



# LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



## MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky  
Commissioner Richard Sassi  
Commissioner Barry Ward  
Deputy Chief Anthony Champion  
Secretary Bria Le  
Commissioner George Burns  
Commissioner Anthony Pignataro  
Chief Tim O'Connor  
EMS Administrator Michael Benenati

At 6:15 pm (immediately following the conclusion of the 5/23/23 Public Hearing), Chairman Marc Komorsky called the meeting to order for the May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting.

### **MINUTES:** 4/25/23 Regular Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Burns and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the 4/25/23 Regular Meeting. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Komorsky said they were going to move around on the agenda for the sake of time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- EMS Week Proclamation – Komorsky read the proclamation (attached).

Upon a MOTION made by Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to accept the EMS Week Proclamation. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **MINUTES:** (cont.)

Pignataro asked to rescind his motion on the 4/25/23 minutes as he was not at that meeting.

Upon a MOTION made by Sassi and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the 4/25/23 meeting. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Abstain, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Komorsky said they were again going to go out of order in the spirit of saving time.

### **ABSTRACT:** \$143,345.83

Upon a MOTION made by Burns and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to approve the bills for the month of May for \$83,099.36 as per the abstract. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Check – LexisNexis for records request - \$25.00

Check – Association of Fire District State of New York refund of overpayment - \$50.00

Upon a MOTION made by Burns and SECONDED by Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to put the two checks into the General Fund. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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### ROOM USE REQUEST:

Station 3 on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 5 pm for Merritt

Upon a MOTION made by Sassi and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to approve Scott Merritt to use Station 3. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:20 pm, upon a MOTION made by Pignataro and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to hold off on the rest of the agenda and go into Executive Session for a personnel issue. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### OPEN SESSION & NEW BUSINESS:

At 8:29 pm, the Board resumed Open Session and Komorsky said they were going to have an abbreviated agenda going forward.

- **Out of County Training Requests** – Chief O'Connor said he received an email earlier in the afternoon about a Fire Officer I in Putnam County that starts May 30<sup>th</sup> and still has seats available.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to approve two spots in the class. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

O'Connor reported that they sent people to Westchester the past two Friday and he hears that there are more requests coming up.

- **DC Board of Elections Poll Site Notice** – Le said they received notice from the Dutchess County Board of Elections that they plan on using Station 2 for a poll site for the primary election on June 27<sup>th</sup>. She said there was a BoFC meeting scheduled that night and asked if the Board wanted to move locations or reschedule the meeting. Brief discussion followed regarding when to hold the meeting. Komorsky said they would hold it Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

- **FPAT Request for Assistance** – Chief O'Connor said that Fairview (FD) needs to put three people through an FPAT on June 10<sup>th</sup> and has asked the District for help. He noted that Fairview helped LaGrange on a recent FPAT. He said they have asked for three people to assist.

Upon a MOTION made by Ward and SECONDED by Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- **LaGrange Soccer Club Request for EMS Standby** – O'Connor said that the LaGrange Soccer Club has requested the District to provide EMS standby coverage for their tournament on September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. He said there would be approximately 750 players plus spectators over the two days.

Upon a MOTION made by Ward and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to support the request. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- **Boar's Head Event** – DC Champion said he received a request for the District's participation in a PR event sponsored by Boar's Head. He described the event and said it would be at Shop Rite in LaGrange and they would like an engine and a couple of personnel in their gear. He said they would like to give a donation in appreciation for the District's support. Ward said he feels that events like the Chief brought

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up are more community oriented so he is ok with it, but events that are marketing oriented he is not a fan of. Sassi said he agreed with Ward. Burns said he would be ok with it. Pignataro said he would pass on the event. Champion said he would let Boar's Head know that the District was unable to commit at this time.

EMS Administrator Michael Benenati stated that it is appropriate to recognize the EMS providers during EMS Week and in addition to the proclamation he stated that they appreciate the effort of the staff on a daily basis.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:41 pm, upon a MOTION made by Pignataro and SECONDED by Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss three personnel items from the Chief, one personnel item from the Deputy Chief, and one legal item from the attorney. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **OPEN SESSION & APPOINTMENT:**

At 9:18 pm the Board resumed Open Session.

Komorsky said he thinks it would be helpful to have a form of record keeping technology for transmissions to go over calls because a request came to him from the union. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of video recording in response vehicles, the proper channel for requests, and doing tailboard critiques after calls.

Upon a MOTION made by Sassi and SECONDED by Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to appoint Ms. (Raffaela) Mase as a volunteer EMT at Company 1 with the LaGrange Fire District. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:26 pm, upon a MOTION made by Pignataro and SECONDED by Burns, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

***Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 6.13.23***

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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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### EMS Week Proclamation

To designate the week of May 21 – 27, 2023, as Emergency Medical Services Week;

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS**, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS plays a critical role in public outreach and injury prevention, and is evolving in its role as an important member of the healthcare community; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders, emergency medical technicians and paramedics stand ready to provide compassionate, lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical responders are supported by emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, educators, administrators, researchers, emergency nurses, emergency physicians and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of EMS teams, both career and volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of EMS practitioners by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now

**THEREFORE**, the Board of Fire Commissioners, Lagrange Fire District in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 21 - 27, 2023, as

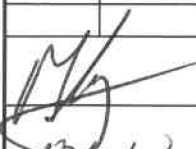

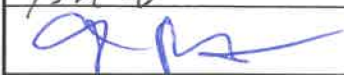
### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

With the theme "Where Emergency Care Begins" we encourage the community and members of the Fire District to observe this week with attending Continuing Medical Education programs, ceremonies and activities.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

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(signature)

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Date

LFD ABSTRACT		5/23/2023	
V #	VENDOR	AMOUNT DUE	DESCRIPTION
	AAA Paper & Supply ✓	212.90 ✓	Floor cleaning supplies
	Ameritas Life Ins. ✓	839.72 ✓	June premium dental plan
	Bottini Fuel ✓	108.39 ✓	Propane delivery STA 1
	Bottini Fuel ✓	891.96 ✓	N/T Clear diesel 320 g. @2.7865 delivery 05/11
	Central Hudson ✓	1,927.50 ✓	STA#2 electric SVc 04/04-05/04
	Central Hudson ✓	42.26 ✓	STA#3 outside lights
	Central Hudson ✓	815.16 ✓	STA #3 Ekcetric and area lights
	Cryo Weld ✓	91.50 ✓	OXD 7 CYL STA 2
	DB Graphics ✓	380.00 ✓	Graphic remval from chevy Tahoe 2023
	Dutchess Tire Center ✓	909.27 ✓	Repairs for 47-85, 47-11
	Emergency Vehicle specialist ✓	8,819.13 ✓	2023 chevy repairs
	Everdixie USA ✓	72.96 ✓	Medical supplies
	Hopewell Fire ✓	100.00 ✓	repairs on unit 47-31
	Jackson Lewis ✓	9,702.00 ✓	March legal services
	Kosko Heritage ✓	391.01 ✓	Fuel oil STA 1 158.7 g @ 2.463
	Medical Warehouse ✓	1,115.60 ✓	EMS Medical supplies
	Medical Warehouse ✓	181.48 ✓	Expendable medical supplies
	MES ✓	339.00 ✓	Fire Equipment LMB 20 Leatherhead hollagan
	MES ✓	165.00 ✓	Fire Equipment Helmet shield
	MES ✓	976.25 ✓	QRAE 3 Meter
	MES ✓	257.00 ✓	QRAE combustible LEL sensor
	MES ✓	29,281.00 ✓	E 2 cutter kid include two batteries and charge spreader
	MES ✓	945.00 ✓	Hydrotests
	MES ✓	944.22 ✓	SCBA flow test
	Optimun ✓	72.58 ✓	Cable SVC STA 2
	Optimun ✓	184.24 ✓	Internet SVc STA 3
	Optimun ✓	335.95 ✓	Internet SVc STA 1
	Optimun ✓	191.41 ✓	Internet SVC STA 2
	Premier Fire App. ✓	1,844.05 ✓	repairs and maintenance svc. 47-12
	RBT CPA LLP ✓	14,000.00 ✓	Service rendered consisting of work Audit/Fin. Sta.
	Redemption ✓	667.50 ✓	repairs on STA 3
	Redemption ✓	895.00 ✓	water treatment, testing raw water services
	RingSquare ✓	430.82 ✓	Telephone service STA 2 & 3 05-01 05-31
	Staples ✓	1,640.27 ✓	Printers for Dc office and training room, office supplies
	TEK ✓	541.00 ✓	DC Anthony Champion Physical
	Town of LaGrange ✓	71.81 ✓	STA 2 Water bill
	VCI Emergency Vehicle ✓	1,175.52 ✓	repairs and maintenance svc. 47-73
	Verizon conference ✓	28.02 ✓	Modem svc 04/11 05/10
	Verizon Fios ✓	139.00 ✓	Cable and Internet svc
	Verizon wireless ✓	871.80 ✓	Montly charges
	TOTAL UNPAID BILLS	\$ 82,597.28	
	Paychex	251.04	Payroll WE 05/07
	Paychex	251.04	Payroll WE 05/14
	TOTAL PAID BILLS	\$ 502.08	
	TOTAL BILLS TO APPROVE	\$ 83,099.36	
	Changes		
	Commissioner's Signatures		Commissioner's Signatures
	 05/23/23		
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	 5/23/23	\$ 83,099.36	