

TOTAL SUBMITTED	\$ 139,737.57	Date:	Commissioner Signatures:
changes listed:		7/13/21	
		7/13/21	
TOTAL APPROVED		7/13/21	
KEY:		7/13/21	
pre-paid		7/13/21	
Paid		7/13/21	