



# LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

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## MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting – March 25, 2025

ATTENDEES: Chairman Mark Komorsky  
Commissioner Robert Taft  
Chief Anthony Champion  
Secretary Bria Le  
Jeff Lenkowski  
Commissioner Barry Ward  
Commissioner Vincent Tierney  
Commissioner Pignataro  
Treasurer Mark Pozniak (Via Teams)  
Attorney Michael Heckle (via Teams at 7:11)

At 6:02 pm, Chairman Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday, March 25, 2025, and led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **MINUTES:** - 3/5/25 Special Meeting and 3/11/25 Regular Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 3/5/25 Special Meeting Minutes. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 3/11/25 Regular Meeting Minutes. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- There was a check from the Arlington LaGrange Lacrosse Club for a CPR class for \$34.00.
- There was a check from Cardinal Health in the amount of \$10.29 for dividend from the purchasing co-op.
- There was a check from NYS DOH for reimbursement of a medic recertification for \$500.00.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to deposit all three checks from Arlington LaGrange Lacrosse Club, Cardinal Health, and NYS DOH all into the General Fund in the amount of \$544.29. Ward – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Chairman Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **ROOM USE REQUESTS:**

- There were none at this time.

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

- Station 1 Building Update – Construction Administration update – Chairman Komorsky stated Greg Bolner was present. Commissioner Ward stated the pre-construction meeting was held last Friday. It was run by Jonathon and all present were himself, Commissioner Tierney, Chief Champion, a representative from CPL, and all four contractors. He gave a list of items reviewed by CPL. Mr. Bolner said there was a lot bit of work that goes into Construction Admin and reviewed quite a few of the responsibilities that fall under it. They will receive upwards of 100 submittals for the various trades that will come in. These will all get reviewed and approved or sent back to the

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contractors with comments for changes. The preconstruction meeting goes over a lot of the things the contractors are responsible for providing. CPL interfaces with the contractors for RFI requests for information. CPL will submit information bulletins to contractors if there are change orders after they make the recommendation regarding the change orders to the Board. They review all payment requests from the vendors to make sure the work done complies with the scope of work. They review the Schedule of Values as well. They also do periodical inspections. They are not on site full time. Commissioner Pignataro asked if prior to payments being made, does CPL verify the work is done prior to the payments being issued and Mr. Bolner said yes. There will also be certified building inspections prior to walls being closed as verification of work as well. Chairman Komorsky asked if they know the quality of materials being used and Mr. Bolner stated there are specification sheets for every item each contractor is providing and they will provide CPL with the cut sheet prior to things being purchased. Chairman Komorsky would like to be provided with the list of items being supplied so he knows what brands and quality they are. Secretary Le stated the specifications are part of a large file and CPL's secretary was having trouble sending it, but she got most of it. Mr. Bolner stated each contractor supplies a list of submittals of items to be supplied and CPL can supply that list to the Board. Chairman Komorsky stated he thought Meyer would be checking to make sure that every item sent to the site matches the specs. Mr. Bolner stated that due to the State requiring the contracts for each phase be separate, the GC in this instance is different than what the Chairman Komorsky is thinking of. The General Contractor for this project is separate from the other contracts, so he has no responsibility for those trades. He has to manage the overall schedule of the project, but not the individual trades. Their specs are very specific in regard to who is responsible for what work. Chairman Komorsky asked who CPL would be meeting with on the bi-monthly meetings that are in the contract. Mr. Bolner stated they would meet with each of the contractors and reviewing the schedule of what will happen during the next two weeks. There are also a few periodic inspections that will be done. There will be minutes provided for the bi-weekly meetings. Chairman Komorsky asked what happens if a contractor falls behind. CPL stated they would address that during the bi-weekly meetings. If one vendor is holding up another one, they will be informed. It will be addressed at the next meeting or sooner if necessary. They will not know if contractors are being held up unless the other contractors let CPL or the Board know. Mr. Bolner stated he does not feel this project requires a full time construction manager on site each day. The cost is usually 10% of the total project. CPL does not normally provide that, but if the Board felt it was necessary, they could provide an enhanced construction administrator. That would be having someone there every day for a few hours. Chairman Komorsky asked how they know when to request a meeting. Mr. Bolner stated that is worded incorrectly and CPL will let them know if a meeting is required. Chairman Komorsky asked who prepares and maintains the punch-list of items to be supplied or completed by the vendors. Mr. Bolner stated CPL is. He reviewed the process for receiving PO's, certified payroll, invoices, etc. Mr. Bolner stated the District is not liable if the contractors are hiring people illegally or not paying certified payroll. He explained their terminology for the "Means and methods" section of the contract. He explained that the contractor was responsible for hiring the third party inspector for the electrical inspection. Chairman Komorsky asked how the Board would find out if something did not pass inspection. Mr. Bolner stated it will check into that process. It is something that will be discussed in the bimonthly meetings. The GC is the one typically handling the schedule because he is the one who will get held up by anyone else not doing what needs to be done on time. Chairman Komorsky asked if CPL would be approving the change orders. Commissioner Ward stated the Board would be approving change orders. Mr. Bolner stated they will be getting communications daily. There is an allowance

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in the contract for minor issues as they arise. Chairman Komorsky asked where materials will be stored as they are delivered. Commissioner Ward stated most materials can go into the empty trailer they have on site. It is the contractor's responsibility to secure their areas. Mr. Bolner stated members from the district cannot access that area once work starts for safety reasons. Commissioner Pignataro asked about copies of the plans. Mr. Bolner stated there would be hard and electronic plans. Every submittal is electronic. They can provide electronic files at the end of the job. They are the property of the district. Chairman Komorsky asked who manages the warranties. Mr. Bolner stated it would be part of the close out for the project and for the first year the District can contact CPL with issues. Commissioner Ward stated he and Commissioner Tierney have discussed additional work that is outside the scope of this project. The immediate area they discussed was the asbestos abatement. They have two options. They can deal with a vendor and air sample letter directly on this, which Commissioner Tierney has already done. The second option is that they could also do this via change control through CPL, which would go to the GC who would work out prices and it would be managed within the scope. The advantage of going through change control is that it is a more easily handled process. They don't have to worry about bids. Commissioner Tierney stated if they addressed the asbestos abatement now it would save some money since things are already going to be here. Treasurer Pozniak explained the quote and bid limits. Commissioner Ward stated it is much easier to manage if they do it as a change control. He also stated that they are going to start the rest of the abatement on 3/31 and they will have no way to get it out and back by that time. They do understand they will have to replace the floor with something else once it gets pulled up. Mr. Bolner stated he did believe doing it through change control was the better option, otherwise it could create a delay with contractors and cause additional issues down the line. Commissioner Ward asked if it should be done through a motion. Treasurer Pozniak said that it should be. Commissioner Ward said it has go back through CPL, to go to Meyer, to get a price.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to follow this (for asbestos abatement) via change control. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Ward stated the air monitoring is done by a separate party so that will have to be handled separately. He said the GC can't do it because by law it has to be a separate entity.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to create a change control for the air monitoring. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Bolner stated that CPL would request that the contractor prepare a change order for the scope of work then CPL would review it and bring it back to the District. He said it shouldn't take a lot of time. Mr. Bolner requested for Commissioner Tierney to send him whatever contractor sent him. Mr. Bolner asked if the asbestos abatement contractor gave him a price for putting a new floor down. Commissioner Tierney said it would be separate. Commissioner Pignataro questioned why they were not doing the floor replacements at the same time. Everything has to be taken out of the kitchen area so why would they move those heavy objects more than one time. Commissioner Taft suggested they just continue through with the flooring that they are putting down in the other area.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to create a change order for continuing the

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floor replacement to the areas that are affected by the asbestos abatement. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion carried.**

- Station 1 Trailer – Commissioner Tierney stated the trailer is in place and everyone is relocated. They are asking for more gravel out by the hitch. Captain Rancourt stated that the gravel is only 10 feet off of the apron. They are parking off of the gravel to avoid being in the way of the engines pulling in and out. Chief Champion stated after the preconstruction meeting it was determined that since there will be multiple contractors in and out of the site and needing access to their own construction dumpster it was requested that gravel be brought in. They know parking is going to be tight so if there is an issue with the trucks turning, he is requesting more gravel being brought in. Chairman Komorsky asked if the gravel should be put in the back and Chief Champion stated that there are underground facilities that they do not want to compromise back there. They can reclaim the gravel at the end of the project. Commissioner Tierney stated all the grass underneath the trailer will be dead at the end of the project so they will have to reclaim and reseed that entire area anyway. Commissioner Tierney stated they have gone through 300 gallons of water in 5 days out there already so they may have to hook up a third tank.
- Station 3 Storage Room – Commissioner Ward stated this is on hold for now with the other projects going on.
- Station 2 Brick Pointing – Commissioner Ward stated Commissioner Tierney has talked with a vendor. Commissioner Tierney stated he has provided an estimate in the Board packet from D&G Masonry. He did have three or four different vendors come out and look at it. The one he presented is the one he felt is the best option. After they power washed the building, he did notice chunks of brick flying apart. The outside sill around the windows is cracked and water is coming in. Commissioner Pignataro asked if this had to go out for bid. Commissioner Ward said not bid, but possibly for additional quotes. Commissioner Pignataro asked if anyone has checked to make sure there were no structural issues that have to be addressed. Commissioner Tierney stated they need to take down approximately 200 bricks to see what is behind it. If there is steel behind it, it is just settled. If it is a concrete behind there, the contractor will have to stop and determine the damage and how they're going to move forward. They will not know the structural issues until they start getting into it. Commissioner Ward stated there are no cracks on the inside and it is the same wall.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to accept the estimate from D & G Masonry and Chimney Repairs for \$6800 for the brick pointing work at Station 2. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Tierney stated there was also an estimate for \$20,490. After they washed all the mold and dirt off they found that the paint and stucco was faded and the doors are starting to rust. This is an estimate to paint everything on the outside of Station 2. He had four different vendors come out to look at it. One came back with a price and the other three vendors did not submit a price quote. Commissioner Pignataro asked if the Chief had just had doors put on within the last year. Commissioner Ward stated they have been doing for several years. Commissioner Tierney stated some of the doors are starting to rust on the bottom and he is just trying to get ahead of the rust. Commissioner Ward stated he believes doors were put in but nobody ever painted them. Chief

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Champion stated the newest door is the one at Station 1. Treasurer Pozniak stated they need to document the attempts that Commissioner Tierney made with the other vendors. That information should be kept with the rest of the supporting documentation. Commissioner Pignataro asked if there were any budgetary concerns with moving forward with this. Commissioner Ward stated they have already planned for all of this.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to accept the estimate from Lisanti Painting LLC in the amount of \$20,190 for the painting at Station 2. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Overhead Doors Work – Commissioner Tierney stated he included the request for quote in the Board file for the night. He does have to add a non-collusion paragraph. This was copied from a neighboring firehouse but he also spoke with other people about the specs and received a few different spec sheets to put on file. Chairman Komorsky stated they usually let Attorney Hekle review these things. Commissioner Tierney will get that forwarded to the attorney. He asked how long of a waiting period for the return of bids does the Board want to have. Attorney Hekle stated there is a 10 day minimum required for bids. Chairman Komorsky stated he would also like to get bids on redoing the two bathrooms at Station 2. Commissioner Tierney stated he is working on that. Secretary Le asked if the Board would like to join some sort of a bidding network so these projects get out to more vendors. Treasurer Pozniak stated he always feels the more the better. Commissioner Ward stated that Mr. Bolner may be able to supply information for that. Secretary Le stated the County uses the Empire Purchasing Group. Attorney Hekle stated they can use more than one group. Treasurer Pozniak stated the wider the net, the more vendors the District will be unfamiliar with. They may want to be specific on some aspects, like how far away the vendor could be.

Commissioner Tierney stated that they have signed a contract with M & O Sanitation for clearing the pipes. They will have to dig up a small section of the parking lot and will need to coordinate that with the Chief to make sure there is still access to the fuel pumps

- Staffing Community Events – Chief Champion introduced Tyler Edgar as the new Community Relations Officer. That is effected Monday of this week. He will be introduced to the various external entities that they deal with. On May 7, Firefighter Edgar and one other individual will be attending career day at the middle school. Chairman Komorsky asked that he get introduced to Sandy Washburn as well. Chief Champion stated they will go to the schools and he also got some introductions from the outgoing Community Relations Officer. The training trailer will be arriving this week and placed up on the training grounds. The Board wished Firefighter Edgar good luck.
- Operational Software Overview – Chief Champion said they are moving forward with First Due. He does believe they have all of the information they need except for the Legacy data. They did have a conversation on that today to make sure they do not miss anything. The next meeting with First Due is tomorrow for the scheduling aspect. Commissioner Pignataro asked if there were any concerns with how things are going and Chief Champion stated it is a “wealth of fun” that he looks forward to including additional people in.

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- Policy updates – Chief Champion stated they are moving forward. He and Commissioner Ward were reviewing some of these today. The next meeting is on Thursday. He does know that the Chairman has expressed interest in participating in these meetings so they will send him all of the information to get him up to speed and get linked in on the webinars. There will be some policies that will be sent to Attorney Hekle for his approval and then they will continue to process. Commissioner Tierney stated he has the camera policy that he is working on. He has had some discussions with the attorney. He will need to schedule a meeting to get this finished.
- Grant update – Chief Champion stated he did get a reply back from the County regarding the MIG Grant for the ballistic wear. They should be reimbursing the District for the agreed-upon amount soon. There was an updated plan to get that equipment out to the staff and reclaim the ballistic wear that is in circulation now. In regard to the SAFER Grant, the Chief reached out to his contact and they are still on a review status regarding his request for extension. In regard to the County Grant for the two additional AEDs, the Chief has reached out to DB Graphics to get the two fly cars down to get mocked up with the lettering that the County has come up with. They are looking to do that in the end of April or beginning of May. Chairman Komorsky stated he had a few discussions with Deputy Chief Zittel regarding some other grants that are coming up. He will continue to work with the Deputy Chief to bring these to the Board when they get to that point. Chief Champion stated they are looking at the AFG's and submitting something for SCBAs. Commissioner Pignataro asked who administers the SCBA grants. Chief Champion stated in the past they have talked about submitting to AFG for a federal grant. They won't replace things that are still in service. They only replace when out of service and in need.
- Diesel Tank Accessories - Chief Champion said this is a work in progress. There is no projected date for the bollards at this time.
- Insurance Renewal – Secretary Le stated she heard back from the insurance agent about increasing the deductibles. If they want to increase the property deductible from \$5000 to \$10,000 and the equipment including vehicles from \$1000 to \$2500, they would get a return of premium of \$2138. Chairman Komorsky stated he did not believe that that was worth it for the increase in the deductibles. Secretary Le stated that insurance will quote a policy with higher deductibles unless the District writes a letter to Utica explaining why they want higher deductibles. Chairman Komorsky stated they did not want to do that. Commissioner Pignataro thought they were looking at a much higher deductible for getting the discount. Secretary Le stated the next increment for a property deductible goes up to \$25,000, then \$50,000, \$75,000, or \$100,000. Commissioner Pignataro asked what percentage of the premium is the \$1200 now. Commissioner Ward stated it is only 2%. Chairman Komorsky stated he recommends they leave everything as it is and asked if anyone did not agree with that. No one did so it will stay as it is.
- Building Repairs/Repair Requests – Chairman Komorsky asked if anybody had anything that they had not already spoken about.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Commissioner Tierney stated it is the house committee's responsibility to pick the paint for Station 2.

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

- **Treasurer Pozniak** - Treasurer Pozniak asked if the Board received the bank reconciliations that he had left. Secretary Le stated she would get them to the Board. Treasurer Pozniak stated there are just some reconciliations to be reviewed and signed off on.
- **Chief Anthony Champion**
  - o Updates - Chief Champion stated they had two recruits in Westchester. He does have one personnel issue for Executive Session. He also has a 207A item for executive session as well. The Chief was informed that one of the recruits in Westchester has been made the class president so that is very promising. It is a class of 40 students in total and they vote on it. He and Deputy Chief Zittel are planning to do a visit to the Westchester Academy within the next week. The Utica cadets have one week completed and are into their second week. Reportedly that training is going quite well. Everyone is healthy and well. In regard to the civil service request for help on the mechanic position, they have suggested the Fire Equipment Mechanic position. The Chief informed them that position does not fit their needs at this time so they are continuing to work and try to find a job title that they can move forward with.
  - o Calls - There was a structure fire on the 16th of this month. Group 2, with some additional substitutions, had an excellent stop. They had a good establishment of command and initial request for resources. Both Chief Champion and Deputy Chief Merritt were present to support the operations. All occupants were accounted for but there was the loss of some family pets. The Red Cross should have followed up with the family that night but they will have places to go. They did conduct an after action on scene. Captain Rancourt was the officer in charge initially and he transitioned that IC off to Deputy Chief Merritt and then to Chief Champion when he arrived. Chairman Komorsky asked if State Fire has determined the cause of that and Chief Champion stated that FID is working on a report. The scene was over by Titusville school. Commissioner Tierney asked if a letter of accommodation could be put into Captain Rancourt's file as he feels it was a great stop as his first as Captain. All members on the scene made a great stop.
  - o Staffing - Chief Champion stated he and the Deputy Chiefs have met with all of the newly appointed captains. They have sent out all expectations and defined job roles and responsibilities and areas in which the Chiefs would like them to manage. The next step is to meet with the new lieutenants and the captains and then move down to group meetings.
  - o Request for Motion - Chief Champion stated they do have a scheduled replacement for iPads due to the steady increase in the lack of support for the current models. This is a planned and budgeted item. The cost to replace the iPads that they presently have is \$8794. Chairman Komorsky asked how many iPads that is for and Chief Champion stated it is for 13 of them. Commissioner Ward asked if this is on a separate line or is it with the laptops. Commissioner Ward stated the original line for tablets was for replacing 12 of them. Commissioner Ward asked if they still need the iPad mounts and Chief Champion said yes. Mr. Lenkowski stated to retrofit the existing mounts, it would probably cost \$600.00 and new ones are only \$400.00. Commissioner Ward asked Treasurer Pozniak to review the lines because he believes they are overbudget on the IT line. Mr. Lenkowski

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stated the laptops and desktops approved at the last meeting came in \$15,000 under the budget amount. They reviewed last month's minutes and totals.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to purchase 13 iPads for a cost of \$8794. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Mechanical Status Updates - Chief Champion stated they just had work done on 47-12 addressing the pump packing. It was leaking quite significantly. They also did p.m. work. Magna Grip, the vendor that came in and updated their exhaust capture system, will be here by the week's end to move a rail at Station 1 so that all the apparatus are connected to the capture system. They are also going to do some service work on some broken items while they are here. Captain DeMillo is working with various vendors to execute repairs that are needed. He did reach out to a local vendor who did some powder coating on some brackets they had fabricated because the stock brackets on the top of two newer engines broke. They are looking to replace those. They also sent a thank you note to the vendor. He does believe they are also sending a thank you letter to the fabricator of those new brackets. Chairman Komorsky stated he spoke with Captain DeMillo about a lawnmower for the firehouse. Captain DeMillo contacted Tractor Supply regarding a fabricated deck cub cadet and another mower. He is in talks with them as there is nothing in stock right now. The price is approximately \$4000 and he feels it is a good machine. Chief Champion stated there are a few firefighters who would welcome a new mower.
- Training – Chief Champion stated Deputy Chief Zittel submitted a brief report that Chief Champion will read when the time comes up. He is working with Lieutenant Hildebrandt and Captain Rancourt to finalize and onboard Firefighter/Paramedic Cummings. He is requesting to take a Fire Instructor 2 class through Bucks County College. It is at a cost of \$550. This is pro board certified. It is an online class with testing at an approved testing facility. That would be either Marist or Dutchess Community College. The cost-benefit is far better than sending him to a scheduled class that may be in the fall at Rockland or Albany where they would have to incur additional costs.

Upon a MOTION made by Chairman Komorsky and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve Firefighter/Paramedic Cummings to attend a Fire Instructor 2 class through Bucks County College at the cost of \$550. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- o In County Training – There is a Tactical Emergency Combat Care class that Deputy Chief Merritt will speak about. Right now there is one individual who is requesting attending that class. Deputy Chief Merritt stated it falls in line with the rescue task force. Chief Champion stated this is a one-day class on May 17 from 8 AM to 5 PM and Firefighter Wells would like to attend. It will just be overtime for him to attend the class with no shift coverage.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to allow Firefighter Wells to attend the Tactical Emergency Combat Care class on May 17. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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Chief Champion stated there is request for a volunteer member to attend a daytime firefighter class called BEFO/IFO. It is in July. This is for Firefighter Sassi. He has also mentioned that there is an option for the district to submit for a \$2000 New York State stipend reimbursement. The Chief is unfamiliar with this at this time but he does plan to look into it to see what is involved in it.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to allow Firefighter Sassi to attend BEFO/IFO class in July in County. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chief Champion stated a while ago the Board approved training at a structure in Union Vale. They were able to do that today. The training that was today was led by Deputy Chief Zittel and it was hose line advancement, ladder ops, and roof operations. It was a good drill getting back to basics. They have also been invited to attend a training session that Union Vale is conducting on Monday night. The Chief will put it out to the membership to see if there is any interest in that.

- Out of County Training – Chief Champion stated he has a request from Firefighter Sassi to attend the annual fire police training on April 23 and April 30. He would like to attend both although there is an option to attend just one day. He is requesting a car. It runs from 7 PM to 10 PM at the Putnam Bureau of Emergency Services in Carmel. He will mention this class to the other fire police members so they all would be able to attend this training. There is no cost for this class.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to allow Firefighter Sassi and possibly 2 to 3 others to attend the fire police training in Putnam County on April 23 and 30th with the ability to use a district vehicle. If a district vehicle is not available, they will reimburse for mileage. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chief Champion stated at a previous meeting the Board had approved for Captain Rancourt and Deputy Chief Zittel to attend a Technical Rescue Leadership Forum. They both came back and reported a great wealth of information. He will be sitting down with them to review their notes as well. They were very appreciative that they were able to attend.

Chief Champion stated he has two personnel items and one 207A item for Executive Session.

- **Deputy Chief of Fire** -in Deputy Chief Zittel's absence, Chief Champion stated that the Deputy Chief sat down with two out of the three lieutenants to onboard them and make sure their training is going well. He, Deputy Chief Merritt, and Chief Champion are looking to revitalize the Lieutenant job description and they are making sure that everyone is on board with that. The Deputy Chief is currently meeting with vendors and enlisting the help of the apparatus committee for specs on a command vehicle. He is presently in one of the school vehicles

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which is a 2016 Tahoe that was equipped with additional radios to provide a command aspect they were looking for. The Deputy Chief wanted to reiterate his appreciation for being allowed to attend the Technical Rescue Leadership Forum. He will come back at a later time to outline what he found out about the current state of rescue service across New York, the lack of federal funding, and the training grant opportunities. This information provided him an avenue to broaden his network of professional experts and leadership in and technical rescue and fire training area. There was also the ability to request state classes directly from OFPC, like the Boat Operator Class they would like to have.

- **Deputy Chief of EMS** – Deputy Chief Merritt stated earlier this month they had all of the LifePak 15's service by Stryker. They also came back and serviced all of the cots, power loads, and did all of the p.m. on the equipment. He has been working with a few officers to get them signed up for the Q85 class that was previously approved in Maryland. He has previously mentioned EMS Expo to the Board. He would like to try to send up to four people to this in October. There are world class instructors and it is a great way to get EMS classes. It is in Indianapolis October 22 through the 24. It looks like the total cost for four members would be just under \$6000 for the three days. These are world renowned instructors with great classes. Target audience is EMS providers in general. It has something for everybody. The group rate for 3 to 5 people is \$400 per person. The flights look like about \$200 per person round trip and hotels are approximately \$200 a night per person. That is without doing any shopping around. There were also be overtime coverage as well.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to allow up to four firefighters to attend EMS Expo in Indiana from October 22 through the 24th at a cost of up to \$7500. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- **Department** –Chairman Komorsky stated there was no one present.
- **Union** – President Rancourt stated they are all set for the time being. The space that staff has been moved out to is working well. It gives them space to operate for a 24 hour shift. He thanked Commissioner Tierney for all of his hard work and the whole Board for all their support. Chairman Komorsky asked that he share the accolades with his group for their house fire as well.

### **ABSTRACT:** \$115,095.93

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for end of March as per the abstract for \$115,095.93. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

At 8:10 PM, Chairman Komorsky opened the meeting to public comments.

At 8:10 PM, Chairman Komorsky closed the public comment section of the meeting.

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## LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:10 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss two personnel issues and one 207A issue from Chief Champion, one contractual issue from Commissioner Ward, and one personnel issue from Commissioner Pignataro. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Taft– Aye, Ward– Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion carried.**

### **OPEN SESSION:**

At 8:47 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

Chief Champion stated he missed one out of county training request. April 7 at the Westchester Training Facility in Valhalla there is a Severe Weather Response and Rope Rescue Refresher. Two people have submitted to attend these classes. Chief Champion would like to attend the Severe Weather Response and Firefighter Odell would like to attend both sessions. It would be an overtime cost for Firefighter Odell and a vehicle usage.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to allow Firefighter Odell and Chief Champion to attend the Severe Weather Response and Rope Rescue Refresher on April 7 at the Westchester Training Facility. Taft– Aye, Tierney– Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

**PREPARE 4/08/25 MEETING AGENDA:** Secretary Le will prepare this. The trailer will be taken off the agenda for the time being.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:48 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Pignataro – Aye, Taft– Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

Julie Beyer






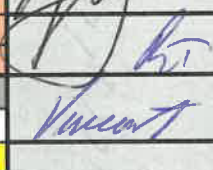
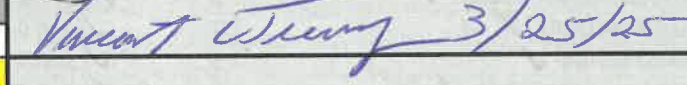
on behalf of Bria Le – District Secretary

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

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VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	3/25/2025
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP ✓	\$ 1,042.80	14131	DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE-ADMINISTRATION
BEST PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATES ✓	\$ 1,700.00	14135	PHYSICAL EVALUATION-207A
BLACK ELECTRIC INC ✓	\$ 4,688.00	14123	ELECTRICAL WORK HOUSING TRAILER STATION 1
BLUE DRAGON CONNECTIONS ✓	\$ 1,300.00	14130	STATION 1 TRAILER KEYSKAN
CASSONE LEASING ✓	\$ 20,612.00	14114	DELIVERY/INSTALL TRAILER STAT 1 & 1ST MO RENT PAYMNT
CELTIC BUILDING SUPPLIES ✓	\$ 357.99	5639	CHAIN SAW
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ 3,810.49	14111	ELECTRIC, GAS, AREA LIGHT STATION 2 & 3
CRYO WELD ✓	\$ 171.22	14059	OXM RENTAL & COMPRESSED OXYGEN REFILL
GANNETT ✓	\$ 379.36	14112	LEGAL NOTICES
H.G. PAGE & SONS ✓	\$ 243.90	14099	PLANKS FOR STATION 1 TEMP TRAILER
HAUN WELDING ✓	\$ 7.42	14043	MEDICAL CYLINDER RENTAL
HAUN WELDING ✓	\$ 107.49	14044	NITROUS OXIDE
HENDRICKSON FIRE RESCUE ✓	\$ 14,169.57	14101	REPAIRS/PARTS FOR 47-31
JACKSON LEWIS ✓	\$ 27,934.80	14128	LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR FEB 2025
JOHN GIAIMO & SON ✓	\$ 329.80	14117	ELECTRICAL WORK STATIONS 1 & 2
JULIE BEYER ✓	\$ 210.00	2025BL	PERSONNEL SERVICES
KOSCOHERITAGE ENERGY ✓	\$ 1,338.20	14113	FUEL OIL STATION 1 & 3
KYLE RANCOURT ✓	\$ 170.00	REIMB	PER DIEM FOR TECH RESCUE FORUM 3/21-3/23
MASSMUTUAL ✓	\$ 2,060.50	14126	LIFE INSURANCE-CAREER
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ 1,212.68	14056	EMS SUPPLIES
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 49.50	14032	EMBROIDER/SEW 2 L/S SHIRTS & 1 S/S SHIRT
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 249.24	14031	UNIFORMS-CAREER
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 84.00	14030	APPAREL
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 105.00	14010	UNIFORM-CAREER
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 93.69	14080	PROMOTIONAL UNIFORMS
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 248.24	14081	SCBA REPAIR
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 317.47	5628	REPAIR TO TURNOUT PANTS
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 571.07	5648	HOODS, MASK BAGS-CAREER
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 475.00	14046	HELMET-DC
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 86.08	13805	UNIFORM-CAREER
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 290.00	13842	UNIFORMS-CAREER
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 278.07	14051	UNIFORMS-CAREER
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 229.36	14106	PPE FOR NEW HIRE
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 180.50	14039	UNIFORM-CAREER
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 1,018.65	14061	HEM PATCH MP TAILS
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 262.66	14063	PARTIAL ORDER CAREER UNIFORM
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 644.46	13956	APPAREL FOR COMMISSIONERS
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 46.02	14049	APPAREL FOR CHIEF
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 201.90	14121	HELMET SHIELDS-LT
MES SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	\$ 110.50	14125	APPAREL-CHIEF
NYCOMCO ✓	\$ 4,785.00	14006	PAGERS
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 116.84	14104	CABLE SERVICE STATION 2
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 195.72	14127	INTERNET SERVICE STATION 2
PROCLAIM ✓	\$ 7,515.90	14120	TRANSPORT CLAIMS/MEDICARE CLAIMS
RICHARD RYAN EXCAVATION ✓	\$ 1,000.00	14103	STATION 1 EXCAVATION WORK
RUGE'S FORD ✓	\$ 1,965.93	14110	REPAIRS/PARTS FOR 47-72
SALEMSYS ✓	\$ 6,508.75	14129	STATION 1 RENOVATION IT WORK
SHI INTERNAT'L CORP ✓	\$ 3,072.24	14100	MICROSOFT CONTRACT RENEWAL
SIX STAR POWER WASHING ✓	\$ 1,250.00	14091	POWER WASH STATION 2
STERICYCLE INC ✓	\$ 142.08	14053	EMS WASTE REMOVAL
TOTAL SUBMITTED FROM PAGE 2	\$ 115,095.93		

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VERIZON 	\$ 890.85	14107	APPARATUS & SMARTPHONE CELL USE
VERIZON 	\$ 149.00	14119	FIOS INTERNET SVC STATION 2
VERIZON 	\$ 35.00	14122	LIFEPAK MODEM CHARGES
VERIZON 	\$ 80.99	14132	FIOS INTERNET SVC STATION 3
<b>TOTAL SUBMITTED</b>	<b>\$ 115,095.93</b> ✓		<b>Commissioner Signatures:</b>
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