



# LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



## MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting – Tuesday February 27, 2024

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky  
Commissioner Barry Ward  
Commissioner Anthony Pignataro (*via Teams*)  
Deputy Chief Anthony Champion  
Commissioner Richard Sassi  
Commissioner Robert Taft  
Treasurer Mark Pozniak  
Secretary Bria Le

At 6:04 pm, Chairman Marc Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **MINUTES:** - 1/23/24 Regular Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Sassi and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 1/23/24 Regular Meeting minutes. Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward -Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### 1/26/24 Special Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Sassi and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 1/26/24 Regular Meeting minutes. Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward -Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### 2/6/24 Special Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Sassi and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 2/6/24 Regular Meeting minutes. Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Abstain, Ward -Aye, Taft – Abstain, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:** -

- Checks from NYSIF for dividends on worker comp policies for \$53,205.99 and \$38,431.94  
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to deposit the donation into the General Fund. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**
- Check from NYS Department of Health for Healthcare Workers Bonus vesting period 4 for \$1,614.75  
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Sassi the Board RESOLVED to deposit the donation into the General Fund. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried**

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- Check from NYS Department of Tax and Finance refund for MCTMT Tax of \$16.25  
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to deposit the funds into the General Fund. Sassi– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**
- Checks from Cinnamon Tree Childrens' Center for CPR Classes for \$250.00 and \$100.00  
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to deposit the funds into the General Fund. Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - aye. **Motion Carried.**
- Check from Imedview Inc. for records request for \$6.31  
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to deposit the donation into the General Fund. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**
- Check from the Law office of Joseph F. Buono PLLC for records request in the amount of \$3.75  
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to deposit the donation into the General Fund. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**
- Letter from the Knights of Columbus LaGrange for annual carnival on 6/26-6/29/24  
Chairman Komorsky asked if the Board was in agreement with allowing this. District Chief Champion stated it has been done every year in the past. Commissioner Sassi did disclose that he is the financial secretary for the Knights of Columbus and has been a member for at least 10 years but did not feel the need to recuse himself on this. The Board had no problem with allowing an ambulance and crew on standby for their carnival 5 PM to 11 PM. The District Chief will offer it to the volunteers first and see if anyone is interested.
- Letter from Charles E. Schumer, US Senator regarding AFG Grant Application period.  
Chairman Komorsky asked if the Chief had any opinion on this at this time. Deputy Chief Champion stated he has received many e-mails about the grant, but has not had the opportunity to gather any data yet. He will speak to the support staff and see if they can come up with something they can get together before March 8. Commissioner Ward suggested they review the budget to see if there's anything there that will coincide with a grant. Commissioner Pignataro asked if they could get an update on the AFG grant at the next meeting. Chairman Komorsky said yes.

### **ROOM USE REQUESTS:**

- Request to use Station 3 by Scott Merritt on 3/10/24 from 11 AM to 5 PM  
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to allow Scott Merritt use of Station 3 on March 10, 2024 from 11 AM to 5 PM as long as there is no conflict. Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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- Request to use Station 3 by Sean Hatfield on 4/7/24 from 12 PM to 3 PM  
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to allow Sean Hatfield use of Station 3 on April 4, 2024 from 12 PM to 3 PM. Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Taft - Aye Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS:**

- Station 1 Building Update – Commissioner Ward stated that the architect and the Chief have made an initial visit to the site. There will be another one which will involve the Chief, Jeff Lewkowski for the IT equipment, and electrical engineer as they delve deeper into the design requirements for this. He is waiting to hear back from Greg on this. Commissioner Ward stated that he has been informed that the security system will be installed in Stations 1 and 3 by the end of the week. That will be access control for all of the buildings. Chairman Komorsky asked if Commissioner Ward if he has gotten information updates from Greg Bolner. He asked if there was some reason for the delay. Commissioner Ward stated they needed the more detail design to move forward with specs for a bid.
- Station 3 Storage Room – Commissioner Ward stated they are not doing anything on this right now.
- Station 2 Brick Pointing – Commissioner Ward stated this will not be done until the Spring.
- Physicals status update – Commissioner Sassi stated he had a meeting with the president of the union during the week and it is still a work in progress with the union. Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Sassi had a conversation and they are going to go over the original RFP and see if the current provider is in compliance with that. They will also be getting feedback from some of the volunteers.
- Staffing Community Events – Commissioner Sassi said this was a new discussion. He wanted to know if the Board wanted to have a discussion as there seem to be more and more community events going on and the staffing of events has been varied. They are getting private company requests as opposed to not-for-profit as well. Chairman Komorsky asked what Commissioner Sassi would like to see done, and he stated he could do a proposal and presentation. Commissioner Ward stated what caused the revisit to this is the practice of having standbys in the past being done by volunteers and now they are being done by paid staff. They wanted to discuss if some of the standbys were even necessary, since they have resources available within minutes. Chairman Komorsky asked how the Board and Chief would like to see this vetted out. Commissioner Sassi said he would like to hear from the staff. Commissioner Ward stated he would like to revisit some of the reasoning as well. Deputy Chief Champion stated he believed this could be a conversation held outside of this meeting. He also believes that with the staffing going to eight, they will be able to utilize the staff that is in house already. For larger events like the soccer it might be helpful to have a second standby ready to go. Chairman Komorsky stated there are more events happening at all of the town parks and with the baseball program. Commissioner Sassi stated it is also a question as to whether or not they can continue do this for all of these events. Commissioner Ward stated not all of these events would require an ambulance on

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standby, maybe just EMS personnel. Chairman Komorsky stated the County has grown by 40% so they can anticipate more of these requests. They don't have to say yes to everything but they should have a vetting process. Commissioner Sassi stated he believes that the command staff should have control over this. He did state that the Board would have discretion over whether they continue to do these things for free or they charge for them, and if so, what kind of charge it would be and who would be limited to paying or if they would only be doing school events or Town sponsored events. Commissioner Pignataro stated due to the amount of people showing up at these events he does believe it is important to have representation there, but he would like to hear from command staff as well as finding out if you can respond from other events to an emergency call someplace else. Commissioner Ward stated they have always done that. Commissioner Pignataro stated he would like to be involved in moving forward with this process.

- 2023 Tahoe Customization Bids (opened 1/23/24) – Deputy Chief Champion stated he has reviewed both of the submitted quotes and reply to the spec that was posted. He does have some areas they would like to discuss in executive session that are bid specific.
- ESO Reporting status update – Deputy Chief Champion stated he has been in contact with Skip Mootz who has supplied some data. He is trying to get some info out for the LOSAP programs. They do have an avenue to pull data out for this AFG grant. They just have to tailor it towards what their needs are. They have also just started scratching the surface on getting their data for the volunteers and career staff into ESO so they can see call data. He is learning how to mine that data for their needs. Commissioner Ward asked if that would be all the status reports they used to get, but don't anymore. Deputy Chief Champion said he hope so. Commissioner Ward stated he thinks they need to find someone outside to do this for the district. He does not believe the Chief should have to be the report writer. There was some discussion with Jeff as to how this could be done. Chairman Komorsky stated that he was under the impression that when they got this new program it would be a push of a button and they would get all their old reports. Deputy Chief Champion stated part of it is finding out what reports are in there as they are labeled differently than they were in the old system. Commissioner Ward stated this has multiple parts. They need to get information out of Firehouse into ESO as well as finding reports in ESO. Treasurer Pozniak asked if there were other fire districts who have been through this that they could speak to. Deputy Chief Champion stated he can reach out to Skip again to see who Roosevelt used to convert from their previous program to ESO. Commissioner Ward stated they had a very specific set of reports they developed over a decade. He does not want to have to figure out how to exhume all of that from canned reports. Jeff stated he will get the contact information from the Deputy Chief and reach out to ESO for additional help. Commissioner Sassi asked how many people are going to the ESO training. Deputy Chief Champion stated two that he knew of and possibly Commissioner Sassi.
- Grant update – Deputy Chief Champion received communication from FEMA. They're looking for some preparation of numbers to close out the Covid grant. A withdrawal has been submitted for the storm incident grant because they are not claiming any reimbursement for within their jurisdiction. The reimbursement with going mutual aid to Orange County is still pending. Chairman Komorsky asked what the ending Covid numbers were, and Deputy Chief Champion stated Covid was 4480 and the storm RPA was 4723. He sat down with the County regarding the

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MIG grant, and they provided an outline for reimbursement in regard to ballistic wear. Since that meeting, he has met with Arlington and Fairview to discuss how to best proceed with that. They are looking for additional quotes and resources. Chairman Komorsky stated the current ballistic gear they have is expired. Deputy Chief Champion stated it is a well at the ten-year limit, so they do need all new gear. The County's proposal is a one-time reimbursement over the course of three years to a max of \$75,000 between all three departments. That will not cover what they need so they are looking for additional quotes. They will be meeting with Arlington and Fairview to discuss the quotes. Chairman Komorsky asked what vehicle would be for the special ops vehicle. Deputy Chief Champion stated if they were to respond to an active shooter incident, they may just want to bring one of their ambulances or the International. The Chairman wants to be sure they surplus the right vehicle when it comes time. He did discuss with Commissioner Ward not replacing certain equipment and taking those funds and putting them towards customizing a pickup truck as a special ops vehicle. He explained the different equipment that could be used on it and where it could respond. If there is the need for additional brush trucks they can go to mutual aid with ATV's. They don't take vehicles offroad like they used to. This also brings up another conversation he was going to get into in regard to LaGrange responding mutual aid to other districts. Commissioner Sassi asked how manpower gets moved if the team gets activated. Deputy Chief Champion stated they usually send the on duty crews and vehicles from this station and then call 10-35 to get additional staff back. If they hear that there is going to be a specialty team activated, the County usually gives a pre-phone call and they try to bring in outside staff to not deplete the resources for town residents. Given the nature of the situation private vehicles may not have access. Commissioner Sassi asked if they needed a larger van to move a specialty team like that and Deputy Chief Champion stated training wise, looking at a sprinter van might be a good thing to have. They have responded in an ambulance with multiple personnel to a few events in the past. Chairman Komorsky asked if an 8-foot bed in a pickup would hold all of the equipment for the various specialty teams. Deputy Chief Champion stated it would hold the initial startup equipment to respond mutual aid. If they need anything more, other resources would be coming in. His goal would be to not necessarily send the rescue out first. If other agencies are showing up with resources, it can respond later if it is still needed. Deputy Chief Champion stated a progress report was due for the SAFER Grant and it has been turned in and accepted. He is now submitting additional reimbursements for the latter part of last year. Commissioner Ward asked what the target area for the AFG grant is. Deputy Chief Champion stated he did not know. Commissioner Ward stated there are several things on the budget line for equipment they could try to put in for.

- Station 2 Meeting Room Videoconferencing System – Deputy Chief Champion stated they do have three vendors that have submitted bids. One submission is from Blue Dragon for \$33,980. Evolution System Integrations submitted for \$39,012, and Hughes AV for \$42,753.30. This is to finish out the AV in this meeting room. You would be able to hear it at Station 1 seamlessly. They could bring in outside trainers and plug and play. They're looking at 10 tabletop wireless microphones, a hand-held mic and the audio component updated in this cabinet.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to award the bid for the Station 2 meeting room videoconferencing system to Blue Dragon in the amount of \$33,980. Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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- Diesel Tank Accessories - Deputy Chief Champion stated the status is still pending for PBS acceptance and compliance for numbers. There have been some communication back and forth and the latest that is being considered and they should have positive communication soon. Now that the weather is starting to warm up a little, he will reach out to Scott Price about getting the additional bollards placed. He will also reach out to the reclamation company for the oil waste and container. He has a binder set up for inspections so that is underway as well. He has to review DEC's specs in regard to secondary confinement to see how they can move forward. Chairman Komorsky stated he believes the bollards should go in first.
- HIPAA Compliance – Deputy Chief Champion stated he and Commissioner Sassi will get together outside of this meeting to come back with recommendations. There are a lot of comments on the current documents so they would like to move forward with that.
- Building Repairs/Repair Requests – Chairman Komorsky asked if there was a meeting to discuss this and there was nothing.

### **NEW BUSINESS:** -

- Sedgewick Road LLC Radio Tower Lease Agreement – Chairman Komorsky stated that this went up again. The lease extension comes to an end of March 31, 2024. Rent is paid in full until that date. There is a one-year term extension offered and new rent of \$5,808 annually. This is less than a 2% increase which is required to keep up with the ever-increasing taxes on the property. In the beginning of 2025 they will revisit the lease terms. He asked if anyone had an objection to renewing this lease. Commissioner Pignataro stated there is no alternative, so they have to do this. Chairman Komorsky stated it is not the only alternative, but it is the cheapest alternative. Commissioner Sassi asked how they ended up over there. Chairman Komorsky stated it was the best location. Commissioner Ward stated they did look at all sorts of locations and that is the only one that really fit. Treasurer Pozniak asked if the County radio system comes into play would this still be necessary. Deputy Chief Champion stated this is their private channel. There was some discussion regarding what the features of the county system will be.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve the radio tower lease agreement with Sedgewick Road LLC with a onetime annual payment of \$5,808. Ward– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Insurance Renewal Proposal – Chairman Komorsky stated this is for building one of the firehouse on 504 Freedom Plains Road, the storage shed, storage container, Station 3 and Station 1. Commissioner Ward asked if the storage shed needed to be listed separately. There is one at Station 2 that should be added. Chairman Komorsky stated it could be added and then he reviewed the costs. Commissioner Pignataro asked what the price increase and Secretary Le stated the cost last year was \$80,549.71 and this year is \$86,062.11. Commissioner Sassi verified that everything is accurate. Treasurer Pozniak asked about the building amounts. Chairman Komorsky stated they can ask. Commissioner Sassi asked questions regarding the mutual aid coverage. Deputy Chief Champion stated it is if mutual aid comes into this district and their truck

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gets damaged this covers it. There was a lot of discussion regarding the various coverages and limits.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Sassi and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to accept the insurance renewal proposal in the amount of \$86,062.11. Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Request from Deputy Chief Champion – Deputy Chief Champion stated he is looking for a motion for the permanent employment of Lieutenant Paul DeMolto. He is acting in the capacity of a Contingent Permanent Lieutenant and the Deputy Chief would like him to be moved to a Permanent Lieutenant with a ceremony, pinning, and oath of office to occur on the 13th or 14th of March. Deputy Chief Champion stated he has been doing a fantastic job filling the role as Lieutenant. on Group 4. He has been given the responsibilities of maintaining and overseeing the maintenance. He has has been doing an excellent job.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Chairman Komorsky, the Board RESOLVED to the permanent appointment of Paul DeMolto from Contingent Permanent Lieutenant to Permanent Lieutenant. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Komorsky confirmed that pinning and oath of office would be at a special meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### **REPORTS:** (by officers present)

- **Treasurer Pozniak**

Treasurer Pozniak stated that he would like to purchase an updated Quickbooks product in range of \$600 but he would like approval to spend up to \$1000.00. QuickBooks has moved to an annual approval and they are not offering what we used to use. This will be an annual expense moving forward.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a new QuickBooks program up to \$1000. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer Pozniak stated he has three executive session issues. One has to do with bank security, one is a 207A issue, and one is a personnel issue.

- **Deputy Chief Anthony Champion**

TRAINING: Deputy Chief Champion stated he has a request for Lagrange to participate with Ulster County's Swift Water through their Sheriff's office. He is looking for 1 lieutenant and one firefighter to go over. It will be an introductory session. This will be good networking and standardization of equipment. They do get out every month so he would like to send two people every month or on a bimonthly basis to integrate with them and their training. Chairman Komorsky asked how the Deputy Chief would decide who was going each month. Deputy Chief Champion stated initially it would be Lieutenant Zittel and FF Dave O'Dell. It is usually about two hours training.

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Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to allow 2 members to attend Ulster County's Swift Water training through their Sheriff's Department. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Deputy Chief Champion stated the new recruits have been on days and are receiving their training. They are receiving their pump training right now. Within the next month they will be on a group and finalize their training. Then they will be counted into the minimums. That will bring two additional groups to eight. They are open and eager to learn. Chairman Komorsky asked if the Deputy Chief knew who was going on to what group and the Deputy Chief stated not presently.

MUTUAL AID: The Deputy Chief has received a request for Lagrange to participate in mutual aid aspects with Beekman, Dover, Millbrook and Unionvale. The request from Dover is for Lagrange to be their initial F.A.S.T. team. Years ago Commissioner Ward had put out to the County for Lagrange to be a F.A.S.T. team. If they continue to move forward with this the Deputy Chief is looking to see what Dover can offer back in a reciprocal type of agreement. If they are not listed as Dover's additional F.A.S.T. team they could be called out as a secondary team. The Deputy Chief is still trying to get information on this. Dover's response to structure fires is approximately 6 per year so this is not an extremely high-volume request. Millbrook has also asked the same thing for confirmed structure fires. The Deputy Chief needs to see if they are setting up a 10-75 aspect. Chairman Komorsky asked if the Deputy Chief believed that they would be called that simultaneously on the initial dispatch. Deputy Chief Champion said yes. Commissioner Ward stated that depending on the time of day this could put the members to work. His concern is that as the volunteer services start to wane the probability that Lagrange will be involved in additional calls increases. He thinks some of these companies may need to pick up a 207A because the only thing being covered right now is the vehicles. It may be something that could be incorporated into the mutual aid plan in the future. Chairman Komorsky's concern is how they act as a F.A.S.T. team for an area that is so far away. Commissioner Ward stated that is a concern with the team's ability to be effective with that sort of a response time. The other concern is that those companies are not getting people out at all and if Lagrange staff gets injured it costs a lot more than just the volunteer workers compensation. Putting F.A.S.T. teams to work is not unusual. There also becomes an overtime issue as well. Commissioner Ward stated if they continue to get requests from these other districts it means that they will be out of district much more frequently. Commissioner Pignataro asked if there could be any payments of some sort. Commissioner Ward stated his concern is basically injuries and overtime with the 207A being a primary concern. Deputy Chief Champion stated if they don't enter into this agreement there is a good chance they would be dispatched out as a resource anyway. Commissioner Ward stated he does understand that but he does want all these variables considered. He asked the attorney if there was any way to create an MOU's with entities that want to use Lagrange as a F.A.S.T. team for certain expenses that if they were to be incurred they would be reimbursed. Attorney Petriccione will need to think about this and address it in executive session. Commissioner Sassi asked if Lagrange was still in Arlington's dispatch for the ambulance. Deputy Chief Champion stated he has sent multiple e-mails to County and has not gotten a response yet. Commissioner

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Ward stated they have a letter from Arlington when they originally did away with their EMS services that states that Lagrange would not be called except for in unusual circumstances. It does not appear to be being complied with. Deputy Chief Champion stated last night Arlington did have a Board of Fire Commissioners meeting and they did enter into agreement for a short-term contract with Empress starting March 1 to December 31, 2024. It is for two ALS ambulances 24/7. They are looking for a permanent solution by the New Year. For the first 30 days these two ambulances are going to be restricted to Arlington Fire District only. After that they could potentially be used outside of the district as reciprocity. Commissioner Ward stated that sending a private ambulance who's going to send a bill is not reciprocity. Deputy Chief Champion stated he does not believe that they would be able to send Lagrange the bill. Commissioner Sassi stated that as a private agency in New York State they can bill the residents.

**OUT OF COUNTY TRAINING REQUESTS** – Deputy Chief Champion stated he was requested to express gratitude to the Board from the members who attended the expo in Long Island. They brought back some good ideas and contacts for the apparatus development. Deputy Chief Champion is requesting four members be allowed to attend Swiftwater Training. It is four eight-hour days for Jacob Rand, Seth Pearson, Louis Tambini, and one open spot. Only one of those individuals would need shift coverage. The class is in March and Seth and Louis will not be counted towards the minimum manning. This training is in Oriskany, NY. The over cost for Pearson and Tambini is \$41.12 per hour. Rand is at a rate of \$48.17 per hour. His regular hours will be spread over the four days of the class so there would be 24 hours of overtime combined.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve four firefighters to attend Swiftwater Training in Oriskany, NY in March, 2024. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Deputy Chief Champion said at the last meeting he requested personnel be allowed to attend FDIC this year. There is a great interest in going, but schedules did not line up with the conference. He is looking to have the ability to request three rooms be booked for next year's conference. In lieu of individuals going to FDIC this year, the request has been made for Harrisburg PA Fire Expo May 17- 18 from 10 AM to 5 PM. It would take four hours of driving time and an eight hour day. Tickets are \$10 per day. Tickets for four people for today's would be \$80. Hotel for one night is \$239 and he is requesting two rooms at the cost of \$611. Chairman Komorsky asked who wanted to go. Deputy Chief Champion did not have the names, but it is a couple of members from the apparatus committee. It is probably two lieutenants and two firefighters. He does not have the overtime associated at this time.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to approve two firefighters and two lieutenants to attend Harrisburg PA fire Expo from May 17 to May 18 at a cost of \$10 per day per person for tickets and hotels at \$611. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to approve the Chief to book three rooms for the 2025 FDIC in advance. Ward – Aye, Taft – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

IN COUNTY TRAINING REQUESTS – Deputy Chief Champion stated Seth Pearson will be attending some classes regarding cancer of the firefighter. This also doubles as a CME opportunity for him. Deputy Chief Champion has not had any additional people put in for the Train the Trainer Asher training session that the County is hosting.

EMS - Deputy Chief Champion stated there are four individuals set to recertify their EMT certifications in June. He, Lieutenant Merritt, and Brendan met with the individuals so they know where they stand and they have finalized their classes. They will be set to meet with the medical director and get signatures on the CME paperwork as soon as they finalize a few more things. Commissioner Sassi stated as a new EMS volunteer he has turned in many CME's that he had and they were entered very quickly. He is very appreciative of how timely everything was done. Deputy Chief Champion stated at the last meeting he mentioned that their medical director was looking to step back. They're looking to onboard a new medical director. He has not had time for researching material to make recommendations yet. He will be setting up a meeting with the current medical director to get more information from her and he hopes to have more information for the next meeting. He does not have any communication from the hospital yet. With assistance from Scott Merritt they had ordered a new Lifepack 15 that is in service. They are still waiting for approval from New York State EMS for another set of ALS gear. Scott has been working on that as well. Chairman Komorsky thanked him for stepping up the way that he has. Deputy Chief Champion stated Scott has also been updating the District CME Program Policies and Procedures. They have received initial approval from New York State EMS and now just have to get signatures from the medical director to forward to the state as well. Commissioner Sassi asked if compensation for the medical director would just be from Lagrange or if it would be joined with surrounding agencies. Deputy Chief Champion stated it would just be Lagrange. The medical director does service other agencies.

In conjunction with Arlington there is an ACLS emergency provider refresher class on March 4 and an ACLS PALS on March 11. There are some associated fees. It will probably be \$500-\$600 each. They have traditionally gone to Arlington to get these classes. There is online training in many skills portion in person. Some people may prefer more hands-on training and going to Arlington so they do not want to restrict people to online with limited hands-on only. They would still like to provide the networking aspect with other providers as well.

Arlington is also doing a BLS and EMT classes in the spring and fall. The cost for this would be free for members to attend but they would be splitting the cost of the instructors. For BLS the buy in would be \$1127.92 and the A-EMT would be \$1713.20. They can send as many students as they want. This is for the core classes.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Sassi and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve participation with Arlington for the BLS and ALS training at the buy in cost for the instructors of \$1127.92 and \$1713.20 respectively. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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UPDATES: Deputy Chief Champion stated he is still waiting an update from the safety committee and for additional quotes for the door security aspect and the punch codes. Chairman Komorsky asked if there was reason why there was no safety committee update yet. Deputy Chief Champion stated one is just finalizing the report. He has not uploaded the reports that were given to him to document for access to the Board. Chairman Komorsky asked when he anticipated having it done and Deputy Chief Champion stated hopefully by the end of next week.

Commissioner Sassi asked if at some point they can look at programs for the volunteers to be able to do the points through PS. There is some controversy over when the written sheets get turned in and the tracking in a timely fashion. Some places have the same keys that they swipe him to get into the building on kiosks to track meeting nights and call points. He explained what he has seen at other areas. It would cut down on a lot of the handwritten reports. He can find some information to supply to Jeff to review.

Deputy Chief Champion stated he is coordinating with Rob Rolison on a Life Saving Ceremony between LaGrange, Arlington, and the City of Poughkeepsie for the Overlook rescue. No date has been decided on yet. He will let the Board know when he gets more information.

Executive Session – Deputy Chief Champion has five issues for executive session. One is contractual, 1 is Civil Service, 2 are personnel, and 1 is sensitive technology.

- **Department** – Chairman Komorsky stated there was nothing. Bob McCord says hello to everyone.
- **Union** – Union President Kyle Rancourt said there was nothing to report.

**ABSTRACT:** \$336,870.30

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the Month of February as per the abstract for \$336,870.30. Pignataro – Aye, Ward– Aye, Sassi– Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

At 7:55 PM, Chairman Komorsky opened the meeting to public comments. There was no one.

At 7:55 PM, Chairman Komorsky closed the public comment section of the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:56 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Sassi, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss one contractual, two personnel, one sensitive technology discuss, and one Tahoe discussion from the Deputy Chief, one bank security issue, one 207A issue and one personnel issue from Treasurer Pozniak, and one sensitive mutual aid discussion with the Board of Fire Commissioners, five contractual/legal items from Commissioner

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Ward, three personnel and one legal from Commissioner Sassi, and one legal from Commissioner Taft. Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion carried.**

### **OPEN SESSION:**

At 10:12 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

Upon a MOTION made by Chairman Komorsky and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to appoint Anthony Champion as Chief of the LaGrange Fire District effective immediately. Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Sassi and SECONDED by Chairman Komorsky, the Board RESOLVED to appoint Fred Wern to the contingent permanent position of Fire Lieutenant effective Monday, March 4. Sassi – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Chairman Komorsky and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to accept the bid from the Emergency Vehicle Specialists, LLC (EVS) for the purchase price of \$30,584.40 each for the purchase of two vehicles for a total of \$61,068.80 for the 2023 Tahoe fly cars. This vender was closest to the spec. Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion carried.**

**PREPARE 3/12/24 MEETING AGENDA:** Secretary Le will prepare this.

Chief Champion stated there will be a special meeting on March 14 for the swearing in of the newly appointed/promoted officers.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 10:17 PM, upon a Motion made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Sassi – Aye, Taft – 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 3/12/24*

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VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	2/28/2024
ADAMS ✓	\$ ✓ 156.77	13080	Flower arrangement for passing of life member
ADAMS ✓	\$ ✓ 10.00	13105	Sharpen Chain Saw
AMAZON ✓	\$ ✓ 507.46	13051	Misc fire equipment
AMAZON ✓	\$ ✓ 183.51	13038	Misc household items
AMAZON ✓	\$ ✓ 399.24	13017	Streamlight flashlights
AMAZON ✓	\$ ✓ 401.54	13054	Misc household items
AMAZON ✓	\$ ✓ 202.52	13071	Back-UPS desktop equipment
AMAZON ✓	\$ ✓ 898.58	13053	Bumper for 47-97 & household items
AMERITAS ✓	\$ ✓ 636.64	13128	Dental Insurance policy premium
BARRY WARD ✓	\$ ✓ 1,978.80	13096	Reimbursement of Medicare part B
BOTTINI FUEL ✓	\$ ✓ 151.27	13058	Propane Station 1
BOTTINI FUEL ✓	\$ ✓ 1,517.00	13070	Fuel Station 2
BOTTINI FUEL ✓	\$ ✓ 1,706.24	13118	Fuel Station 2
BOUND TREE ✓	\$ ✓ 860.01	5426	EMS equipment
CARD MEMBER SERVICE (TOMPKINS) ✓	\$ ✓ 1,360.78	13075	Credit Card purchases
CAREER FIRE CHIEFS OF NYSE ✓	\$ ✓ 100.00	13107	Membership dues for 2024
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ ✓ 30.76	13056	Station 3 area light
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ ✓ 1,001.30	13061	Station 1 electric
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ ✓ 2,717.74	13101	Station 2 electric
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ ✓ 41.14	13126	Station 2 electric
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ ✓ 857.30	13130	
CRYO WELD CORP ✓	\$ ✓ 222.64	13067	Rental CO220 July - November 2023
CRYO WELD CORP ✓	\$ ✓ 101.57	13068	Compressed Oxygen
DIESEL LAPTOPS ✓	\$ ✓ 3,499.00	13029	Table scan tool for vehicles (approved by BoFC 1/9/24)
DUTCHESS TIRE ✓ ✓ 1,879.92	\$ ✓ 1,879.82	13113	Goodyear tires
EDWARD MURRAY ✓	\$ ✓ 1,978.80	13095	Reimbursement of Medicare part B
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS NYS CIVIL SVC ✓	\$ ✓ 129,303.97	13082	NYSHIP insurance premium
FLEET PRIDE ✓	\$ ✓ 85.86	5486	Repairs/parts for 47-72
FLEET PRIDE ✓	\$ ✓ 497.39	5485	Parts for mechanic
FLEET PRIDE ✓	\$ ✓ 123.88	5488	Work lamp for mechanic
FLEET PRIDE ✓	\$ ✓ 100.42	5487	Repairs/Parts for 47-71 & 47-74
FLEET PRIDE ✓	\$ ✓ 396.09	13081	Parts for 47-31 & 47-32
FREIHOFFER ICE & SPRINGWATER ✓	\$ ✓ 153.00	2023-BL	Water delivery
FRONTIER ✓	\$ ✓ 154.50	13076	Station 1 phone service
GSB ✓ ✓ Check cut already	\$ ✓ 18,226.80	13064	Volunteer life ins prem approved by BoFC 2/6/24
HG PAGE ✓	\$ ✓ 102.95	5499	Supplies for mechanic/Bays
ISLAND TECH SVCS ✓	\$ ✓ 1,763.96	12910	Lights for 47-85 & 47-89
JACKSON LEWIS ✓	\$ ✓ 11,917.00	13091	Legal Professional Service fees
JOHN GIAIMO ✓	\$ ✓ 600.00	13057	Station 2 electrical work
JOHN GIAIMO ✓	\$ ✓ 298.00	13089	Station 2 electrical work
JULIE BEYER ✓	\$ ✓ 180.00		1/23/24 Meeting minutes
K & J DEVENS, INC ✓	\$ ✓ 3,263.00	13066	Station 2 Labor & materials for shelving proposal
KOSCOHERITAGE ✓	\$ ✓ 2,005.41	13085	Fuel delivery Station 3
KOSCOHERITAGE ✓	\$ ✓ 1,289.20	13097	Fuel delivery Station 1
KOSCOHERITAGE ✓	\$ ✓ 326.00	13120	Fuel delivery station 1
MASSMUTUAL ✓ ✓ Check cut already	\$ ✓ 1,504.50	13125	Whole Life premium due
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓ 111.90	2024AC	Medical Supplies
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓ 674.85	2024AC	Medical Supplies
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓ 671.43	2024AC	Medical Supplies
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓ 79.78	5481	Medical Supplies
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓ 1,666.80	12874	Medical Supplies
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓ 96.44	5490	Medical Supplies
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓ 679.25	5491	Medical Supplies
MES ✓	\$ ✓ 1,196.05	5466	QRAE3 pump version
MES ✓	\$ ✓ 104.66	12999	Tactical S/S Polo



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MES	\$ ✓ 239.91	12998	Carhartt Sweatshirt/Job shirt
MES	\$ ✓ 304.90	12997	Co Shirt long sleeve/Tactical S/S Polo
MES	\$ ✓ 300.00	13036	Poromeric Academy Oxford boots for funeral
MES	\$ ✓ 147.08	12676	Carhartt Sweatshirt/Co Pant 2.0
MES	\$ ✓ 259.32	12802	Carhartt Sweatshirt/Co Short Sleeve shirt/Tactical S/S Polo
MES	\$ ✓ 461.82	12994	Uniform clothes for career staff
MES	\$ ✓ 326.16	12980	Uniform clothes for career staff
MES	\$ ✓ 240.08	12981	Uniform clothes for career staff
MES	\$ ✓ 122.50	5425	Switch Cover assembly
MES	\$ ✓ 295.25	5465	Equipment
MES	\$ ✓ 368.98	5428	PPE lights
MES	\$ ✓ 250.00	5469	Meter Calibration gas
MES	\$ ✓ 1,069.59	13015	QRAE3 monitors
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ ✓ 360.86	13100	Station 1 Cable & Internet Service
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ ✓ 116.06	13098	Station 2 Cable & Internet Service
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ ✓ 204.70	13099	Station 3 Cable & Internet Service
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ ✓ 195.67	13123	Station 2 Cable & Internet Service
PROCLAIM ✓	\$ ✓ 1,776.63	13119	Medicaid claims-ambulance services Jan 2024
REDEMPTION MECHANICAL ✓	\$ ✓ 20,865.00	13040	HVAC Service Agreement 1/9/24-1/8/25
REDEMPTION MECHANICAL ✓	\$ ✓ 1,400.00	13077	Misc work Station 2
RINGSQUARED ✓	\$ ✓ 434.50	13103	Stations 2&3 local & long distance phone service
ROYAL CARTING ✓	\$ ✓ 469.48	13079	Commercial waste service Jan 2024
RUGE'S CHEVROLET ✓	\$ ✓ 1,859.49	5402	Repairs 47-85 & 47-89
SALEMSYS ✓	\$ ✓ 1,710.00	13072	Intel NUC computers & install
SHAWN MURRAY ✓	\$ ✓ 3,957.60	13065	Reimbursement of Medicare part B
SHELTERPOINT ✓	\$ ✓ 137.37	13034	Employee Vision Ins Premium Feb 2024
SHELTERPOINT ✓	\$ ✓ 137.37	13104	Employee Vision Ins Premium March 2024
SNOW FOUNTAIN SUPPLIES ✓	\$ ✓ 175.00	13032	Magic Salt
STRYKER SALES ✓	\$ ✓ 868.85	5451	Medical Equipment
STRYKER SALES ✓	\$ ✓ 39,633.22	12369	LIFEPAK & accessories
STRYKER SALES ✓	\$ ✓ 417.88	5489	X-Restraint package for stretcher
STRYKER SALES ✓	\$ ✓ 726.97	12370	Battery for Lucas chest compression system
TOWN OF LAGRANGE-WATER ✓	\$ ✓ 57.68	13127	Water bill
UNION VALE FIRE DISTRICT ✓	\$ ✓ 47,500.00	13132	2013 GMC Ambulance
VERIZON ✗	\$ ✓ 82.20	13062	Station 3 FIOS internet
VERIZON ✗	\$ ✓ 149.00	13121	FIOS internet service 2/15-3/14
VERIZON ✗	\$ ✓ 82.22	13121	Station 3 FIOS internet
VERIZON WIRELESS ✓	\$ ✓ 994.06	13102	Apparatus & smartphone cell phone service
VERISON WIRELESS ✓	\$ ✓ 35.00	13122	Lifepak modem lines 1/11-2/10
VESO ✓	\$ ✓ 276.58	13088	Volunteer Life Ins Prem for March 2024
WEX GAS CARD ✓	\$ ✓ 887.80	13083	Gas card charges
<b>TOTAL SUBMITTED</b>	<b>\$ 336,870.30</b>		<b>Commissioner Signatures:</b>
<b>changes listed:</b>			<b>Date</b>
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