



MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – June 10, 2025

ATTENDEES: Chairman Mark Komorsky
Commissioner Vincent Tierney
Chief Anthony Champion
Secretary Bria Le
Attorney Michael Hekle (via Teams)

Commissioner Robert Taft
Commissioner Anthony Pignataro
Deputy Chief Bryan Zittel
Treasurer Mark Pozniak

At 6:10 pm, Chairman Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday, June 10, 2025, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

MINUTES: - None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was a thank you letter from recently retired Lieutenant Schroeder for the plaque and the opportunity to serve.
- There was a thank you email from Michael Kurman. It was submitted to the Town of LaGrange in regard to assistance with a flat tire he had. The two that assisted him were Lieutenant Wern and Firefighter Cummings. Chairman Komorsky asked that the Deputy Chief and Chief thank them. It was very nice of them. The letter will be put in their files. Commissioner Tierney asked if they could do something public. Secretary Le suggested possibly something on the website. It is also memorialized in the minutes. Chief Champion stated they can post a notice in all of the stations so firefighters could see what their fellow firefighters are doing. Chairman Komorsky stated they would put this out on the website on the community page.
- Commissioner Tierney stated he has been approached by the public commenting on how many calls they respond to now that it is out on the boards.

ROOM USE REQUESTS:

There was a request from James Rogers to use Station 3 on July 19, 2025 for a birthday party. They will be checking with Scott Price.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the use of Station 3 by firefighter Rogers for a birthday party on July 19, 2025 as long as it is available.
Pignataro – Aye, Taft -Aye, Tierney –Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS:

- Station 1 Building Update – In Commissioner Ward’s absence, Chairman Komorsky stated this is a work in progress. Commissioner Tierney stated they did have a meeting. They have asked CPL and the electrical representative to come back with a CR for cleaning up the electrical wires inside and outside. Chairman Komorsky asked if they could bring everything down into one panel. There are a lot of wires that have not been used since the 50’s. Commissioner Tierney stated they did find one that set off the automatic alarm. Chief Champion stated prior to the meeting they were talking about some layout issues at Station 1 and he would like to continue that discussion at some time.

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Chairman Komorsky stated CPL knows about it and they should wait and see what they come back with. Chief Champion stated he will be coming back with updates for dorms one, two, and three. Chairman Komorsky stated there are two other rooms that need addressing. Chief Champion stated he will not be coming back with something for dorm four, which is at the northwest corner of the building. There are three on the north wall but he did not change any other aspects in dorm one, which sits next to the mechanical room. Chairman Komorsky asked if CPL put a stop work order out when they discussed this. He does believe somebody should contact them to make sure that does happen because there are other vendors in there working at the same time. Chief Champion stated he will contact CPL. Chairman Komorsky stated until they know what they are doing he does not feel that any work should be done. Chief Champion stated that CPL said they would talk to Meyers, as they are the lead for all the other trades, and advise them of the issue to stop. He will try to get an answer for the Board during this meeting. Chairman Komorsky stated he is available all week if the Chief would like them to come out. Commissioner Tierney stated he would like to set up a meeting tomorrow morning at 10 AM. Chief Champion stated that the Deputy Chief would have to be there instead of him, as he will be in Peekskill. Commissioner Taft suggested reaching out to them tomorrow morning to set up a time to meet with them and if a Commissioner is needed there they are available. Commissioner Tierney suggested reaching out to them tonight so there would be no wasted time in the morning. They requested that Chairman Komorsky call Jonathan from CPL right now. He did not answer the phone and the Chairman left a message. Chief Champion stated he did text him asking if a stop work order was issued, and he received a reply back that said no. He also stated that “he” will not be on site until Thursday and the other trades still have work to do. They cannot issue a stop but he is at an engagement right now and not able to answer his phone. Commissioner Tierney suggested getting the next person in line and contacting them to meet with them at 10 AM tomorrow. Chairman Komorsky stated Greg would be the person to call because he is Jonathan's boss. Commissioner Pignataro asked who “he” was and Chief Champion stated he is assuming it is Meyers Construction. Commissioner Tierney stated if Meyers is not back on site until Thursday that gives them time to speak with CPL on Wednesday or Thursday morning. Chairman Komorsky stated he was calling Greg right now. He left a message for him as well. Treasurer Pozniak stated that the term “stop work order” is a technical term used by the building department and has legal implications so they should probably use a different term. Chairman Komorsky asked the Chief if there was any other issues they wanted to discuss regarding the Station 1 work. Chief Champion stated just the Chairman's idea about moving the meeting room. With that they would have a request to take out the storage room that is in the meeting room and just put a door into the storage that is in the hall, and remove the door that is in the hallway. That would make the most sense. Chairman Komorsky asked why they would want to take away the storage area in the meeting room. Chief Champion stated it was only a foot of storage. They will be moving the access. Commissioner Pignataro stated this reconfiguration make sense. Chairman Komorsky stated if Deputy Chief Merritt wanted to be involved to just let him know.

- Station 3 Storage Room – Chairman Komorsky stated this is still a work in progress.
- Station 2 Septic - Commissioner Tierney said they received a note from MJ today stating that the Board of Health has about 2 to 3 weeks before they get their approval. Hopefully by the first week in July they will know. Chairman Komorsky stated it is looking very positive that the plan is going to get approved the way that MJ wrote it up. His suggestion for after their approval is to go out to bid after that. They will have a fully engineered plan and it should go out to bid. The emergency is

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basically over because they are functioning. Treasurer Pozniak stated he cannot determine if it is an emergency or not, but if it is not, than they should go out to bid. Commissioner Tierney asked how long they have to hold the bids open for. Treasurer Pozniak stated he does believe there is a minimum time it has to be out for bid. He thinks it is seven days. The second part is that if they are going to be spending reserve funds it would require a permissive referendum. If they are okay with paying for it out of general fund if it were to fail, they can go forward without waiting. Chairman Komorsky stated either way it has to be done. Attorney Hekle stated if it goes under emergency status, they can avoid the bid process. Chairman Komorsky stated they have been going on weeks getting the engineering done. They have been pumping it out on a weekly basis. In his mind the emergency status is over. They are mitigating it. Attorney Hekle stated they did not want to argue the emergency status if they are not comfortable with that. He does believe the bid process is brief enough that they can do this. Commissioner Tierney stated they should get the drainage issues worked out as well since they will be ripping up the blacktop for this repair. Chairman Komorsky stated he would call tomorrow to get the drainage engineered out for that as well. Chairman Komorsky asked Attorney Hekle if they should wait until they get their Board of Health approval before they go out to bid and do the permissive referendum and Attorney Hekle said yes. Commissioner Pignataro asked what would cause a permissive referendum to fail and Treasurer Pozniak explained they publish it in the newspaper and the public has the opportunity to get a petition and if a certain percentage of people that voted in the last election coming in go against it they cannot be paid out of the reserve. They have 30 days from when it is published.

- Chairman Komorsky interrupted the meeting as he received a phone call from Greg Bolner and put it on speaker. He stated the Chief brought to their attention that the bunker rooms do not have enough room for an extra-long twin bed in Station 1 against the north wall. He stated they would like to stop all work at this point until they figure out a solution so other trades don't do work that would have to be moved. Mr. Bolner stated they would have to get a hold of Jonathan as he is the facilitator of this project. He will do that first thing tomorrow morning. Chairman Komorsky handed the phone over to Chief Champion. The Chief informed Mr. Bolner that he spoke with Jonathan for about a half hour today and informed him of the issue. They discussed adjusting the placement of the walls in dorms 2 and 3 and possible options. They also spoke about the area inside dorm 1. He was going to get together new drawings tomorrow or the day after with the adjustments for the two versions that they spoke about. He was updating the commissioners about this prior to this meeting and there were some other areas that suggestions were made. The commissioners would like to get with CPL to speak about these changes in the potential layout. The Chief texted Jonathan about if a stop work order had been done and Jonathan said no, and that Meyers might possibly not be coming back into the space until Thursday. There are other trades that need to get some work done. At this point the commissioners are looking to stop any framing or additional work in these areas until a bigger conversation can occur and spacing can be adjusted for the dorm rooms and potential movement of walls. Mr. Bolner stated he will discuss this with Jonathan in the morning. His understanding is that they are mostly working in the bathrooms right now and the plumbers aren't going to be working in the dorm areas. The extra-long bed is 6 inches longer so they just need to do what they can to accommodate that. Chief Champion stated Jonathan had suggestions of moving the interior walls for two of the dorms 4 inches and taking the 8 inch allowable space before ADA requirements use that space to make a little wider. There was also a conversation about taking the wall and door down and moving those south towards the meeting room, eliminating the outside space that is presently on the design.

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That would give a bigger depth. He will come back with those adjustments and changes for a visual look and the Chief was going to forward those to the Board to review them. When he discussed this with the Board it was suggested that maybe the meeting room wall could be moved to give more space to the dorm space. Chairman Komorsky stated that the suggestion was making the meeting room go from 20 x 20 to 19 x 19 or 18 x 18 and then bring the bunk rooms out a little bit. Mr. Bolner stated it should not be a problem but he does not know where they are with the framing. They may have to reframe walls. He does understand the Board's concern with them continuing to do work. Changing the meeting room is not a major modification but it will take into consideration work that has already happened. Chairman Komorsky stated that's why they made this call to him so late to avoid additional work tomorrow. Mr. Bolner will discuss this with Jonathan tomorrow morning. If he gets an answer back tonight he will text the Chairman. He may even stop in tomorrow morning himself. He will keep the Chairman of the loop.

- Commissioner Tierney stated that they are going to wait for two weeks while Chairman Komorsky works on the drainage and they will go out to bid. They're going to take that road out and it is on the septic plan. Chief Champion stated during their discussions a slight adjustment to the roadway was brought forward to him for a training option. They were looking to utilize some of the existing things that they have, like making the concrete pad a little bit bigger and creating a roadway for them to drive up. They would have a concrete pad for the Conex container to be on the backside of their property before the hill drops off. Chairman Komorsky stated he did not know if they could do that because they need to maintain a certain amount of green space with the septic. Chief Champion stated he brought it up because they were unsure whether it was possible or not. Chairman Komorsky stated when they initially laid it out they had it set so the tankers could go up there. He did not believe they have enough room up there. Chief Champion stated it would be just enough concrete for the Conex box to sit on. Chairman Komorsky stated he did not believe it could happen over there. It might be able to happen someplace else. He will ask. He asked them to text him the actual layout size that they would like so he can inquire about it. Commissioner Tierney stated there is a Ladies Auxiliary monument and a second monument out by the septic areas. If they start to move it will fall apart. He suggested having somebody take the metal plaque off and attached them to the wall someplace where they could go and rebuild the monument someplace. Chairman Komorsky asked if they could table this conversation from the meeting. He stated he does not want to disregard the monuments but there is so much going on as it is. Commissioner Taft stated they should wait until they know for sure how the septic is going to get laid out. Chairman Komorsky stated they are also going to be taking out part of the hill to get to the proper slope.
- Station 2 Brick Pointing – Commissioner Tierney stated he cannot do the bordering when there so much rain. He is trying for the 21st but it will depend on the weather.
- Staffing Community Events – Chief Champion stated LaGrange Community Day is June 14 from noon to 10 PM. They are trying to get some staffing to go there. It looks like the on-duty staff will be out there for the event. Chairman Komorsky asked if there would be volunteers out there and Chief Champion stated he put out a bulletin but has not heard back yet. They will also be there for fireworks. Mr. Edgar, the PR individual, has done a safety talk and a touch a truck event at Calvary Chapel that was very successful. They were very appreciative. Chairman Komorsky asked if this was going to be something that was reoccurring and Chief Champion stated they have done it for

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the past few years. It is a once a year event. He stated that Mr. Edgar is setting up and scheduling the CPR classes with the various day cares. They are also trying to get him to set up a CPR class for their own people as well. Chairman Komorsky asked that the Chief thank Mr. Edgar for the good job on these events. Commissioner Tierney asked if they put videos up on the website and Chief Champion stated they have not. They have put still shots up. Deputy Chief Zittel stated they would have to send out permission slips from parents of the children. Attorney Hekle stated they do not want to do that without getting a waiver. Chairman Komorsky stated they could put on the website that they did a safety talk at a specific location with who showed up to publicize this. This is all good public relations.

- Lexipol Policy Updates – Chief Champion stated the previous meeting he made some new policies that the committee put out. Those policies have also been vetted through legal. They are the Administrative Communication Policy, the Electronic Mail Policy, the Patient Medical Records Management, Release of Records, and Subpoenas and Court Appearances. Those are all posted in the Teams folder for the Board of Fire commissioners to go in and make comments. Chairman Komorsky asked Attorney Hekle if they had a chance to look this over and the Attorney stated they have just started to but they are not finished yet. He stated there is also a second batch that will be coming through and probably 10 days that they will have to review as well. They are editing the policies as necessary. Chief Champion stated the next set of policies that he's providing for the Board's first review are Americans With Disabilities Act Annual Planning, Master Calendar, Credit Card Policy, Disclosure of Interest, Liability Claims, Limited English Proficiency Services, Physical Asset Management, Post-Incident Analysis, Purchasing and Procurement, and Training Policy. A few of them are their own policies put into Lexipol's format. The majority of these are federal and state laws that they are not currently making a lot of changes to based on the recommendations of the Lexipol representative. These were sent out to the Board and to the legal department today. He does not expect any progress on them at this juncture. Chairman Komorsky asked if they had looked into language grants at this time. Chief Champion said no. Chairman Komorsky stated they are out there to help be able to converse with Spanish patients. Chief Champion stated in this policy they do have avenues to get a translator at the hospital or by calling County 911. They do have Google translate on the phones. Chairman Komorsky stated there are funds out there for these things. Commissioner Pignataro asked if it was to send people to courses and Chairman Komorsky stated it could be for that as well as printing of flyers and handouts describing the services that are offered. He will discuss this further with Deputy Chief Zittel at another time.
- Operational Software Overview - Chief Champion stated they had a slight speed bump with getting some data that was retrieved from Firehouse Solutions to First Due. That has been rectified so they are looking at that data to see what can be imported in. They are live with the NIFRS reporting and incident reporting in First Due. The plan is to go the rest of this month as they are halfway through and then call ESO as they are transmitting the data from NIFRS to the State and Federal government and have First Due start transmitting the reports come the first of the next month. They are still working through some familiarity in getting everyone on board with those incident aspects. They are finding the issues with the schedule aspects as they are on boarding as they are getting it up and running. There are issues around holidays and how the schedule lays out and how to take people on and off the schedule. There are different areas where they put people on medical leave as a paid employee and they don't show up to be able to be scheduled. They can add in the personal time off if it is not a work-related injury. They have a scheduled meeting set up

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next week and have a list of questions that will be going out later tonight or tomorrow to First Due to try to get answers ahead of next week's meeting. They are looking at working on properly accounting for the volunteers to address LOSAP. They have a side conversation going with the administrators and First Due to see how it is set up. They have some training data entry avenues that they are trying to work through to figure out data coming in from Vector Solutions and data coming in from Firehouse historically, and data coming in from ESO. These are all irons in the fire that are taking time. Chairman Komorsky stated in regard to data, there are constant complaints from volunteers that they don't have their monthly call data and other things. He asked if that was part of what they are working on. Chief Champion stated they are trying to figure out where the data they previously mined applies in First Due and how to get that historical data in. Chairman Komorsky asked who was doing this work and Chief Champion stated they have asked Jeff to get the data from Firehouse and they have sent that to First Due. His questions with them are trying to see how they can parcel it out and import it. Right now their current model is that they take that data and put it into a spreadsheet and the Chief reviews it. They were able to put all of the assets into spreadsheets but before it goes into the various files and folders, staff still needs to review it to make sure that it is accurate. They do need to add data points for data positions into the spreadsheets. He is hoping they will take that and move it into the various aspects. There will be an asset meeting later this week or next week. They need a bit more time to review this. They did not want to have to start from scratch. Deputy Chief Zittel stated there are items on the spreadsheets that they have surplus and disposed of that are listed on the spreadsheet, so they need to review it carefully. Commissioner Pignataro asked why it was still in the Firehouse program and Deputy Chief Zittel stated because it is part of the historical records. There was an option in Firehouse to hide those files so that is where they were. When they did a data dump they dumped everything so it is a lot of data to go through. Chief Champion stated for the volunteers they can extrapolate some data for the calls that they have been on and from ESO they can list the trainings and calls and most requirements from previous years. They can still get that brought out to them. Their ultimate goal is to have one system to do it all. For now and for next year it will be all one system. They will be looking back in multiple systems for historical data so they are not looking at one system until 2027 or 2028 as a realistic timeframe. Commissioner Pignataro asked which program the Chief sees them using in conjunction with First Due for the time being. Chief Champion stated they have on boarded the incidents so that is like data. They are moving into scheduling to try to get that up and running. Assets is the next thing with the current inventories. They are still inputting data into ESO for this year they need to make sure that they can get that data from ESO for 2025 and have it be accurate. In 2026 they will be looking back in ESO and First Due each for the LOSAP information.

- Diesel Tank Accessories – Chief Champion stated this is still a work in progress. The last thing to do here is the bollards. The vendor was trying to wait and coordinate with another vendor he is working with to help lessen the cost for the District, but the Chief would like to get this taken care of before winter.
- Grant Update – Chief Champion stated they have still had no reply on the SAFER Grant. He did receive an email for SAFER Grant periods opening up for NOFO for the informational period. They will hopefully get some progress update for that shortly. The County grant in regard to the AED's, he has submitted the cost of the AED's to the County today for reimbursement. One of the staff vehicles is going to DB Graphics to get County's moniker on the back end. They will want pictures

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of both rigs side by side. By the middle of next week they will have a picture of both of the vehicles with the monikers on what is now 47-8 and 47-98. They have to maintain that for a year. They will be tracking AED's and the monikers on the back as part of the agreement that was entered into for the grant.

- Grant Writing Update – Deputy Chief Zittel stated he and Commissioner Taft were speaking before hand. They have both been slightly busy with some other topics, one to be discussed in Executive Session. They have not had much time to work on the grants.
- Building Repairs/Repair Requests – Chairman Komorsky asked if there was anything needing to be discussed that had not been discussed already. He stated there had been a request for the overhead doors at Station 3. Chairman Komorsky did go and meet with another painting contractor and texted the Board the estimate. Deputy Chief Zittel met him out there to speak with the vendor. They spoke about painting the overhead doors inside and outside with primer and sanding. They also spoke about the three entry doors as well. The estimate came back at \$1500 for labor and \$500 for paint and primer. Commissioner Tierney asked if it was a sole proprietor or if this was prevailing wage. Chairman Komorsky stated the vendor is fully insured and it is the owner and his brother. Commissioner Pignataro stated they have two estimates of \$2000 versus \$2500. Commissioner Tierney stated his question was that in the prior meeting they had stated what the one contractors price was. Now they got a second estimate and he is not sure if that is an issue. Attorney Hekle stated it is probably not a problem but they may want to address best practices moving forward.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to move forward with the painting of the bay doors at Station 3 at a cost of \$2000. Pignataro – Aye, Taft -Aye, Tierney –Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Chief Champion stated Lisanti completed the painting of the exterior doors and the metal stripping at Station 2. The Deputy Chief was at Station 3 today. It is in need of attention for the gutters to be cleaned out. There is a lead over 13's bay and a leader that is missing in the rear causing damage. Commissioner Pignataro stated he thought they just had work done there. Deputy Chief Zittel stated it is very high up so it was not hit by anything. Chairman Komorsky told the Chief to get it repaired and cleaned. Chief Champion stated they also are going to look into getting a new yellow safety cabinet as the one in the back of 13's bay at Station 3 is collapsing in on itself. It should not be above his spending limit, but he will let them know as soon as the finds out.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was nothing at this time.

REPORTS: (by officers present)

- **Treasurer Pozniak** - Treasurer Pozniak stated he supplied a packet that includes the year to date financials through May 31st, 2025. There are still some minor adjustments being made but nothing that would affect their ability to determine their position at this point. The first report was the actual revenue and expenditure versus budget. They are at five months into the year which is approximately 42%. There is also a detailed breakdown of each account transaction by

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transaction. There is also a detailed payroll report. He explained the abbreviations for overtime and regular hours. Chairman Komorsky stated he appreciated the detailed breakdown and explanations.

- Ray Tribiano, and EMT from Union Vale, came into the meeting stating that on Memorial Day the ambulance took his brother-in-law to the hospital. He would like to do something to thank the firehouse but he does not remember who was on the call. He asked if there was any way to find out who was on the call. Deputy Chief Zittel stated he would get the information.

- Commissioner Pignataro asked Treasurer Pozniak if there were any specific recommendations he had. Treasurer Pozniak stated there is one account that they turned into the sweep account. It went from 2 ¼ to 4.5% interest, which is great. That is why there are two statements for one reconciliation. By doing this your significantly increasing your interest rates. A few years ago you were getting .1 or .25% interest so this is a significant increase in interest revenue. The gross deposits through May for the EMS cost recovery program are \$491,000. The net is clearly trending to exceed \$1 million for the year. We budgeted \$650,000. We knew it was conservative but that was better than overestimating it. He does want the Board to be aware that there are a lot of building expenses which are more than they have seen in past years. Chairman Komorsky stated they need to keep an eye on the reserve for equipment and vehicles as well. They know they will be short coming down the road so they will need to be watching it and move money around. Treasurer Pozniak stated what they are seeing right now is repairs on vehicles. He stated they will need to meet again this quarter to look at the standings of the reserve funds. Commissioner Pignataro asked if there were any concerns with the actual amounts being spent on building repairs at this point. Treasurer Pozniak stated not all of the significant repairs will be coming out of the reserve fund. If something ends up not being allocated to there, it will be close. Commissioner Tierney asked for clarification on some of the overtime costs as they are cut off on the copies. There was some discussion about what line items were at what percentages. There were some conversation about the workers comp and what vendors were for what accounts. They were explained by Treasurer Pozniak and Secretary Le. Deputy Chief Zittel wanted to remind the Board about the shortage in staff and that there are three people coming out of the academy soon, so the overtime costs should start to level off once they complete training and go into the minimum manning.

- **Chief Anthony Champion**
 - o Member status- Chief Champion stated Deputy Chief Zittel was reached out to by a member of Union Vale looking to do some joint recruitment efforts. They do not have a lot of businesses that people frequent so they are asking to come into surrounding areas asking if there are any LaGrange recruiting pamphlets to get out if LaGrange would be interested in doing a joint effort. Chief Champion stated he will be reaching out to Chris Cassidy to see if he's willing to spend some time with them while they are doing these events to give out handouts and talk about LaGrange specifically.

 - o Civil Service- Chief Champion stated he is anticipating that over the next month to 2 1/2 months they should be getting results from the Civil Service Firefighter/Medic Exams that were held earlier this year. In the process, they will be taking those lists and requesting an FPAT and pulling off people asking for career members from here and other local agencies

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throughout the County to run the FPAT. Hopefully two weeks after that happens he is hoping to get a ranking to try to get ahead of anybody else hiring.

- In County Training – Chief Champion stated there was a joint training operation for mine training that was led by Deputy Chief Zittel accompanied by Captain Ryan, Firefighter Wells, Firefighter Zaleski, and Firefighter Higham last weekend at the Dover Mine in conjunction with Arlington Fire District, and City of Poughkeepsie Fire. Everything went very well. There are pictures that you can upload for them to see. On the 19th of this month there will be technicians for trench training between Arlington, Lagrange, and City of Poughkeepsie. They're looking to use the upper lot as they had done before. There is just the cost of overtime for the guys to do training. Deputy Chief Zittel stated this is roughly a four-hour drill. A machine operator will dig the trench and then they will do the drill with the three departments. They will have insurance certificates. Chief Champion stated the hole will be filled in and they will reseed it when they are done.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve the use of the upper lot for the trench training on June 19, 2025. Pignataro – Aye, Taft -Aye, Tierney – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Pignataro asked how deep the trench would be and Deputy Chief Zittel stated it is about 10 feet and more of an L-shaped than an actually deep trench.

- Out of County Training – Chief Champion stated he has nothing at this point unless something came in late today.
- Mechanical - Chief Champion stated he had asked Captain DeMILto to come in. At the last meeting there was a discussion around 47-11. He does have a status update on that as well as an update on some of the other apparatus. Captain DeMILto stated he did speak to Hendrickson yesterday. The transmission was ordered on Friday. They did not have one sitting on the shelf. They will have to rebuild it which will take 2 to 3 days. They are looking to ship it out Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning and then they will start working on the swap. They have the core out and already cleaned. Chairman Komorsky asked if they were using LaGrange's casing and the Captain said now it will be a full swap. That is due to the way the gear ratios are set up. They have to physically build the unit because it is geared for the transmission size, tire size, and the average high speed. It is a rebuild with a two-year warranty. Chairman Komorsky asked if all of the parts come from Allison and the Captain said yes. He offered to take the Board out to see the shed and all of the parts that are laid out in the stock they have. They are almost done with that. They have cleaned up a lot. 47-13, old 12, is having a little bit of a light bar issue. It has old rotators on the top and the rotators are motors with binders in them. As they wear out they create more so it is burning up the relay. He has a forward facing edge LED bar from an old ambulance that they swapped out that will be going on that when 11 comes back. It will go to EVS for installation. They have to take all of the wires out and put a new control panel in and then rewire it. There is a hard section bracket that is broken so they need to track one down. They may have to get one welded which will take 15 to 20 minutes. All the ambulances are up and running. 55 is holding together. They have been taken care of the little items like lights and wipers. 61 is back in

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service. Chairman Komorsky asked if they were checking the basics like tires and if they were good on all vehicles and Captain DeMolto stated yes. Commissioner Pignataro asked what the turnaround time for 11 would be and the Captain said three days swap once they get the transmission. They do have to take the whole pump, the transfer case, and the transmission out of the truck. Chairman Komorsky asked if he was doing all of the fluid changes or if crewmembers were taking care of that and reporting back to him. Captain DeMolto stated all of the vehicle have been serviced. They go back out in September or October. All of the ambulances are all done with certifications and stickers. September starts New York State inspections. He does have that on the schedule. November snow tires go on. They have two trucks that had problems with on-spots for the winter so they will get those handled within the next month or so. The only ones that are not in good shape are the ones on 55. Chairman Komorsky asked if Hendrickson would be doing that and the Captain said yes. They did give him an estimate for bringing their employee up here for eight hours instead of shuffling vehicles back and forth. He could come up as a road crew and do all of the odds and ends that need to be done in one day. Everything else is going well. Chief Champion stated that Captain DeMolto has gone through all of the stock and supplies they are looking at things to surplus. They may be presenting a list in the next few meetings of previous gear that they are no longer using that they are looking to surplus that he has some plans for. Chairman Komorsky asked if that includes the shooter safety gear and the Chief said no. The old ballistic gear is in the final stages of being collected and serialized to make sure everything correlates and then they will be bringing that to the Board to be surplused and they have an avenue for safe disposal of it. Chief Champion stated that Secretary Le and Jen were able to post out mechanics position. There have been some looks but no one that has reached out saying they are interested. It is confirmed on Hudson Valley Wanted. Secretary Le is looking to put it on the district webpage this week.

- Updates - Chief Champion stated he continues to set up meetings with neighboring departments to discuss their resources and means moving forward for LaGrange and for them as well.
- Chief Champion stated he has five personnel items and a civil service issue for Executive Session. He stated that since he was not at the last meeting he has some follow-up questions. He asked what the status of the process of the agreement for the rescue truck as he is looking to see where they are with the replacement of the Station 2 generator. Chairman Komorsky stated they would talk about that in executive session.
- **Deputy Chief of EMS** – Deputy Chief Merritt was not present.
- **Deputy Chief of Fire** - Deputy Chief Zittel stated he can send pictures of the drill they did at Peckham Industries in Wingdale. They are part of the joint rescue team with the City of Poughkeepsie. They do different exercises and this is a great set up with a mannequin and rope rescue.
- **Department** – Chairman Komorsky stated there was no one present.

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- **Union** – There was a report.

ABSTRACT: \$355,289.91

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the beginning of June as per the abstract for \$355,289.91. Pignataro – Aye, Taft -Aye, Tierney –Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky stated that they did audit the financials from Tompkins and they did submit it to Treasurer Pozniak. Everything was in order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At 7:46 PM, Chairman Komorsky opened the meeting to public comments. There were none.

At 7:46 PM, Chairman Komorsky closed the public comment section of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:22 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss one policy issue from Treasurer Pozniak, one personnel item and one contractual item from Commissioner Taft, one contractual and one personnel issue from Chairman Komorsky, one personnel item from Secretary Le, and five personnel and one Civil Service issue from Chief Champion. Pignataro – Aye, Taft -Aye, Tierney – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

OPEN SESSION:

At 9:46 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

PREPARE 6/24/25 MEETING AGENDA: Secretary Le will prepare this.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to drop four inactive members pending review. Pignataro – Aye, Taft -Aye, Tierney –Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:47 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, 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 6/24/25

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VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	6/10/2025
ASHLEY MECHANICAL ✓	\$ ✓78,139.40	14347	STATION MECHANICAL RENOVATIONS PAYMENT
BOTTINI ✓	\$ ✓1,383.80	14342	DIESEL FUEL STAT 2/TEMP PROPANE TANK RENTAL STAT 1
BOUNDTREE ✓	\$ ✓473.90	5664	EMS SUPPLIES
CASSONE LEASING ✓	\$ ✓1,998.00	14353	MODULAR BUILDING RENTAL JUNE 2025
CPL ARCHITECTURE ✓	\$ ✓10,115.12	14348	STATION 1 CONSTRUCTION ADMIN FEE
CRYO WELD ✓	\$ ✓373.89	14343	EMS SUPPLIES
DISASTER MGMT SYST ✓	\$ ✓255.17	14303	EMS SUPPLIES
DUTCHESS TIRE ✓	\$ ✓75.00	14345	47-1 TIRE REPAIR
EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALIST ✓	\$ ✓1,686.00	14358	STOP TAIL TURN LIGHTS 47-85, 47-89, SPARE
FLEURY RISK MANAGEMENT ✓	\$ ✓37,719.72	14335	Worker's Comp - Group Manager Fee
FREIHOFFER ICE & SPRINGWATER ✓	\$ ✓193.50	14356	WATER DELIVERY FOR WATER COOLERS STATS 1 & 2
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS ✓	\$ ✓181.17	14338	STAT 1 LOCAL/LONG DIST SVC
H.G. PAGE LUMBER ✓	\$ ✓59.98	5674	SHOP SUPPLIES-BUILDINGS
HAUN WELDING ✓	\$ ✓8.48	14344	MEDICAL SUPPLIES
K & J DEVENS ✓	\$ ✓5,910.00	14012	STATION 2 DOOR REPAIRS/SHED SHELVING
MASS MUTUAL ✓	\$ 582.00 ✓582.00	14339	LIFE INS PREMIUM-CAREER
MES SERVICE COMPANY ✓	\$ ✓50.00	14337	UNIFORMS-COMMAND STAFF
MES SERVICE COMPANY ✓	\$ ✓1,885.00	5661	FIRE EQUIP: ROPE RESCUE BAGS
MES SERVICE COMPANY ✓	\$ ✓426.50	14239	UNIFORMS-CAREER
MES SERVICE COMPANY ✓	\$ ✓91.51	14336	CAPT ALTERATIONS
MYA LOCKSMITH ✓	\$ ✓200.00	14357	SHED LOCK
NORTHEAST PEST & WILDLIFE CONTROL ✓	\$ ✓425.00	14351	PEST CONTROL ALL STATIONS
NYSIF WORKER'S COMP ✓	\$ ✓209,200.56	14350	WORKER'S COMP ANNUAL PREMIUMS
RINGSQUARED ✓	\$ ✓909.82	14354	PHONE SERVICE LOCAL/LONG DISTANCE STATS 2 & 3
ROYAL CARTING ✓	\$ ✓481.90	14355	COMMERCIAL WASTE SERVICE FOR MAY
SAFEGUARD ✓	\$ ✓330.34	14295	OFFICE SUPPLIES
THE WORKPLACE ✓	\$ ✓646.00	14359	PHYSICAL/RETURN TO WORK
TOWN OF LAGRANGE ✓	\$ ✓83.16	14341	WATER BILL
VERIZON ✓	\$ ✓943.42	14360	APPARATUS/SMARTPHONE CELL SERVICE
VESO LIFE INSURANCE ✓	\$ ✓338.57	14352	VOLUNTEER LIFE INS MONTHLY PREMIUM
Z3 CONSULTANTS ✓	\$ ✓123.00	14349	EXTINGUISHER CHECK STATION 1
TOTAL SUBMITTED			\$ 355,289.91
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