



LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Special Meeting – Tuesday, June 17th, 2025

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

At 6:01 PM, Commissioner Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners' Special Meeting to order for Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

BUDGET REVIEW WORKSHOP:

Commissioner Tierney said that the goal of the meeting is to create a plan of various LFD activities that are lined up for 2025 and future budgets. He said they will review the current budget and set a plan to act on the activities that they decide to do and start working on the plans for 2026. Commissioner Ward said that he would focus on the three reserve funds –land & building, apparatus, and equipment – which he noted was a notional account not a reserve account by the legal term. Commissioner Ward reviewed the adjustments he made to keep the District as close to what is affordable in each of the reserve funds with the objective of trying to keep the increase around the committed amount of 6.4% and explained the numbers he used to calculate the inflation rate. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the items included in projected purchasing plans for each of the reserve accounts and potential adjustments as factors change.

At 6:41 PM, the Board took a brief recess.

At 6:57 PM, the Board resumed the workshop meeting.

Commissioner Ward said he met with Treasurer Pozniak and adjusted the 2024 year end numbers so they had the right revenue going in because they were a little high before. He went down the list of items they want to do at Station 2 in 2025 and noted that it wouldn't all get done in the year but the items could be moved out to whichever year they wanted to do the work. Discussion followed regarding how to prioritize the list. Commissioner Tierney said he wanted to focus on Station 1 and engage an engineering firm to come up with a concept design based on the square footage. Lengthy discussion followed regarding which engineering firm to choose for the second phase of Station 1. Chairman Komorsky brought up the options for more space in the Station 1 dorms and discussion followed on those options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:02 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss

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one personnel item from the chief. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney - Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:52 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney - Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 8/12/25

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