



# LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

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## MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting – July 22, 2025

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky  
Commissioner Robert Taft (via Teams)  
Commissioner Vincent Tierney  
Deputy Chief Scott Merritt  
Treasurer Mark Pozniak (Via Teams)

Commissioner Barry Ward  
Commissioner Anthony Pignataro  
Deputy Chief Bryan Zittel  
Secretary Bria Le  
Attorney Michael Hekle (via Teams)

At 6:02 pm, Chairman Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday, July 22, 2025, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

### **MINUTES:** - 7/08/25 Regular Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 7/08/25 Regular Meeting Minutes. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Chief Champion stated there was a post that was shared from Lagrange New York community thanking the Fire Department and EMS for saving her husband's life after he had an anaphylactic reaction to a bee sting. It was posted by Linda and John Sargent. Deputy Chief Zittel stated Paramedic Cummings, Paramedic Edgar, Paramedic Hackett and Lieutenant Port were on that call. Chairman Komorsky asked that copies get put into their personal files.
- Chief Champion stated the second correspondence was received through e-mail addressed to him. It was from the Pignataro family. It was thanking Paramedic Edgar, Paramedic Pearson, and Paramedic Rogers for their quick and professional response to an emergency at their residence. Chairman Komorsky stated that again goes to the testimony of training and work that goes in.

### **ROOM USE REQUESTS:**

None at this time.

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

- Station 1 Building Update –Commissioner Ward stated he asked CPL for a review of the electrical work proposal to see what their thoughts were in terms of pricing and workload and said that the engineer thought the pricing was fair. There is also a window issue and conduit along the wall that needs tile replacement and the engineer will get back to Commissioner Ward on that. Chairman Komorsky stated it is his understanding there might be a second window issue because the prefab shower could be an issue. Commissioner Ward stated that is the window they are discussing and the easiest thing would be to take the window out and block it out because there is another window in that bathroom. He stated they will need to go ahead and approve that change if everyone is in favor of it. Chairman Komorsky stated he had no issues with that. Commissioner Ward stated he is working with the general contractor and Jonathan to coordinate getting Blue Dragon out there to

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make the appropriate changes. They need power and some other things that need to be coordinated. Commissioner Pignataro asked what Blue Dragon's responsibility would be and Commissioner Ward stated they would be doing the mechanical work as it relates to the movement of the control panels and everything else. Commissioner Ward stated at the last meeting they reviewed the Asbestos Management Plan from Quest, Project Number 25-6644.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to adopt the Asbestos Management Plan from Quest as submitted known as Project Number 25 – 6644. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Station 3 Storage Room – Commissioner Ward stated this is still a work in progress.
- Rescue Truck - Commissioner Ward stated they did sign the contract. He and Secretary Le reviewed the contract and paperwork and discovered that the Board never made a motion to adopt it. He is requesting a motion to adopt the contract as discussed at the last meeting. Secretary Le stated they did do the permissive referendum for this purchase however the dollar amount may have changed. She asked Treasurer Pozniak if a new referendum had to be done or if they wait and see what the dollar amount comes in at. Treasurer Pozniak stated he does not think the price has changed between then and now. It might change in the future. Attorney Hekle stated he did not believe the price would change in a month.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to adopt the contract as discussed at the last meeting for the purchase of the Rescue Truck in the amount of \$1,798,649.00 to be paid from the Apparatus Reserve Fund, subject to change with contract changes. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Station 2 Septic – Chairman Komorsky stated they received the replacement septic system plan. They have obtained permit approval from Dutchess County Department of Health for this replacement septic system at Station 2. The scope of services is to prepare bid documents. He spoke with Joel Bianchi about this and it will be put in writing and sent to the Board. Commissioner Ward stated they will still get an additional bill for the construction administration. Chairman Komorsky stated the construction administration will be an additional \$3500. The total is \$13,500.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to approve the scope of services to prepare the bid documents for the Station 2 septic in the amount of \$13,500. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky stated they have been speaking with the Board of Health and August 15 is the last day the pine tree that is standing in the way of construction will be standing. That is the ruling from the DEC regarding the Indiana Bat and that tree can come down after August 15. Although there are no Indiana Bats in that tree, DEC wants to adhere to that date because they are within a township has Indiana Bats. Commissioner Tierney stated he believes by the time MJ gets the specs ready they should be passed August 15. Chairman Komorsky said yes, he just wanted everyone to know the status. He did discuss the fact that the monument is going to come out. There has been questions regarding building a new monument. His suggestion is that they do a plaque and put it on a wall somewhere and not do another freestanding monument. Commissioner Tierney stated they

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should get with the House Committee and discuss it with them. Chief Champion stated it sounded like a good idea. He does believe Captain Kile is in charge of the House Committee and they should have a conversation with him. Maybe it could go in the entrance to the firehouse to make that a more historical aspect when people first walk in. Commissioner Pignataro stated they definitely want to be respectful of the committee's wishes. Chief Champion stated that monument and the one for the Ladies Auxiliary are both tied to some history of the Fire District. Commissioner Tierney stated he thinks they are going to have to move the Ladies Memorial as well once they start doing the grading. Chairman Komorsky stated that the handicap spot in the corner that is adjacent to the septic is likely to come out and need to be moved to the corner spot at the building. They will probably need to move the impervious surface in that area. Commissioner Pignataro asked if they needed someone official to state how many handicap spots are required. Chairman Komorsky stated they need two. He stated MJ is handling all of that. Commissioner Tierney stated they are working on the drainage issue as well. Chairman Komorsky stated they are just waiting to get past the Department of Health on every issue and then they can move on. He knows that corner spot was one issue that they did bring up. Commissioner Tierney stated once MJ gets the specs he believes the Board will be ready for them to pursue the bid. They will have to work with Attorney Hekle, Treasurer Pozniak, and Secretary Le. Commissioner Ward stated that sometimes engineering companies have entities they put their bids out through. That way they do all of the legal requirements. He asked if they had an engineering estimate on the cost yet. Secretary Le stated the initial approval was for \$25,000 for engineering services. The original amount was \$13,500 and this additional note is \$13,300. Treasurer Pozniak stated it is \$26,800 in total. Commissioner Ward stated since they approved a total of \$25,000 and already paid \$13,300 by making the motion to cover \$13,500 they have covered the overage from the original \$25,000 approval. Treasurer Pozniak agreed. Commissioner Tierney stated the \$25,000 approval covered engineering in the amount of \$13,500 plus all the M&O work. Commissioner Ward stated no, the original \$25,000 approval let them spend up to \$25,000. By approving the additional \$13,500 they are fine. Secretary Le uploaded the proposal to the Teams folder for everyone to see. After some discussion everyone was on the same page and the approvals as they stand are fine. Attorney Hekle agreed. Chairman Komorsky stated because they are moving the road to the back and taking it out of the front, they had originally designed the corrugated pipe to come in under the ground for drainage. Now they will have to put a concrete culvert in to handle the weight of the engines. They will see that listed when they review the specs.

- Station 2 Brick Pointing – Commissioner Tierney stated he has been having trouble getting the original vendor to come to the site. He would like to change vendors. He spoke to Myers Construction, who has a reliable person. He came in and found a few new issues that will be added in and the estimate is for \$15,000. Commissioner Ward asked if there was any contractual agreement with the first vendor and Commissioner Tierney said no. Commissioner Pignataro asked if they had to go out to bid for a \$15,000 price. Treasurer Pozniak stated they don't need to go out to bid but they do need to get two additional quotes. Commissioner Tierney stated they have two prices and a third vendor refused to give a quote. Treasurer Pozniak stated that counts. He asked that Commissioner Tierney document in writing which vendor refused to give a price. Chairman Komorsky stated that was an old quote and felt the need to get something newer be sent. Treasurer Pozniak stated if they can get more recent quotes it would not hurt. Attorney Hekle stated they should at least make the effort. Commissioner Taft stated there is a gentleman named Thomas

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Sanford that lives in LaGrange that does a lot of work at the Town Hall. Commissioner Tierney will reach out to him. Commissioner Tierney stated he also found more bricks on the ground in the back.

- Staffing Community Events – Chief Champion stated that Firefighter/Paramedic Edgar is present and can expand upon the subject if the Board would like. They have had discussions of holding a Safety Day later in October. If they can't find a good day they have discussed the possibility of postponing it for this year as they want the septic grading to be more established and it cannot be near Columbus Day. They did tentatively discussed October 25, which is a Saturday. There will be a Touch a Truck Event for Abilities First on Fireman's Way in August. Tomorrow morning they will be doing a car seat check where he will put into use what has been learned at the recent certification of Car Seat Technician. Treasurer Pozniak stated they have \$13,000 in the budget for public events such as fire prevention and Safety Day. Chairman Komorsky stated he does feel that Safety Day is an important event for the Town.
- Lexipol Policy Updates – Chief Champion stated he needs to set up a meeting with the legal to review the administrative, communication, electronic patient medical record, management release record, and subpoena policies. They just have not gone over these yet. Attorney Hekle and his team are also in the process of reviewing the Americans with Disabilities, annual planning, credit card, disclosure of interests, limited liability, limited English, physical asset, post-incident, purchase and procurement, and training policies. Chairman Komorsky asked the attorney what the turnaround time on this would be and Attorney Hekle stated he and the Chief have to go to the last list that they edited. It is just a matter of setting a meeting. The next pile of policies, which is approximately 7 of them, they are about halfway through. Chairman Komorsky asked if January 1 was a feasible day to have all of this accomplished. Attorney Hekle stated he is not sure how many policies there are that need to be reviewed. Commissioner Ward stated they have a ways to go. Chief Champion stated he believes they have worked through four sections of the policy manual and there is a total of 10 to 12 sections with numerous policies under each. They are working as diligently as possible and he does appreciate Attorney Hekle and his team getting back to them as well as the committee going through them. Attorney Hekle stated part of this discussion should be in executive session as there are some legal considerations discussed as well. Chief Champion stated there will be a point where they will have a good majority of them done and they can start portioning it out to the membership. They will not have to wait for the entire thing to be done. If they inundate everybody with 1000 policies at one time, no one will read it. If they get three or four out every couple of months or weeks it will be easier for individuals to review and come back with concerns.
- Operational Software Overview - Chief Champion stated they are live with NFIRS in First Due with incident documentation. The captains, officers, and staff have been very instrumental in helping to do a simultaneous check as they transition over. A letter did go to the CBA for discussion in moving into a full use of the scheduling aspect. They do need to work out some details regarding the timeframe. They are moving toward. They have an asset meeting scheduled for Friday so they can get all the equipment and inventory entered in there. That way staff will be able to use an iPod to do their checks online. That will reduce the amount of paper that is being consumed.
- Diesel Tank Accessories – Chief Champion stated this is an ongoing process. Chairman Komorsky stated they should probably incorporate the new diesel generator so they should hold off on the

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bollards at this time. There may be some movement in that area. Chief Champion stated he thinks they may need a larger machine to come in and lift that out. He does not think the bollards will hinder their progress. He stated they can come in as soon as everything else is done. The engineers will be here on Thursday to start specing everything out. Chief Champion stated they did successfully have preventative maintenance done on all three generators at all three stations. They are keeping what they have up and running.

- Grant Update – Chief Champion stated they have closed out the documentation portion of the AED grant that they received from the County. Both of the vehicles required to have the County's lettering on back are done. They are prescribed for the agreement to have that on for a minimum of one year. That is to help with the promotion of bringing more people into the emergency medical field. In regard to the SAFER Grant, the Chief recently was able to resubmit for payment reimbursement. He has not heard if that has been approved as of today. Their contact was deployed out for a disaster. He will hopefully have something within the next week so that he can continue to move forward with reimbursement requests. Chairman Komorsky asked if anything ever came back from Orange County. Chief Champion said no. The District was recognized for the outstanding efforts and help. He does believe they concluded at that time that they were not going to get anything other than intercounty relationship development.
- Grant Writing Update – Deputy Chief Zittel stated there was nothing at this time. He and Commissioner Taft are trying to work every day when they can get together.
- Building Repairs/Repair Requests – Chairman Komorsky asked if there was anything needing to be discussed that had not been discussed already. Chief Champion stated they have come into a safety issue with Station 2 front drainage system. Those grates are popping out as trucks are moving over them. They are no longer bolted in. They have enlisted the assistance of Redemption Mechanical. He is going to weld every other grate and re-drill and tap the bolt hold downs and the nuts on every other one. They will still be able to be cleaned out when necessary but it will increase the safety of both the apparatus going out and the personnel that are here. They have declared it as an emergency repair and since it was within the last 24 hours he brought it to the meeting instead of via e-mail. Treasurer Pozniak asked if he had any idea what the total cost of repairs was going to be. Chief Champion stated that he is getting prices from the vendor but does not have them at this time. He will share it with the Board and Treasurer as soon as he gets them. Commissioner Tierney stated there was also a section of grate missing. Chief Champion stated everything will be fixed one time. Commissioner Ward asked if the Town ever came and cleaned it out and Chief Champion said yes.
- Chief Champion stated Scott Price reached out to him and the Chairman regarding a mold issue at Station 3. Chairman Komorsky stated that he received a call from Mr. Price that there was mold on the wall in the IT room. He thought there may have been a leak because usually mold comes from moisture. Chairman Komorsky had asked Steve Turner to go out there today, since Chairman Komorsky got the call last night, and they thought it may be the ice machine. Mr. Turner found no active leak. It appeared that there may have been a leak in the roof before they did the repairs or it may be leaking now. They need a mold remediation specialists to come in to get rid of them all on the wall and see if there is an active leak or if it was from an old leak. Commissioner Ward stated the roof is fairly new so there may still be a warrantee on it if there is a leak issue currently. Chairman Komorsky stated he feels this is an older issue from before the roof was repaired and

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not a current issue. He did make some phone calls and is waiting to get some referrals for mold remediation. Commissioner Tierney stated they will have to take the wall apart and look inside if it is from an old leak. Chairman Komorsky stated they will wait and see what the expert has to say when they come in. Commissioner Ward asked if the asbestos company does mold as well. Commissioner Pignataro asked how many square feet of area it was covering. Chairman Komorsky stated he was not sure. Commissioner Ward will supply Chairman Komorsky with the phone number for Quest.

- Commissioner Ward asked if they had an engineering estimate on the cost of the replacement of the septic. Commissioner Tierney stated he is still working on it.
- Chief Champion stated Blue Dragon was contacted as there was an issue at Station 1 with the door going into the trailer. You could just pull the door with little bit of force to get in. For the safety of the staff, they came out and were supposed to adjust the striker and plate so that issue should have been rectified today.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Tierney stated in the budget there has been money allotted for signs and for dash cams and helmet cameras. He would like to draw up an RFP to get prices for signs at Station 1 and Station 2. He would also like to do a separate proposal for dash cams and helmet cams and a system to manage those videos. He stated they also need to discuss whether or not they feel EMTs should have helmet cams as well. Chairman Komorsky asked what the reasoning for helmet cams for the firefighters is. Commissioner Tierney stated he is getting a lot of good information especially regarding training that if you can take videos of what went on at fire scenes and edit it, it can be used for additional training and improving skills and assessments. They have it for the dash cams. They do need to discuss it with their insurance company. Commissioner Ward felt they should do these one at a time. Commissioner Tierney stated they can be separate. Commissioner Ward stated what they discussed with budget was just vehicle cameras. Treasurer Pozniak stated from a procedural and logistical side of the RFPs, it would be more for professional services or a situation where there are a variety of different solutions, such as having five different firms come up with five different solutions and you are selecting from those. Something like a dash cam is more of getting quotes than getting bids depending on the total value. It is an area where the district would spec out the cameras and see who could sell it to them cheapest. Commissioner Tierney stated there are so many different options for dash cams and systems. There are some that need to be manually downloaded after each run and there are other systems where once the truck is backed in, it does an automatic download. They would have to work with Jeff to see what sort of storage it would require. Commissioner Pignataro asked if this was something that the Chief needs to be involved in and Commissioner Tierney said yes. Commissioner Ward stated he is leery of bringing something that requires more IT infrastructure management as they do not even have reports yet. They have not had reports for five years. Then they would be adding additional things that need to be downloaded and managed. He stated they are very behind with the system that they have for extracting data. The only thing they've done in five years is the ability to input things. They haven't gotten anything out of it and he would not like to add to that. It would be beneficial if they could process the information and make it executable. Commissioner Tierney stated he does not know how simple or easy it would be. Chairman Komorsky stated his concern is that they started the camera use around the buildings. Commissioner Ward stated they still do not have a policy. Chairman Komorsky stated not only do they not have a policy, there was a union question about invasion of privacy and staff being watched. Then enhancing that without a policy in place would be

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worse. Commissioner Tierney stated it would be part of the policy. Commissioner Ward stated he believes they should hold off on discussing this until they get a camera policy in place. Commissioner Taft stated he feels cameras are a liability. If one of the staff does something wrong and has a camera on him it will be used against them. He believes they need bathrooms and kitchens more and that is what they should be concentrating on right now. Commissioner Ward stated he would still like to see them get through the camera policy as they have had cameras that they have already paid for it and they can't get into the information or use it yet. He would like to see them get access to what they have before they start investing in more infrastructure. Commissioner Tierney asked if that means nobody wants helmet cameras right now. Commissioner Pignataro stated he does not know the staffs' input and that would be important to his decision-making. He feels it should be driven by the executive staff and not by the commissioners. Chairman Komorsky asked what the genesis of this conversation was. Chief Champion stated this came up through the review of policies. For training purposes it would be beneficial to review their own incidents. Chairman Komorsky stated he does feel they need to get the camera policy finished first. Years ago they had issues in the fire service with people taking pictures on scenes and them getting out and they had to restrict use. Commissioner Taft stated they have a mountain of financial costs coming their way with fire apparatus and building renovations. He does not feel this is a priority right now. Commissioner Tierney stated it was more to get information as to what is out there with the costs.

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

- **Treasurer Pozniak** - Treasurer Pozniak stated he has nothing to report at this time.
  
- **Chief Anthony Champion –**
  - o Membership Status - Chief Champion stated the membership committee has indicated they are setting up a meeting later this week with some perspective new members. He does have an executive session topic regarding membership.
  
  - o Executive Session - Chief Champion stated he has eight personnel items and one contractual issue for Executive Session.
  
  - o Civil Service- Chief Champion stated he wanted to thank those who came out last week to run and work the candidates through the FPAT that the County ran. There was some good and some bad.
  
  - o Updates - Chief Champion said at the last meeting he mentioned station alerting systems. He received a call from a vendor today. He has a meeting set up for later this week so he should have three vendors' scope of work and progress for the next meeting for the Board's consideration.
  
  - o In County Training – Chief Champion stated the new hires are doing a wonderful job. They are progressing quite well. Two of the new hires are going to go to Group on August 1 with the third going to Group on September 1. They will be going to on-group training but not be counted as part of the minimal manning yet. During that time there will be five personnel at Station 2 so they have reached out to Hudson Valley Office Furniture to come out and set up a cubicle space similar to what was at Station 1 so there is enough beds for staff. They will be coming in later this week or early next week to do that. They recently sent two

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individuals to receive their Swift Water Technician. It was Firefighter/Paramedic Rogers and Firefighter/EMT Mendez. They completed that swift water training flawlessly and both appreciate the opportunity to increase their knowledge. He is looking for approval for three individuals to attend an online training course. It is a NAEMSE class which is EMS training. It helps with developments. These three individuals are helping Deputy Chief Merritt and Chief Champion is encouraging the Board to authorize this training. It is \$425 per person. It is online. Two will require potential backfill coverage as it falls on their shifts. He believes it is a 16 hour class across two days. It would be 10 hour coverage if they are not working their night shift. Chairman Komorsky asked if there was a location available to house three individuals for this training. Chief Champion stated since it is online they can be here at the firehouse doing that training. To not take away from that training, they would backfill for their shift. It would be Lieutenant Wern, who is also serving as EMS Administrator backup, and Paramedics Edgar and Tambini. Paramedic Edgar is helping Deputy Chief Merritt run some of the training and classes with the new candidates. Paramedic Tambini has expressed an interest helping out in the EMS realm and they are trying to increase their cultural shift to include EMS.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Chairman Komorsky, the Board RESOLVED to allow Lieutenant Wern, Paramedics Edgar and Tambini to attend an online NAEMSE class at a cost of \$425 each. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chief Champion stated the County is also holding a TECC class. This relates to active shooter/Asher RTF from August 28 – August 29. He is looking for approval for two. They will probably backfill for the shifts for those individuals going to the class.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to allow two members to attend the TECC the class on August 28 and 29. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Out of County Training – Chief Champion stated there is a tower rescue class that also has to do with rope rescue on September 22 through the 25th. Paramedic Rand and EMT Higham have asked to attend this. They are both rope rescue at this time. This would require coverage of their shift overtime wise. Commissioner Ward asked what type of tower and Chief Champion stated it would be a water tower, cell tower, or radio tower type things.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to allow paramedic Rand and EMT Casey to attend a tower rescue class from September 22 through September 25. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney -Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Mechanical - Chief Champion stated they posted the position for the mechanic. There have not been any replies back yet. Commissioner Pignataro asked if it was on Indeed and Chief Champion said yes. It is also on Hudson Valley help wanted. Captain DeMILTO has provided an update on the vehicles and posted it in the Teams folder. The service report highlight is that 55 is currently at Hendrickson for front motor mounts.

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The Chief does not know when the last time it was done. It is also getting a pin replacement on the left side lift cylinder for the front cam, replacement of broken hydraulic hoses. They are going to do a function test on the high idle as it is not operating appropriately, replacing an oil pan gasket, a full chassis p.m., pump service, and generator service. As it looks like they are three years out for a new rescue they want to make sure the one they have lasts as long as it can. Tomorrow morning 13 will be going back to EVS on Route 9 behind the Foam and Wash to get some emergency lighting replaced. In the maintenance file, under July servicing, highlights all of the tire rotations, p.m. servicing on all the other apparatus, and other small items that have been taking care of by Captain DeMILTO. Chairman Komorsky asked about the lenses cracking on 13 and Chief Champion stated something was causing an excessive draw on the solenoid so they are burning up motors and replacing things. Now the problem has been determined it will be fixed. Commissioner Tierney asked about the lenses that were melted on 12 at a fire have been fixed and Chief Champion stated they are still following up on that.

- **Deputy Chief of EMS** – Deputy Chief Merritt stated Chief Champion covered a lot of his topics. He is currently working on the EMS certification for three members. He has two ready to submit to the State and he is working on the third. He hopes to submit by the end of the week. The last few days he has been working on new member orientation for the three new paramedics. They are all doing a fantastic job. He was assisted by Tyler Edgar yesterday and Lieutenant Wern today. They were both very helpful. He does have one contractual item for executive session.
- **Deputy Chief of Fire** – Deputy Chief Zittel stated Chief Champion covered most of his items. He does have one personnel item to discuss in executive session. He stated when they were doing driver training last week they asked the Town Parks Department if they could use the parking lot near the football field on Overlook and they were allowed to do that. It did work out great so he asked if a thank you letter to be sent out.
- **Department** – Chairman Komorsky stated there was no one present.
- **Union** – There was no report.

### **ABSTRACT:** \$267,713.44

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the month of July as per the abstract for \$267,713.44. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

At 7:05 PM, Chairman Komorsky opened the meeting to public comments. There were none.

At 7:05 PM, Chairman Komorsky closed the public comment section of the meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:06 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to BoFC Regular Meeting 7/22/25

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discuss eight personnel items, one membership issue, and one contractual issue from Chief Champion, one personnel issue from Deputy Chief Zittel, one contractual item from Deputy Chief Merritt, one contractual item from Commissioner Ward, three personnel issues from Chairman Komorsky, and one contractual issue from Commissioner Tierney. Pignataro – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **OPEN SESSION:**

At 7:36 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

**PREPARE 8/12/25 MEETING AGENDA:** Secretary Le will prepare this.

Chief Champion stated last Friday he, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Tierney were at Station 1 for the renovation meeting. After that meeting they were discussing the pole that is outside in the back by the red shed. He met with Giaimo Electric today. There are power lines coming from the mast to the building to this pole that run to a kill switch and junction box with a conduit going into the ground. It does run out to the parking lot lights which are not functional at this time. They do have Central Hudson tag numbers on each light. Chief Champion would like to have someone reach out to Central Hudson to see if they can come and take a look and give some solutions because the whole looks like it is going to fall down. Chairman Komorsky stated his recommendation would be to call Central Hudson first. He will meet them out there with Chief Champion if he would like. Giaimo is working on a quote to disconnect electric. He cannot do the commercial end of this but he will put one together for installing an inground box and running it to the breaker panel inside the building. Central Hudson would still have to disconnect because it is commercial. The Chief would like to talk to Central Hudson first. Chairman Komorsky stated because they are commercial he believes it is code that they need to light up that area. Now that they know the lights are not working it creates a liability for them so they need to address it right away.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:27 PM, upon a Motion made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Pignataro – 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 8/12/25*

BoFC Regular Meeting 7/22/25

Please note that this meeting was conducted in person at 504 Freedom Plains Road in Poughkeepsie, NY AND open for public viewing and/or listening via Microsoft Teams.

VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	7/22/2025
A-JOHN A-1 PORTABLE ✓	\$ ✓3,900.00	14455	PORTABLE JOHNS RENTAL STAT 1 RENOV
ABC AWARDS ✓	\$ ✓111.30	14425	RETIREMENT AWARD
ACCESSPLUS (formerly Ringsquared) ✓	\$ ✓911.62	14440	LOCAL/LONG DIST PHONE SVC STATS 2 & 3
ADAMS POWER EQUIPMENT ✓	\$ ✓85.46	14438	SHOP SUPPLIES
AMERITAS LIFE INS ✓	\$ ✓1,042.80	14458	DENTAL INSURANCE
BARRY WARD/PAULA MARTINELLI ✓	\$ ✓5,922.50	14470	MEDICARE PART B & D REIMBURSEMENT
BOTTINI ✓	\$ ✓3,326.06	14432	TEMP & REG PROPANE TANK FILL STAT 1/ STAT 2 DIESEL FUEL
BOUND TREE ✓	\$ ✓1,960.72	5667	EMS SUPPLIES
BOUND TREE ✓	\$ ✓1,076.47	5668	EMS SUPPLIES
CASSONE LEASING ✓	\$ ✓1,998.00	14448	TRAILER RENTAL FOR JULY-STAT 1 RENOV
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ ✓2,514.76	14461	STAT 2 ELECTRIC/GAS/AREA LIGHT
CITY OF UTICA FIRE DEPT/ACADEMY ✓	\$ ✓13,000.00	14449	NEW HIRE ACADEMY TRAINING
CPL ARCHITECTS ✓	\$ ✓12,000.00	14420	CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEES
CRYO WELD CORP ✓	\$ ✓160.69	14419	EMS SUPPLIES
FREIHOFFER ICE & SPRINGWATER ✓	\$ ✓94.50	2025BL	WATER DELIVERY 5 GAL STAT 1 & 2
GLOBAL AUTO REPAIR ✓	\$ ✓773.40	14415	47-2 OIL CHANGE/47-89 BATTERY
H.A. SCHRECK ✓	\$ ✓316.50	14439	COMPRESSOR REPAIR STAT 1
H.G. PAGE ✓	\$ ✓11.99	5681	EMS SUPPLIES FOR AMBULANCE
HAUN WELDING SUPPLY ✓	\$ ✓8.22	14416	EMS SUPPLIES
HENDRICKSON ✓	\$ ✓50,000.00	14456	2026 NEW RESCUE TRUCK DEPOSIT
HENDRICKSON ✓	\$ ✓26,881.36	14459	47-11 TRANSMISSION REPLACEMNT
JULIE BEYER ✓	\$ ✓180.00	2025BLE	OFFICE WORK-TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES
LB LANDSCAPING ✓	\$ ✓280.00	14475	LAWN MAINTENANCE STAT 3
M&O SANITATION ✓	\$ ✓18,874.95	14433	SEPTIC WORK STAT 2
M&O SANITATION ✓	\$ ✓450.00	14464	STAT 2 PUMP SEPTIC
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓652.48	14418	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓909.29	14426	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓587.10	14427	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓705.13	14428	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓525.16	14429	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓693.75	14452	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ ✓455.69	14453	EMS SUPPLIES
MES SERVICES ✓	\$ ✓825.74	5678	EXTRICATION GLOVES
MES SERVICES ✓	\$ ✓543.00	5658	EQUIPMENT FOR 47-2
MES SERVICES ✓	\$ ✓128.00	14363	UNIFORMS
MES SERVICES ✓	\$ ✓153.75	14239	UNIFORMS
MES SERVICES ✓	\$ ✓293.93	14340	UNIFORMS
MEYER CONTRACTING ✓	\$ ✓48,578.93	14445	CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
NYS WORK ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT ✓	\$ ✓50.00	14473	SPEED IN WORK ZONE FINE
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ ✓116.84	14435	STAT 2 CABLE SVC
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ ✓245.68	14436	STAT 3 CABLE/INTERNET SVC
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ ✓360.86	14434	STAT 1 CABLE/INTERNET SVC
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ ✓195.72	14462	STAT 2 INTERNET
PROCLAIM ✓	\$ ✓8,739.66	14469	AMBULANCE TRANSPORT CLAIMS
QUALITY ENVIRONMNT SOL & TECH ✓	\$ ✓8,032.00	14472	ASBESTOS EVALUATION STAT 1
ROYAL CARTING ✓	\$ ✓481.90	14437	GARBAGE REMOVAL ALL STATS.
RUGE'S FORD ✓	\$ ✓749.17	14465	47-78 BATTERY/DEDUCTIBLE
S&O CONSTRUCTION ✓	\$ ✓25,602.50	14444	MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR SVCS STAT 1 RENOV
SHELTERPOINT ✓	\$ ✓167.96	14441	EMPLOYEE VISION INS
SHI INTERNAT'L ✓	\$ ✓19,442.04	14431	MS 365 LICENSING
VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPEC ✓	\$ ✓589.21	14450	PARTS FOR VEHICLE
	from page 2 \$ <b>267,713.44</b>		

VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	7/22/2025
VERIZON ✓	\$ ✓ 149.00	14468	STAT 2 INTERNET SVC
VERIZON WIRELESS ✓	\$ ✓ 943.33	14443	APPARATUS/SMARTPHONE SERVICE
VERIZON WIRELESS ✓	\$ ✓ 35.00	14460	MODEM CHARGES
VESO LIFE ✓	\$ ✓ 334.32	14446	VOLUNTEER LIFE INS
Z3 CONSULTANTS ✓	\$ ✓ 545.00	14457	FIRE EXTINGUISHER CHK
<b>TOTAL SUBMITTED</b>		<b>\$ 267,713.44</b>	<b>Commissioner Signatures:</b>
<i>changes listed:</i>			<i>M. J.</i> 07/22/25
			<i>B. W.</i> 7/22/25
<b>TOTAL APPROVED</b>			<i>G. D.</i> 7/22/25
<b>KEY:</b>			<i>Vincent C. Terry</i> 7/22/25
<b>pre-paid:</b>			
<b>Paid:</b>			