



# LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



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## MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Special Meeting – Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky  
Commissioner Richard Sassi (*via Teams*)  
Commissioner Barry Ward  
Secretary Bria Le  
Commissioner George Burns  
Commissioner Anthony Pignataro  
Chief Tim O'Connor

At 7:11 pm, Chairman Marc Komorsky called the Special Meeting to order for Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

**ABSTRACT:** \$319,112.64

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Burns and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the month November as per the abstract of \$319,112.64. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Lieutenant Kyle Rancourt said that he made a phone call earlier in the day, on behalf of the Apparatus Committee, inquiring about the pickup truck, plow truck and Tahoe that are on order. He said the dealer informed him that District was lucky the orders weren't canceled as many others have been due to not being able to fulfil. He outlined the concerns about the current plow vehicle for the winter and said he has been searching online for a stopgap vehicle. He gave the Board details about a 2016 truck that only has 22,000 miles, is fully outfitted with Whalen lights, and already has a box for gear that was advertised on Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus for \$45,000. He said that East Greenbush Fire Department is the department selling the vehicle and that he has spoken to their Chairman of the Board about the vehicle, who said they have a couple of offers but that LFD is the only local place making an offer. Lengthy discussion followed about the vehicle, where it fits in the vehicle replacement schedule, and if there are funds in the budget for the purchase.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to investigate the vehicle and, if it meets the District's needs, make an offer not to exceed \$45,000. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Brief discussion followed about who will go and when to look at the vehicle.

- Chief Tim O'Connor requested to send two people to an RTF Tactical EMS class in Kingston. Lt. Rancourt noted that it was an invite only class. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the skills learned in the class and the training budget. O'Connor noted that the alternative fuel class that the Board approved wouldn't be scheduled until next year so that might free up some training funds. Discussion followed regarding whether the alternative fuel class would be beneficial and the training budget.

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Upon a MOTION made by Ward and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to approve sending two to the RTF class that is to be held in Kingston to cover the tuition and the overtime. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Further discussion followed regarding the alternative fuel class, what it entails, and whether the training is needed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:01 pm, upon a MOTION made by Burns and SECONDED by Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters with the Union. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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

At 9:06 pm, the Board resumed Open Session. Secretary Le said that the only scheduled meeting in December is on 12/27. Discussion followed about adding a meeting in December. Komorsky said they would have a Special Meeting with the Union on 12/7/22.

At 9:10 pm, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

***Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 11/22/22***

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