



MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting – Tuesday, April 1st, 2025

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky Commissioner Barry Ward
Commissioner Vincent Tierney Commissioner Anthony Pignataro
Commissioner Robert Taft *(via Teams, not counted for voting)*
Chief Anthony Champion Treasurer Mark Pozniak *(via Teams)*
Secretary Bria Le

At 6:37 PM, Commissioner Marc Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners' Special Meeting to order for Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for coming to the emergency special meeting.

STATION 2 SEPTIC:

Commissioner Tierney said they started by pumping out the septic at Station 2 to understand why certain things wouldn't drain. He said they had to pump it out again after three weeks. He said the engineer and sanitation company showed him big clumps of grease/waxy sediment that had gotten into the fields and clogged up the bottom of the caissons and couldn't percolate out. Commissioner Ward noted that the under the sink grease separator was problematic for a long time, fell apart, and was eventually taken out after the fish fries were no longer happening. Commissioner Tierney said that M&O Sanitation came out and dug the caissons out and found they were full of gunk and water. He said that the water is backing up and would eventually go back into the pump. He illustrated the system and issues with the field not draining. Lengthy discussion followed about potential solutions, what the Department of Health might be likely to approve, and the possibility of merging the lots owned by the District. Commissioner Tierney said the first thing to do is approve the engineering fees and M&O work to pump the septic more frequently. Discussion followed on the expenses.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve an additional \$5000 for the emergency work by M&O in excavating for the broken septic system. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to approve up to \$25000 for engineering fees and associated fees related to the septic emergency work at Station 2. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Discussion followed on the potential cost for the project and amending the budget to include it. Commissioner Pignataro asked if this is natural degradation of the system or if could have been prevented and Commissioner Tierney said they are putting a commercial grease trap in the new system before it gets to the fields to avoid similar issues in the future. Further discussion followed regarding how these issues could have been solved sooner.

Commissioner Tierney said he sent the attorney and the treasurer the bid documents for the doors and they are ready to go. The Board said they can discuss it the regular meeting the following Tuesday.

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Commissioner Ward said he spoke to the Town and that they agreed to sweep the parking lots and vacuum out the slot drains in front of the building. He said it should be done that week.

Chairman Komorsky said that the Board made a motion a long time ago about not allowing for sale vehicles to be parked on Firehouse property and wanted to see if the Boards stance on the matter had changed. No commissioner wanted to change that stance.

Commissioner Ward noted that he, the Chief officers, and Jeff Lenkowski got together and started going over the data migration plan. He said they made a lot of good progress.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:19 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Pignataro – Aye, Tiernay - Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 6/3/25

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