



LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky Commissioner George Burns
Commissioner Anthony Pignataro Commissioner Barry Ward
Commissioner Richard Sassi (*via Teams – not counted for voting*)
Deputy Chief Anthony Champion EMS Administrator Michael Benenati
Treasurer Mark Pozniak (*via Teams*) Secretary Bria Le

At 6:02 pm, Chairman Marc Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting to order for Wednesday, December 13th, 2023, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES: - 11/28/23 Regular Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Burns and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 11/28/23 Regular Meeting minutes. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE: -

- Thank you and donation from Don and Judith Duffy for \$500.00
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to deposit the donation into the General Fund. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**
- Check from NYSIF for reimbursement of wages paid to injured employee for \$53,418.26
- Check from Utica National Insurance Group for a claim recovery for \$1,154.20
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to deposit the funds into the General Fund. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**
- Check from Quality Review Services for a records request in the amount of \$3.75
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to deposit the funds into the General Fund. Pignataro – Aye, Burns – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky asked that Secretary Le send a thank you note to the Duffy's.

- Letter from Paul Vnuczenski regarding his concerns for the voting process.

ROOM USE REQUESTS:

- Request to use Station 3 by Sean Hatfield on January 6, 2024.
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to allow Sean Hatfield use of Station 3 on January 6, 2024. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS:

- Station 1 Building Update – Commissioner Ward stated the detailed design for Station 1 is in progress. Chairman Komorsky stated they submitted the approved plan to CPL. He asked what the turnaround time would be and Commissioner Ward said it should be very soon.
- Station 3 Storage Room – Commissioner Ward stated this could be tabled until a future date.
- Station 2 Brick Pointing – Commissioner Ward stated this will not be done until the Spring.
- Physicals status update – There was no report.
- ESO Reporting status update – Deputy Chief Champion stated that this is a work in process.
- Grant update – Deputy Chief Champion stated he is working on another submission to SAFER before the Christmas break. He has reached out again to the County on the municipal grant, but has not heard back yet. He is waiting to coordinate with Treasurer Pozniak about some fringe benefit calculations for the FEMA grant through Dutchess County for reimbursement on the mutual aid to Orange County. Chairman Komorsky asked if Deputy Chief Champion had received the e-mail he sent regarding New York State grants. Deputy Chief Champion stated he did see that but he has not had a chance to review it yet.
- Station 2 Meeting Room Videoconferencing system – Deputy Chief Champion stated that Jeff Lenkowski has asked the gentleman that did the locks to put together an audio component. It has not come in yet. Deputy Chief Champion has a meeting scheduled with Hughes AV this Friday at 2 PM and will hopefully have information by the first or second meeting in January.
- Diesel Tank Accessories - Deputy Chief Champion stated this is an ongoing process. The PBS compliance forms have been mailed back out to the State. They included the deed this time, so they should have everything they need. He is still working out the parameters for a secondary containment on the diesel tank outside.
- HIPAA Compliance – Deputy Chief Champion stated he believes any further discussion on this should be tabled until the new year.
- Building Repairs/Repair Requests – Deputy Chief Champion stated all three firehouses could use an update on the floors so they are less slippery. They have not been done in many years. Commissioner Ward stated they may have been done once. Deputy Chief Champion stated there is flaking in some areas and the stripes are coming off. He asked if someone could start looking at some of these areas. Commissioner Ward asked if this is something that should be considered for next year's budget as it is not put into the 2024 budget. They have already earmarked most of the building reserve funds through 2028 so they will need to move some things around. They should get a rough idea of what it will cost and then address it in the budget cycle. Deputy Chief Champion stated he would just like to start getting a list together to add to the discussion moving forward. Commissioner Ward stated this is public works so they can go through CPL on this.

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Commissioner Pignataro stated he has watched people turning into Station 2 hitting the median/island as it is hard to see. He suggested painting that yellow or white to make it more visible. Chairman Komorsky had questions regarding getting prices themselves verses using CPL. Commissioner Ward stated CPL can help with the specs as they are an engineering department and will know the proper product that should be used. Commissioner Ward stated they will take into consideration in the next budget cycle which will be in nine months. Chairman Komorsky asked if the stripes were important enough to need to be replaced sooner. Commissioner Burns stated he believes it is a safety concern with it being slippery. Deputy Chief Champion stated he does have an officer looking into this because it is coming up with the Safety Committee review in regard to backing up incidents. He is looking at prices for striping outside the bays and the Deputy Chief can have him look into pricing to continue the stripes inside the bays. Chairman Komorsky stated there are also vinyl stripes that are temporary that can be removed later. Jeff Kaiser stated this is something they could do themselves.

NEW BUSINESS: -

- Out of County Training Requests –Deputy Chief Champion stated there is an Instructor Authorization Class for Firefighter 1 that is being offered by Westchester. There are four individuals looking to take the class. It is on 18th of January. It is approximately a two week long class. The interested members are Lieutenant Rancourt, Lieutenant Ryan, Lieutenant Trott, and Firefighter Wells. Chairman Komorsky asked if there was any conflict with having three lieutenants out at the same time and Deputy Chief Champion explained their shifts. It is not believe there is a cost associated with the class but the attendees will be paid for their attendance. Commissioner Pignataro would like to see an estimate of the overtime costs for the backfill of personnel. Deputy Chief Champion stated he could work those numbers out with Treasurer Pozniak. Chairman Komorsky asked if the class would fill up quickly. Deputy Chief Champion stated it probably would.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Burns and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to approve the out of County training requests for the Instructor Authorization Class for Firefighter 1 that is being offered by Westchester on January 18 for Lieutenant Rancourt, Lieutenant Ryan, Lieutenant Trott, and Firefighter Wells. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye.

Motion Carried.

Deputy Chief Champion stated there is an Ice Rescue Class being offered in February. The Board has currently approved five individuals to attend. He is looking for approval for one additional person to attend this class. He believes Firefighter Rogers is interested in attending.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to approve the out of County training requests for the Ice Rescue Class for Firefighter Rogers. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Deputy Chief Champion stated there is a Medium Structural Collapse Class in January in Dutchess County. It is a three-day, four hour per day class. There are eight people looking to attend this. Previously in county training has always been granted. He does know the question of overtime comes into play. Two of these individuals would need to be covered for a period of five hours to attend this class. This is a class that is not offered on a regular basis. It is in the introductory class to most other technical disciplines.

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Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to approve a request for eight people to attend a Medium Structural Collapse Class in January in Dutchess County. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Deputy Chief Champion stated there are three officers that are looking to further their development by attending a Fire Officer 2 class being offered by Dutchess County in April. The attendees will be Lieutenant Rancourt, Lieutenant Ryan, and Lieutenant Trott.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve a request for Lieutenant Rancourt, Lieutenant Ryan, and Lieutenant Trott to attend a Fire Officer 2 class in Dutchess County in April. Burns – Aye, Pignataro, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- 2024 Organizational Meeting items for review - Chairman Komorsky stated everyone had been sent the proposed list of 2024 meeting items for review.
 - o Appointments/Designations
 - o Purchasing & Policy
 - o Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy
 - o Investment Policy
 - o Credit Card Policy
 - o Fund Balance Policy
 - o Indemnification Policy
 - o 2024 Monthly Meeting Schedule:
 - o Commissioner Committee Assignments

Commissioner Ward stated that he had one topic for executive session based on this list. Commissioner Pignataro asked Secretary Le if all of the items needed to be read and Secretary Le stated yes, at the January meeting. One item to be addressed will be removing Commissioner Burns as a signer on the checks and as an authorized user on the credit cards and who will replace him for that. She stated that the IRS mileage rate is not out yet and she is hoping to get it before the January meeting. Commissioner Ward stated this is just for review at this point. They will address all of these items at the January meeting. Treasurer Pozniak stating to double check with the attorney, but nothing is changing he does not believe it all has to be read at the January meeting if it is the exact same policy. Chairman Komorsky stated there are several areas that Commissioner Burns will need to be removed from. Commissioner Pignataro suggested that they discuss any of the items that need to be discussed in executive session tonight and then inform the Secretary of proposed changes to be presented at the January meeting.

REPORTS: (by officers present)

- **Treasurer Pozniak**
Treasurer Pozniak stated that he had nothing to report.

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- **Deputy Chief Anthony Champion**

Deputy Chief Champion stated the Santa Run was held by Station 3 in the Station 3 area and Company 3 was appreciative of the Board's support.

- Vehicles – In regard to equipment disposal, the Tahoe and the red maintenance truck have bids that expire tomorrow around 5 PM. At that point it will go to the highest bid for those two vehicles in combination. As of right now the total bid is upwards of \$3000 combined. Then they will coordinate pickup of those items.
- Safety Committee Report – The Safety Committee has not given the Deputy Chief full written reports on the backing incidents at Station 3. He did have a meeting with the officers yesterday and received many verbal suggestions to be included in that writeup. Some of the recommendations were to update the striping on the apron and to have a spotter when available. They also discussed how the stripes on the apron are yellow, which is the same color as the metal strips on the side of the bays and that may be causing confusion. They're looking to get pricing but it is hard to find a company who does striping. They also suggested lights on the floors so when the big doors open the lights on the strips light up.
- Santa Drive at MHR Hospital - Deputy Chief Champion stated they have been requested to participate in the Santa Drive around Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital next week. They're looking for participation from all of the local fire departments. They will drive around the pediatric wing with the lights and sirens going and then they go inside and help to give out holiday gifts. The Board was in favor of this. Deputy Chief Champion would like to send an engine from Station 3 at a minimum.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Burns, the Board RESOLVED to allow a District vehicle to participate in the pediatric wing festivities at the Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion carried.**

- Executive Session – Deputy Chief Champion has one personnel issue for executive session.

Deputy Chief Champion stated he will be out of town for 3 to 4 days after Christmas. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- **EMS Administrator Michael Benenati**

- Updates – EMS Administrator Benenati stated they have executed their Controlled Substance Agreement with Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital. They have updated all the automated reports for all of the EMS members getting training reports out of the Firehouse Software. They have gotten Brandon Whalen and Tom Martell's new paramedic cards and have updated all those records. He has showed Jen Kaiser how to do some of that processing as well. He attended a Dutchess County EMS Council meeting. He has worked with Nick Filancia on his CME status. He has worked on getting some of the CME notebooks and refill packets out to members enrolled in the CME Program. They had an equipment failure with a LifePak 15 and Stryker came and resolved it. He updated the Deputy Chief on items that he missed while he was away. He is working on attendance and training reports. He has also been working on the items that need to be addressed

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prior to his retirement. He has been spending a lot of time with Scott Merritt regarding acting EMS Administrator jobs and the transitional items. He believes his last day at work will be December 22.

EMS Administrator Benenati stated he wished he had time to prepare a report comparing where they were 19 years ago to where they are today, but he did not have the time. He believes the biggest change is in the amount of growth that has happened. They have saved countless lives due to the increase in the paramedic staff. And the staff performs extremely well. He can honestly say he is leaving the place better than he found it. There are lots of opportunities for significant growth and improvement here as they move forward. He thanked the Fire District for the opportunity to serve the public in Lagrange. Chairman Komorsky stated on behalf of himself and the Board of Fire Commissioners, he thanked EMS Administrator Benenati for his years of service and everything that he has done. It has certainly been admirable and meaningful over the years. They wish him nothing but great things going forward in his endeavors. Commissioner Pignataro thanked him for his dedicated service.

- Executive Session – EMS Administrator Benenati has one contractual issue for Executive Session.
- **Department** – Chairman Komorsky the stated there was nothing.
- **Union** – Union President Kyle Rancourt stated Secretary Le had some questions for Treasurer Pozniak on the 2% funds. Secretary Le stated she believes they have everything figured out and just need to make sure the numbers are finalized and then they will get it out as soon as possible.

ABSTRACT: \$242,910.01

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Burns and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the Month of November and the beginning of December as per the abstract for \$242,910.01. Pignataro – Aye, Ward– Aye, Burns– Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At 6:34 PM, Chairman Komorsky opened the meeting to public comments.

- Jeff Kaiser asked why they would be discussing plans for next year in Executive Session and not Open Session since it is not a personnel issue. Commissioner Pignataro stated some of the resolutions are definitely personnel related because they involve salaries. Other items will not be discussed in Executive Session. Chairman Komorsky stated he thought they would just discuss the salary issues within Executive and then we Open this session and discuss everything at one time. Mr. Kaiser stated he heard them discussing improvements to Station 1 for career staff on housing. He stated there are seminars online about revamping firehouses and he asked why members of the Board or chief staff have not gone to these seminars to bring ideas back. He asked why they are going to CPL as CPL does not design firehouses. He asked why they are not going to a firm that understands the needs of the fire service. Commissioner Ward stated that CPL put together plans based on the requirement statement supplied by the Board. The union and the officers were all involved in collecting information for BoFC Regular Meeting 12/13/23

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what people wanted and is being done in the existing footprint. Mr. Kaiser stated there are seminars for that as well. Commissioner Ward stated they are trying to move this forward and stay within their means for budget purposes. They are trying to do the best they can within those constraints. Commissioner Ward stated he would be in favor of sending Mr. Kaiser to those seminars to bring back the information. Commissioner Pignataro stated he was unaware of any of those seminars.

- Paul Vnuczenski gave his background on his youth and past work history. He has been a Yonkers' firefighter since 2009. He reviewed his job responsibilities currently. He has been a Town of Lagrange resident since 2015. They built there because he understands the importance of an ALS municipally based EMS service. His reason for being here is his concern over how the election last night was run. He went up to (Route) 82. He said for a variety of reasons it was not handled well. He felt the poll workers did not have concrete answers for questions. He was handed three ballots and the person ahead of him was handed two. He wasn't asked to sign the card, so he has concerns over the actual number of voters and ballots cast. He also has concerns with a LaGrange paid Town employee as a Fire District Commissioner. As a LaGrange resident, he personally finds it unethical. He attached a legal opinion from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. He feels the election process was a mess and he doesn't feel it was right to follow through with an ethically questionable decision. Chairman Komorsky thanked him for his time coming in. Jeff Kaiser stated he understands and sees Mr. Vnuczenski's point on the conflicts of interest of having a Town employee as a Fire Commissioner. He understands the Board is not in charge of who votes where but there was some confusion there. Commissioner Pignataro stated that election locations were sent out on all correspondence and notices regarding the election. Mr. Vnuczenski stated he would have liked to have seen pollsters who could direct people to the correct places. Commissioner Burns stated he received the notice for this change location, and they never read it. He feels people who came out at 8:30 PM may not have gone to a different station if they couldn't vote at the first location. Mr. Kaiser stated if the back of the voters card was not signed, he feels that is a bigger issue. He questioned if this was a void vote as it does not appear to have been done correctly. Commissioner Burns stated they can always declare it invalid and hold a special election. Treasurer Pozniak stated that Attorney Heckle said the Dutchess County Board of Elections needs to be held responsible for this. Attorney Thomas Petriccione stated that they typically reserve legal advice until they get into Executive Session to maintain the attorney/client privilege, it is their position that the county or state board of elections should have some sort of ruling on this. Mr. Vnuczenski stated that he spoke to the Dutchess County Board of Elections and they have no involvement other than simply providing the list of registered voters, according to them. Chairman Komorsky stated they will address this issue with their attorney in Executive Session.
- Mr. Schultz stated that he was told that no one was running for the position of Commissioner, so his assumption is that every vote was a write in. Chairman Komorsky stated that is correct. Mr. Schultz stated that whoever had the most write-in votes should win. He asked about the hierarchy of the line officers. Chairman Komorsky stated there are no captains. Deputy Chief Champion stated that they have nine lieutenants who are actively working, two out on medical leave, himself as deputy chief, an open position of chief, and Michael Benenati as the EMS Administrator is also involved in the administrative structure. Mr. Schultz asked if the audio

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portion of the meetings was kept for the archives for the public to listen to later. Secretary Le stated they were working on that now, they just don't have it ready to go live yet. Mr. Schultz asked if the notices for the meetings could also include the Microsoft Teams link as well. Secretary Le stated they always post it a few hours before the meeting because they may have multiple meetings during the week. Chairman Komorsky stated they will take that under advisement. Mr. Schultz asked if the roof repairs were proactive or do repair leaks. Chairperson Ward stated that was proactive. He stated the other roof was also done in September or October. Mr. Schultz suggested they have someone look at the roof on Station 2 as it appears there is water leaking behind the fascia. Chairman Komorsky stated they will have someone look at it.

At 6:40 PM, Chairman Komorsky closed the public comment section of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:22 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Burns and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss one item from Commissioner Ward regarding the organizational issues, two personnel items from Chairman Komorsky, one personnel item from Deputy Chief Champion, and one contractual item from EMS Administrator Benenati. Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion carried.**

OPEN SESSION:

At 9:40 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

PREPARE 1/09/24 MEETING AGENDA: Secretary Le will prepare this.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:41 PM, upon a Motion made by Commissioner Burns and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.
Burns – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Julie Beyer on behalf of Bria Le – District Secretary
Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 1/23/24

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VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	12/13/2023
AMAZON	\$ 927.90	12814	Toners for all printers station 2
AMAZON	\$ 39.03	12836	Controlled substances boxes
ANTHONY CHAMPION	\$ 147.50	2023-BL	Travel for leadership & Mgmt conference
AUTOZONE	\$ 40.27	12798	Parts for apparatus maintenance
BOTTINI	\$ 160.98	12837	propane station 1
BOTTINI	\$ 1,196.76	12844	Diesel fuel station 2
CRYO WELD CORP	\$ 55.50	12861	Parts for extinguishers
CRYO WELD CORP	\$ 120.00	12862	Compressed Oxygen
CRYO WELD CORP	\$ 763.71	12860	Fire Extinguisher maintenance
DEL HATT AUTO	\$ 600.00	12833	Repairs & parts 47-13
DUTCHESS TIRE	\$ 2,474.32	12829	Tires for 47-13
DUTCHESS TIRE	\$ 7,199.76	12843	Tires for 47-31
DUTCHESS TIRE	\$ 1,957.48	12842	Tires for 47-73
FLEET PRIDE	\$ 604.80	12797	Repairs & parts 47-13, 47-55, 47-31, 47-32
FLEET PRIDE	\$ 249.48	12820	Parts for apparatus maintenance
FLEET PRIDE	\$ 410.84	5460	Parts for apparatus maintenance
FREIHOFFER WATER	\$ 166.50	12826	Water cooler rental and 5 gallon jugs
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 152.94	12819	Station 1 phone service
GANNETT POUGH JOURNAL	\$ 61.89	12839	Public notice of annual commissioner election
HAUN WELDING	\$ 102.90	12810	Nitrous Oxide
HOPEWELL FIRE APPARATUS	\$ 100.00	12827	Repairs & parts 47-12
JACKSON LEWIS P.C.	\$ 5,293.90	12812	professional svcs oct 2023
JAMES PUBLISHING INC	\$ 170.00	12817	NYS Fire Districts officer's guide
KOSCOHERITAGE	\$ 282.21	12818	Fuel oil delivery station 1
KOSCOHERITAGE	\$ 962.33	12828	Fuel oil delivery station 3
KOSCOHERITAGE	\$ 544.31	12841	Fuel oil delivery station 3
LB LANDSCAPING	\$ 400.00	12801	Station 3 lawn care and fall clean up
MANPOWER	\$ 1,140.80	12825	Office work-S Silverman W/E 11/26/23
MANPOWER	\$ 240.64	12859	Office work-S Silverman w/e 12/3/23
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE	\$ 580.19	2023MB	Medical supplies
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE	\$ 618.79	2023MB	Medical supplies
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE	\$ 278.64	2023MB	Medical supplies
MID-HUDSON REGIONAL HOSP	\$ 3,800.00	12811	Annual controlled substances agent & restocking fee
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SVCS	\$ 80.58	12790	Company Shirt for career staff
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SVCS	\$ 284.95	12789	compressor preventive main
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SVCS	\$ 120.96	5461	Batteries
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SVCS	\$ 123.08	5421	Swift water suit repair
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SVCS	\$ 21,691.25	12666	HFRP uniforms for career staff approved by BoFC 10/24/23
NETFFX INC	\$ 65.93	12815	Printer from Station 1 repair work
NY FIRE EQUIPMENT, LLC	\$ 112.45	12771	Glas Master replacement blades
NYALGRO	\$ 50.00	12809	NY Assoc of local Govt Records Officers renewal membership
NYS EMPLOYEE'S HEALTH INS	\$ 126,977.32	12816	Employee health insu monthly prem jan 2024
PROCLAIM INC	\$ 8,406.87	12845	Medicaid claims ambulance svcs
RINGSQUARED TELECOM	\$ 436.82	12846	Local & long distance services for Stations 2 & 3
ROYAL CARTING	\$ 469.48	12847	Commercial waste service stations 1,2,3
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$ 32.72	12858	Freight not paid from inv 9000045352
SALEMSYS.NET	\$ 3,465.00	12716	Projector project for meeting room station 2
SECURITY MUTUAL LIFE IN CO	\$ 391.75	12821	Career life insurance premium
SECURITY MUTUAL LIFE IN CO	\$ 419.00	12822	Career life insurance premium
SHELTERPOINT LIFE	\$ 137.37	12840	First Rehab Employee vision insurance monthly prem
STRYKER	\$ 314.16	5446	LP15 Carrying case
STRYKER	\$ 16,665.63	12370	Lucas chest compression system/power supply/accessories
STRYKER	\$ 936.16	12769	Lithium-ion battery for Ambulance stretcher
STRYKER	\$ 10,671.64	12768	Defibulator and parts
TEK MED SVCS	\$ 566.00	12824	Physical exam
THE WORKPLACE	\$ 140.00	12834	Member physicals
TIMELY PAYMENT ADMIN	\$ 14,156.73	12850	Vision & dental Ins Aug-Oct 2023
TOMPKINS CC	\$ 2,382.17	12832	Credit Card charges
TOWN OF LAGRANGE	\$ 126.77	12849	Water bill usage
TRAILER KING	\$ 301.92	12854	Yrly svc & parts for 47-97 plow
TRAILER KING	\$ 85.20	12855	Misc parts for 47-97
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 925.11	12863	Apparatus & smartphone service
VESO LIFE	\$ 276.58	12848	Life Ins premium volunteers
WEX BANK	\$ 124.73	12838	Gas for apparatus/vehicles
WILLIAMSON LAW BOOK CO	\$ 127.31	12813	Voter Registration cards

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SUBMITTED		\$ 242,910.01	Commissioner Signatures:	
changes listed:		12-13-23	[Signature]	
		12-13-23	[Signature]	
		12/13/23	[Signature]	
ALL APPROVED				
KEY:				
pre-paid				
Paid				

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Paul Vnuczenski and I have been a resident of the Town of LaGrange since 2015. I recently participated in yesterday's election for the position of Fire Commissioner for the Town of LaGrange Fire Department. There were several observations that I made and that I was advised of that I want to share with you:

- Upon entry to the place of voting, there was great confusion by the electoral proctors as to the process of voting and especially for first time voters to cast their ballots. The system was incredibly disorganized and concerning.
- I was witness to multiple voters (including myself) accidentally being handed multiple ballots for submission. I was personally handed three ballots.
- After casting my ballot, I was made aware that the reverse side of my voting card must be signed upon casting a ballot. I was never provided the opportunity to sign my voting card, which calls into question the total amount of votes that were legitimately cast and by whom.
- I also have great concern with the ethical eligibility of one of the individuals that received a large portion of support via "write-in" ballots. I have included a legal opinion of a similar scenario from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

I plan to discuss this matter publicly later today at the Board of Fire Commissioner's meeting regarding all of these concerns mentioned above.

Respectfully,

Paul Vnuczenski