



MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky
Commissioner Richard Sassi
Commissioner Barry Ward
EMS Administrator Michael Benenati
Commissioner George Burns (*late*)
Commissioner Anthony Pignataro (*absent*)
Chief Tim O'Connor
Secretary Bria Le

At 6:12 pm Chairman Marc Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners' Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

MINUTES: 2/8/22 Regular Meeting, 2/22/22 Regular Meeting, 3/8/22 Regular Meeting

- 2/8/22 Regular Meeting – tabled.
- 2/22/22 Regular Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Sassi and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the 2/22/22 Regular Meeting. Sassi - Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- 3/8/22 Regular Meeting – tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Checks – Cinnamon Tree & Cinnamon Tree of East Fishkill for CPR Training - \$125.00 & \$225.00
Upon a MOTION made by Sassi and SECONDED by Ward, the Board RESOLVED to put the checks into the General Fund. Sassi - Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**
- Check – Utica National Ins. Group for insurance claim - \$4609.34 & 1245.00
Discussion held on the insurance claim and whether an adjustment can be made once a check is cashed. Tabled until later meeting.
- Checks – NYS Dept. of Health reimbursement for EMT certification - \$700.00
Upon a MOTION made by Ward and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to put the money into the General Fund. Sassi - Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

ROOM USE REQUESTS: (*none*)

REPORTS: (*by officers present*)

- **Treasurer** – (*none*)
- **Chief** –
Chief Tim O'Connor said he was deferring his report to the presentation later in the meeting.

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- **EMS Administrator –**

AMBULANCE: EMS Administrator Michael Benenati said they are working on the logistics to move 47-72 from Carcraft Autobody to VCI to have one of the Stryker powerload floor mounts installed as well as a few other minor repairs.

INCIDENTS: Benenati reviewed a recent call where the patient went into cardiac arrest a few times during transport to the hospital and was successfully defibrillated and treated by the crew then taken to the cardiac catheterization lab at Vassar Brothers Hospital. He noted that the patient survived the event and said it was another outstanding job by the staff on the call: Scott Merritt, Brendan Whalen, Joe Kyle, Nate Plambeck, Kyle Rancourt. He said that these cases make a difference, that in life-threatening events where if the appropriate care is not delivered in a timely fashion then the patients do not survive.

Next Benenati described another critical auto accident on Titusville Road where all of the patients were transported directly to Westchester Medical Center. He said the decision on transport was made instantaneously by the on-scene paramedic and that it was an absolutely appropriate decision as the pediatric patients needed to be at a Level 1 Pediatric Trauma center. Short discussion followed regarding the importance of the paramedics making a decision to take patients to the appropriate destination out of the gate.

- **Department –** *(no report)*

- **Union –**

Lt. Kyle Rancourt said that last week he met with Steven Tinkelman and then with Brian Stokosa. He said they are looking at about probably about \$2500 for the drawing from Tinkelman. He said that once he gets a proposal back from Stokosa, then he will meet with Burns to discuss them and bring it back to the Board.

Lt. Rancourt brought up the old hose dryer at Station 1 and said it was the recommendation of the officers and the Chief that the District surplus it as it takes up a lot of room and it doesn't get used. Short discussion followed regarding the dryer.

Upon a MOTION made by Ward and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to declare the dryer surplus with no value. Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Short discussion followed regarding the project at Station 1.

Next Lt. Rancourt said he was changing hats to the Union side and requested approval to spend no more than \$1000 to get some regular ball caps for the staff. Short discussion followed regarding the hats.

Upon a MOTION made by Ward and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to approve spending no more than \$1000 for hats. Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Rancourt said he had an item for Executive Session regarding personnel.

- **Vehicles –** Lt. Anthony Champion gave an update on the status of vehicle repairs. He noted that there is a service issue with the SCBA fill stations at Station 2 and should be coming up shortly in the scheduled maintenance. He said he had back from the Ingersoll Rand representative and just received the quote
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for servicing the compressors: Station 2 for \$435.50 and Stations 1 & 3 for \$324.50. He said he will have the Chief sign off on them so he can get the service scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Repairs and Repair Requests** – Ward said he just got the spec from Greg Bolner on the transfer switch move. Short discussion followed regarding getting the bid notice out. Ward said he would be meeting with the architect/engineers the following day on the roof at Station 2. O'Connor said that the bathroom upstairs is done and the only part left is the sheetrock repair in the office. Next he said there was an issue with clogging in the draining grates in the apparatus bays at Station 1. He said the problem is that the grates are so rusted and a tripping hazards. He said that Redemption Mechanical will be giving the District a price on fixing the grates to maintain the floor drain. Short discussion followed regarding the drain.
- **Recruitment & Retention** – Secretary Le said there is an individual, Kenneth Hinsch, that has completed the application process and is ready for District approval. She said he passed his background check and physical and has been approved by Company 2 for membership.

Upon a MOTION made by Ward and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to approve Ken Hinsch for (Fire & EMS) membership. Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- **Physicals** – *(no report)*

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ward Filtration System** – Le said they received the proposal on Ward Filtration System that was discussed by Lt. Champion at the last meeting (copy attached). Discussion followed regarding the system, potential financing, and safety standards. Tabled pending potential grant applications.
- **Dutchess County Fire & Rescue Grant** – Komorsky reviewed the information on the County's grant program. Discussion followed regarding the projects in the District that could be submitted for reimbursement through the grant.

ABSTRACT: \$37,712.73

Upon a MOTION made by Sassi and SECONDED by Ward, the Board RESOLVED to approve the bills for \$37,712.73 for the month of March. Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *(none)*

REPORTS: *(cont.)*

• **Presentation from Chief & EMS Administrator**

Chief O'Connor and EMS Administrator Benenati gave a presentation on the plans for the future in the District. They reviewed the history of staffing in the Fire District and how it has changed throughout the years. Lengthy Discussion followed regarding the presentation.

At 9:26 pm, Commissioner Burns joins the meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:29 pm, upon a MOTION made by Sassi and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss one contractual/personnel item from the lieutenant (Rancourt) and one contractual and two personnel items from Ward. Burns – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

OPEN SESSION & MINUTES (cont.):

At 10:56 pm, the Board resumed Open Session.

- 2/8/2022 Regular Meeting Minutes - (cont.)

Upon a MOTION made by Burns and SECONDED by Ward, the Board RESOLVED to approve the minutes from 2/8/2022. Burns – Aye, Sassi – Abstain, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- 3/8/2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – (cont.)

Upon a MOTION made by Burns and SECONDED by Ward, the Board RESOLVED to accept the minutes of March 8th, 2022. Burns – Aye, Sassi – Abstain, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:57 pm, upon a MOTION made by Ward and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Burns – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 4/12/22

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NO SMOKE

Quotation

Beecher Emission Solution Technologies, LLC
dba **Ward Diesel Filter Systems**
1250 Schweizer Road
Horseheads, NY 14845
Phone: 800-845-4665
Fax: 607-739-7092

Date: January 27, 2022
Quotation #: 12053

To: LaGrange Fire District
504 Freedom Plains Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Quotation valid until: February 26, 2022
Prepared by: MRN

Attention: Lt. Anthony Champion

Quantity	Description	Per Unit Price	Total Price
14	<p>NO SMOKE direct source diesel exhaust filtration system, installed, excluding taxes</p> <p><u>Warranty:</u> One (1) year.</p> <p><u>End User:</u> LaGrange Fire District</p> <p><u>Installation Site:</u> TBD</p> <p><u>Terms:</u> Net 30 days on all invoices. Invoicing will be done weekly on the number of units installed for each week.</p> <p>Notes: All prices are in US Dollars. Proposal does not include bid and/or performance bond cost. This price quote is based on cash payments only and has a 5% discount.</p> <p>If paying by credit card the price is: \$138,099.00</p>	\$9,394.49	\$131,522.86
TOTAL			\$131,522.86

Joe Ponzi
Regional Sales Manager

VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	Due Date	3/22/2022
Bottini Fuel ✓	\$ ✓ 1,459.96		173	Diesel fuel delivery to Station 2
Central Hudson >	\$ ✓ 405.32	11049	174	Sta 2 electric for generator & fuel pump
Central Hudson >	\$ ✓ 51.37	11056	175	Sta 3 electric for light pole
Cryo Weld ✓	\$ ✓ 73.91	11067	176	Oxygen cylinder swap
David Violante ✓	\$ ✓ 625.00	11055	177	CIC services - 3rd pymt
Fleet Pride ✓	\$ ✓ 301.53	5245	178	DEF (diesel exh. fluid) & windshield washer fluid
Freihofer Ice & Springwater ✓	\$ ✓ 153.00		179	Water delivery
HG Page ✓	\$ ✓ 23.36	11066	180	Locks for new hires at academy
IAFC Membership ✓	\$ ✓ 1,240.00	11071	181	Annual dues for International Assoc. of Fire Chiefs
John A. Giaimo & Sons ✓	\$ ✓ 365.00	11058	182	Sta 3 electrical repairs
Kosco Heritage ✓	\$ ✓ 974.99		183	Sta 1 fuel oil delivery
Magna5 ✓	\$ ✓ 278.24		184	Stas 2 & 3 local and long distance service
Mass Mutual >	\$ ✓ 500.50	185		Career staff individual life ins annual pymt
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Medical Warehouse ✓	\$ ✓ 247.66		187	Medical supplies
Municipal Emergency Services (MES)	\$ 2,138.27		188	Uniform items for new hires & new lieutenant
Municipal Emergency Services (MES)	\$ ✓ 96.75		189	SCBA flow test & harness repair
Municipal Emergency Services (MES)	\$ ✓ 558.08	11061	190	PARATECH repair
Municipal Emergency Services (MES)	\$ ✓ 133.19		191	Rescue equipment - belay device
Municipal Emergency Services (MES)	\$ ✓ 304.70	11051	192	Uniform items Carhartt heavyweight sweaters
Municipal Emergency Services (MES)	\$ ✓ 1,999.60	11070	193	Uniform items for new hires - shirts & pants
Municipal Emergency Services (MES)	\$ ✓ 184.25	5215	194	Boots for Holzmann
Municipal Emergency Services (MES)	\$ ✓ 135.00		195	Uniform pants
Municipal Emergency Services (MES)	\$ ✓ 432.00		196	Uniform items for new hires - job shirts
Optimum >	\$ ✓ 148.84			Sta 2 internet
Optimum >	\$ ✓ 348.37	11046	197, 198	Cable service all 3 stations & Stas 1 and 3 internet
Paychex ✓	\$ ✓ 687.31	11053	199	Payroll processing fees - Jan 2022
Premier E-One ✓	\$ ✓ 2,046.67		200	Vehicle Repairs - 71, 55, 11, & 61
Redemption Mechanical ✓	\$ ✓ 1,375.00	11068	201	Clear clog to Station 1 floor drains in bay
Ruge's Chevrolet ✓	\$ ✓ 131.18	5244	202	Rear tail light assembly
Shelterpoint ✓	\$ ✓ 1,002.54	11060	203	Vision Insurance
Staples ✓	\$ ✓ 681.29	11052	204	Office supplies
Stars & Stripes Lawncare ✓	\$ ✓ 350.00	11069	205	Spring clean up
Stryker Sales Corp. ✓	\$ ✓ 126.48	10889	206	Medical equipment
Verizon Fios ✓	\$ ✓ 139.00		207	Sta 2 internet service
Verizon Wireless >	\$ ✓ 736.62	11048	208	Cell phone service March 2022
Verizon Wireless >	\$ ✓ 28.00		209	Lifepak model phone lines
Westchester County ✓	\$ ✓ 16,800.00	11011	210	Westchester academy tuition

TOTAL SUBMITTED	\$ 37,712.73	Date:	Commissioner Signatures:
<i>changes listed:</i>		3/22/22	
		3/22/22	
TOTAL APPROVED			
KEY:			
pre-paid			
Paid			