



LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Special Meeting – Thursday, March 27th, 2025

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky Commissioner Barry Ward
 Commissioner Vincent Tierney Commissioner Anthony Pignataro
 Commissioner Robert Taft Secretary Bria Le

At 7:01 PM, Commissioner Marc Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners' Special Meeting to order for Thursday, March 27th, 2025, then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Station 1 Building Updates

Commissioner Ward said they have the asbestos monitoring contract that needs to be awarded. He said that this contract was not part of the original spec because it couldn't be done until a schedule of potential work was created, which couldn't be done until the project had a general contractor. He said that after the (Preconstruction) meeting, CPL was able to get a proposal for the monitoring. Greg Bolner from CPL said that there was a slight error on the proposal, the third item has 4 samples at \$21, but it is supposed to be 24 samples for \$504. He said CPL contacted Meyer (Contracting Corp) who indicated the asbestos abatement would to be 5 days with a day or two of close up, but recommended figuring 10 days to be safe. Bolner said the proposal was for 10 days but if the abatement is done in fewer than 10 days, then the cost would be reduced. He stated that the monitoring needed to be done by a third party so there isn't a conflict with the contractor being monitored by himself. Discussion followed regarding the collection of air samples and the proposal (attached). Commissioner Tierney said that they will need to take down the wainscoting because when he put the panels in 45 years ago, they glued them down right on top of the tiles. Bolner said he would remind the contractor about that, but it would be included in the scope of the contract. Commissioner Ward said this (proposal) is for the scope of the current signed contracts. Chairman Komorsky said that he had a concern about "scope creep". He said this is what happened when they tried to put up a garage up on the hill to get rid of the repair facility lease, but it would have been over a million dollars when it was done. He said he is concerned about the financial aspects of where they are going and what the project is turning into. Commissioner Ward said that the original plan when they started a year ago was to do part of Station 1 as a phase one, then do some work at Station 2 as phase two, and go back to Station 1 for phase three. Commissioner Tierney said that this estimate is in the extra financials that he and Commissioner Ward added to the Station 1 work so this piece is covered. Commissioner Tierney said this is not part of the phase one big room and bar, it is on top of it. Commissioner Ward clarified that the asbestos air monitoring proposal is related to the current scope of the contracts that are already awarded and signed. Lengthy discussion followed regarding concerns about the potential cost of additional work and bringing the additional areas up to code versus the need to address the remaining asbestos in the building while the staff is out of

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the building and the abatement company is already doing work. Further discussion followed about retesting areas for asbestos to clarify a discrepancy between the report and the drawing.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to allow CPL Engineering to obtain an asbestos report for the areas not under construction in Station 1 not to exceed \$10,000. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Tierney said he would like to ask Greg Bolner do a CR to ask Meyers, Jupiter, and Quest what it would cost to remove tiles in the foyer, kitchen, and ready room and lay LVL and, because they found asbestos, remove ceiling tiles. Bolner said there was one ceiling tile in the kitchen that contained asbestos and asked if they wanted all of them removed. Commissioner Pignataro said he would prefer to entertain the CR after they get back the new asbestos report. Commissioner Tierney said it could be two or three weeks before the report gets back so he would like to do it parallel. He said that Juniper would be there on Monday to begin. Further discussion followed regarding the work.

MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney that if the environmental study comes back that there is asbestos contamination in the foyer, kitchen/ready room that they go ahead to Phase 1 B and renovate those rooms. Additional discussion followed regarding the timing and scope of work at Station 1. There was no second to the motion.

Commissioner Pignataro said he had one personnel related issue to discuss in Executive Session.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to go forward with the air monitoring as per the quote provided by CPL for \$8500. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Ward informed the Board that they have been making good progress on the policies with Lexipol and that they have asked the specialist, Lynn, to attend the next meeting and answer questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:37 PM, Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss one personnel issue from Commissioner Pignataro. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

REGULAR SESSION & ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:55 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

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Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, 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 Commissioner on 4/22/25

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