



LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Special Meeting – Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky Commissioner Barry Ward
 Commissioner Robert Taft Commissioner Anthony Pignataro (*via Teams*)
 Commissioner Vincent Tierney Deputy Chief Scott Merritt
 Treasurer Mark Pozniak

At 6:00 pm Commissioner Vincent Tierney called the Board of Fire Commissioners' Special Meeting to order for Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025. He said he called the workshop meeting to take a deeper dive into the financial items.

FINANCIAL DISCUSSION:

Treasurer Mark Pozniak reviewed the budget and said it represents the existing budget that the Board of Fire Commissioners has adopted for 2025. He noted that the budget can be amended by the Board through a resolution if needed. Pozniak said that the budget estimates the expected revenues and sets limits on spending by line item. Discussion followed on the different revenue sources, including the tax levy, interest earnings, the PILOT (Payments in Lieu of Taxes) and EMS cost recovery, and as well as how fund balance factors into the budget. Next Pozniak went over broad expense categories and said that those are typically most concerning to the public – wage expenses, capital investments, debt, fringe benefits, and contractual expenses. Discussion followed on potential flexibility in the Contractual & Other Expenses versus the set expenses of Personnel (wage expenses) and Benefits (fringe benefits). The Board went on to discuss the District's overall financial position and future planning.

Treasurer Pozniak listed his core duties and then reviewed his standard hours versus the time needed to catch up on his work then maintain his duties. Discussion followed about what Pozniak needs to do to get caught up and the anticipated time frame.

Commissioner Ward reviewed his budget tracking and forecasting spreadsheets and detailed the calculations that go into determining the number of staff members that need to be hired. Lengthy discussion followed on the replacement schedules for the equipment, apparatus, and the buildings then further discussion followed regarding staffing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:59 pm, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Komorsky and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss one contractual issue. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

OPEN SESSION & ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:28 pm the Board resumed Open Session.

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Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Komorsky and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tiernay, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

Approved by the Board of Commissioners on 1/28/25

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