



LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Special Meeting – Tuesday, March 18th, 2025

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky Commissioner Barry Ward
 Commissioner Vincent Tierney Commissioner Anthony Pignataro
 Commissioner Robert Taft Deputy Chief Bryan Zittel
 Treasurer Mark Pozniak Secretary Bria Le

At 7:16 PM, Commissioner Marc Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners' Special Meeting to order for Tuesday, March 18th, 2025, then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and said the purpose of the meeting is for a budget review.

BUDGET REVIEW:

Treasurer Mark Pozniak said that this wasn't necessarily a full budget review but he wanted to go over the items that are imminent for the Board's decision making for the Station 1 renovations. He said they had a scope, bid out the scope, and that work is about to start, but some new items have been identified. He said there is value in trying to do additional work at the same time to save on costs and staff disruption but the Board needs to determine if there is money for it. He said that the day prior they came up with a list of items to be considered at Station 1. He said it is up to the Board to choose if that work is the priority for the funds and if they want to do the new Station 1 work now or to do it later. Commissioner Ward said he wanted to go through the equipment and IT piece first then work up to the building reserve because, even though there is excess monies, there are other areas where there are deficiencies that need to be addressed. He reviewed the reserve planning spreadsheet and the anticipated expenses reflected in that spreadsheet. Discussion followed about the timing for proposed work. Commissioner Tierney said he has a price for the vendor to come out and scope the pipes and requested authorization.

 Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by
 Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve the money necessary, up to
 \$3000.00 for M&O to scope the septic at Station 2. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney
 – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Tierney asked if he should get bid documents ready for the additional Station 1 work. Commissioner Ward agreed that he should start putting the spec together and see what it looks like. Discussion followed on when to move funds from the reserve account and the Station 2 septic issues. Commissioner Tierney said there are bricks that came off during the power washing so he is going to get a mason to provide a cost. Discussion followed regarding the issues with the bricks and the potential work that needs to be done. Commissioner Tierney said he would also get the bid documents for the garage doors. Commissioner Ward said the District gets audited on the financial side all of the time and suggested that, since they have grown so much on the IT side, the Board should do some type of IT audit to protect themselves as part of their due diligence. Brief discussion followed on how to do an IT stress test. Chairman Komorsky said he has an issue that he would like to discuss and asked whether they needed the recent \$40,000 agreement with CPL. Commissioner Ward said that they would Greg Bolner from CPL come to the next meeting to answer questions. Lengthy

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discussion followed regarding the construction administration proposal for the Station 1 project and the roles of the general contractor on the project versus construction administration from the engineering firm.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:46 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tiernay - Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 4/8/25

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