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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting – August 26, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:** Chairman Marc Komorsky  
Commissioner Robert Taft  
Commissioner Anthony Pignataro  
Deputy Chief Scott Merritt  
Treasurer Mark Pozniak (via Teams)

Commissioner Barry Ward  
Commissioner Vincent Tierney  
Chief Anthony Champion  
Secretary Bria Le  
Attorney Thomas Petriccione (via Teams)

At 5:58 PM, Chairman Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday, August 26, 2025, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone in attendance. He stated this is a great occasion because they are adding some very qualified personnel.

**APPOINTMENTS & SWEARING INS:**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve the formal appointments of Owen Thomas, Kyle Lewis, Phillip Scarano IV, and Robert Martinson as new Firefighter/EMTS. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Secretary Le administrated the oath of office to the new employees and Chief Champion presented them with their badges.

Chairperson Komorsky stated that they also have two retirees in attendance tonight. They are Mr. Murray and Mr. Kaiser. They are a wealth of information if anyone wants to speak with them. He welcomed the new employees and their families to the District.

At 6:10 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to take a recess for some light refreshments and to welcome the new staff. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

At 6:31 PM, the Board resumed the meeting.

**MINUTES:** - 8/12/25 Regular Meeting, and 8/20/25 Special Meeting Minutes.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 8/12/25 Regular Meeting minutes and the 8/20/25 Special Meeting minutes. Taft – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. Commissioner Pignataro abstained. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky stated there was a pleasant surprise that had come up and he was going to have Commissioner Ward address it. Commissioner Ward stated this was something that was going to be discussed during Executive Session, but he felt that it was important to focus on the Chief in public so that everyone knows how he is being scrutinized by the Board.

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Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Chairman Komorsky, the Board RESOLVED to appoint Anthony Champion as the Chief of LaGrange Fire District. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky congratulated Chief Champion on his official appointment. He stated that is also a great addition to the evening's festivities and great news. He stated that Chief Champion has been doing a great job. Chief Champion stated he appreciates the support from both the Board and from the staff.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- An invitation to the NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony on October 7, 2025, was received. The ceremony is located in Albany and will honor 126 firefighters who have died in the line of duty this past year.
- There was a thank you note from La Lone received. It was received by the company and the donation was made out to them. It was a thank you for assistance for a car lockout. He was Captain Ryan and Firefighter/EMT Higham responded. A copy of the note will be in their file. Chairman Komorsky also asked that a letter of thanks be sent to her.
- Chairman Komorsky asked if there was a thank you note sent out for the donation received at the last meeting from the trust and Secretary Le stated that there had been discussion regarding including in the thank you note what the funds were to be used for and that had not yet been decided. The thank you note is ready to go out once that has been included. It was decided that would be discussed during the budget discussions.

### **ROOM USE REQUESTS:**

None at this time.

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

- Station 1 Building Update –Commissioner Ward stated that the meeting set for this Friday has been canceled and there is one set for two weeks from then. They are working on a few minor things. There are some outlet changes that have been requested by the Chief. CPL will be making those changes. Chief Champion stated he did meet with them last Friday and went over electrical requirements. He did meet with Mr. Lenkowski today to go over requirements that are to be given to Blue Dragon. Commissioner Ward stated one change is what type of cable they are running for the meeting room as well as the bedroom/offices for additional communication, should they need it. That is separate from the amount that was approved through CPL. Chairman Komorsky stated he was at Station 1 and he had some concerns regarding some steps going from going to the old bar room. He was under the impression that the floor was going to be leveled when the bathroom was done. That has not been done. Commissioner Ward stated what was going to be done was leveling the bathroom floors, not the floor to the old bar area. Chairman Komorsky asked if there was a reason why they were not doing that. He stated he brought that up previously. Commissioner Ward stated that introduces all sorts of code issues as there has to be a platform at the introduction of a ramp. They are better off highlighting it as they have highlighted other transitions. To put a ramp in there needs to be entrance and exit staging areas that would be beyond the current doorways and the bathroom in the bar area. There is really no way to address that at this point. They would have to repour the whole floor for a 1 inch transition at this point. They did not believe that was a

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practical option. That transition has always been there. Chairman Komorsky stated that is why he brought it up before they even started the project. Commissioner Ward stated they would have had to rip up the whole floor to get enough concrete in there. Chairman Komorsky stated he was thinking it could just be feathered in. Commissioner Ward stated that makes it a ramp which requires code requirements. Commissioner Tierney stated he is not sure if the whole installation meets current code. Chairman Komorsky stated that is his other concern. He asked if they could speak to the engineer again. Commissioner Ward stated they already spoke to him and at this point they can't do it unless they ripped out the entire interior of the building, rip up the floor, pour new concrete and re-install the room. He stated that transition has always been there and nothing has changed. Commissioner Tierney stated they are not meeting code and if it stays there it stays there. They need to highlight and paint it yellow or paint it red. You cannot get wheelchairs in and out and they have the same problem with the kitchen. He does believe they are stuck. He stated he believes they should have been told they should be fully handicapped accessible when they started this project. Commissioner Ward stated that they are not noncompliant because there are other ways of accessing the meeting room. Chairman Komorsky stated it was not so much for the handicap accessibility. He was just addressing the issue of a possible trip area. It was a concern of his. Commissioner Ward stated they can ask and have Jonathan come back in and explain it to them, as he can explain it better than Commissioner Ward can. He stated it would be the length that is the issue not the width. Commissioner Pignataro asked if there could be a transitional piece of wood across there instead of concrete on concrete. Commissioner Ward stated no because that is a ramp.

Chairman Komorsky asked if everyone had a chance to read the asbestos reports that Commissioner Ward had provided. Everyone had. He asked if anyone had questions or comments. He asked what they were going to do with the half knocked down wall in the front. Commissioner Ward stated he would suggest talking to Jonathan and that Commissioner Tierney has something to bring up that has to do with the trailers that ties into the subject. They have discussed having a workshop regarding their capital investment plans. He does believe it will be helpful that when they do start discussing the capital investment plan and what the next stages will be. Chairman Komorsky stated one of his major concerns is the expense ratio for the trailers and the fact that they are coming into the cold season again and the water tank outside will freeze. He would like to see the building get done quickly enough and well enough to get staff back in to this building before the bad weather starts. Commissioner Ward stated he does believe that can be done. His suggestion is that they make that part of this discussion. He suggested they pick a date while they are on the subject. Chairman Komorsky would like Chief Champion to be present for that as well. Commissioner Tierney stated if they do not get staff out of the trailer by the middle of November it needs to be winterized. They decided it would be a workshop on Monday, September 8 at 5:30 PM. Mr. Lenkowski stated he was reviewing the drawings for Station 1 with the Chief earlier. There is fire alarm equipment listed and he asked who is connected into the system with Blue Dragging relocating the fire alarm system. Commissioner Ward stated any of the electronic low-voltage items they were handling separately would be through Mr. Lenkowski.

- Station 1 Construction Trailer extension – Commissioner Tierney stated that he sent the secretary an extension that can be done month to month. It is \$1998 per month. He can be canceled at any time. Secretary Le stated it is the same rate they are paying now. Chairman Komorsky stated they should go month to month so that they can cancel at any time. He asked if everyone was in agreement and they said yes. Commissioner Pignataro stated it should just be for one additional

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month because the project should be done soon. Commissioner Ward said that is correct. The only other thing they have to address is the asbestos plan as it relates to occupying the building. Commissioner Tierney stated if they do have to winterize the trailer, it will probably cost between \$500-\$700. They would have to put an electric blanket around the tank

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve the month-to-month contract for the construction trailer rentals at a cost of \$1998 per month and support services. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Review of Capital Plan and Next Steps – Chairman Komorsky stated this will be taken care of on September 8 at their workshop.
- Station 3 Storage Room – Commissioner Ward stated he has nothing to report at this time.
- Station 2 Septic – Commissioner Tierney stated the engineered plans for the septic were submitted to the Board of Health. They came back with 10 to 15 small items, most of which have already been done. They are in the process of redrawing the plans to be resubmitted to the Board of Health. They are also working on the bid contract specifications. Chairman Komorsky stated there was nothing critical in the Board of Health comments. Once final drawings are approved and sent out to bid they will send an estimate of cost. He does believe that should be done within three to four weeks. Chairman Komorsky stated he thought it might be done sooner than that. Commissioner Pignataro asked if the beams would have to be opened here and Chairman Komorsky said yes. They can discuss a possible amount for their budget during executive session as it should be discussed publicly prior to the bid process. Chairman Komorsky stated the comments from the Board of Health are also not going to incur a large cost. Commissioner Tierney stated he sent Secretary Le an e-mail from Denise with a request to talk to the District's insurance agent to make sure the coverage for the contractors doing the work is at the proper level. Secretary Le stated she would take care of that tomorrow.
- Station 2 Brick Pointing – Commissioner Tierney stated they have two estimates and are waiting for the third to come back. They are having a hard time getting a third one. The gentleman that Commissioner Taft has recommended has not yet given the price. He will have them to present at the next meeting. Commissioner Pignataro stated if they don't have a third at the next meeting does it show that they made an honest effort to get three and they can just use the two that they have.
- Station 3 Mold Remediation – Mr. Lenkowski asked if there was a timeline for this demolition and reconstruction at this point. Chief Champion stated that Mike, from WDNY, is coming tomorrow at 10 AM to get some samples. Deputy Chief Merritt will oversee that. He will get back to the District as to when that will fit into the schedule. Hopefully it will be sooner rather than later. Commissioner Ward stated they already had samples done by Quest. Chief Champion asked if WDNY had a copy of Quest's report. Commissioner Ward stated he could provide it. Chairman Komorsky asked Mr. Lenkowski about movements of equipment. Mr. Lenkowski stated the original plan was to move all of the door access control systems, the Internet, the phone system, and all of the IT equipment from the room. What he would like to propose is to take the FIOS Internet circuit and some of the network equipment and relocate it temporarily into the ceiling in the ready room, which is outside

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of the contaminated area. This way they can maintain the Internet and maintain connectivity. Secondary to that, he spoke to Blue Dragon prior to the meeting and asked them what it would cost to put in a system similar to what they put in the trailers. It is a single door access control unit that connects over the network instead of to the wiring. They could still take out all of the door access control equipment and maintain access to the front door of the firehouse with a scanned card. That way they would not have to worry about passing out keys. They stated it would be roughly \$1100 to put a single door controller in that would communicate over the network back to Station 2. Chairman Komorsky asked if there was another option as that is costly. Chief Champion stated they do have some keys to access the doors. The company president and the house committee has them along with himself. They do not have a whole lot of them. Additional keys could cost as much as \$75 per key but he does not have a hard number on that. Commissioner Taft stated then they have to worry about getting those keys back.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to spend \$1100 at Firehouse #3 on the mold remediation for moving the equipment. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Mr. Lenkowski will start that process. He will call Blue Dragon tomorrow morning to get everything scheduled. He thinks it should be able to be done before next week. He will keep the Board advised. Preemptively, he will relocate all of his equipment out of the room. When Blue Dragon comes in to remove all of the security equipment from the walls they are also going to remove the phone system and everything else from the room. Chairman Komorsky stated they need to be reminded to wear gloves and a mask while they are working in there. He asked how the equipment gets cleaned as there is probably mold on it as well. Mr. Lenkowski stated it is nonporous metallic so it can just be wiped down with Clorox wipes. He can have Blue Dragon do it as they remove the equipment. Chief Champion stated he met with Joe Devens to discuss getting a quote together for putting that room back together. He will hopefully have something for the next meeting. He did provide the Board had approved previously for the mold remediation so that is what this price will be based off of. It will include mold resistant paint, a new drop ceiling, and they did speak about putting sheet rock on the ceiling to the rafters. WDNY will be doing a lot of the cleaning and encapsulating any of the studs and exposed rafters. Chairman Komorsky asked that they please spray the hinges as well to make sure they are mold free when they are reinstalled as mold will quickly regrow if it has a start point. Commissioner Taft asked if they were using metal studs. Chief Champion stated WDNY is not removing the studs, they are going to clean them. If you want removal of the studs that will be something additional. Chairman Komorsky stated as long as it is cleaned up it will be fine. Commissioner Ward stated they also need to follow up with Redemption on the controls. Chief Champion stated he did follow up with them after the last meeting.

- Staffing Community Events – Chief Champion stated the Fall Festival is coming up. They have not received a formal request to participate but they are planning on doing it. It would be with a staffed ambulance. Music in the Park is continuing until October 5. Safety Day is scheduled for October 25. Halloween is a week after. In tonight's Teams meeting folder the Fire Prevention Officer put together a budget that encompasses Safety Day and Fire Prevention for the year. Commissioner Ward asked if the dollar amount proposed is in line with the fire prevention budget. Treasurer Pozniak stated the budget for the year is set at \$13,000 for Fire Prevention and Safety Day and any other public events. This proposed amount is under the budgeted amount. Treasurer

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Pozniak asked if there were separate prices supplied for this and Chief Champion stated that the prices were checked against Positive Promotions and another vendor. He does have e-mail stating that the Alert All prices are below the other vendor prices. Treasurer Pozniak asked that they document what those other prices were.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to allot \$11,610 for Safety Day and Fire Prevention. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Lexipol Policy Updates – Chief Champion stated the next meeting with Lexipole is in September. At the last meeting they did go through a few policies but they do not have them for presentation tonight. Timing between him and legal has not matched up for them to get through a few of the outstanding policies. It is a work in progress. Chairman Komorsky asked where they stand on the policies they wanted to address relatively quickly. Chief Champion stated they hope to get through them before the second meeting in September and, hopefully, even have some for the first meeting. Commissioner Ward stated that they did create a policy for the EMS Cost Recovery that needs to be added to the list. Chief Champion stated he will e-mail Attorney Hekle and Attorney Petriccione some dates that they can hopefully get together to review these. Chief Champion did ask Lexipol about an AI policy and they do not have one at this time. It sounds like they may be developing one.
- Operational Software Overview - Chief Champion stated they are moving forward. They did find some quirks in the scheduling that they are trying to optimize to make sure that it runs smoothly. He does believe they are on target to be integrated with the scheduling in September and sending it off to payroll. They do have questions that their contacts say they are waiting for replies for. He has been given the directions to move to NERIS, which is the National Emergency Response Information System, which is the replacement for NFIRS, which is the National Fire Incident Reporting System. They should be underway with that by October. Commissioner Pignataro asked if there was a target for reports yet. Chief Champion stated he has asked their contact for a day to sit with the ad hoc reports individual. This year they are spread between ESO and First Due so they will have to figure out how to merge the information. They are getting data out for the volunteers for their LOSAP standings. He does have a packet for this past quarter to give out to those individuals. Commissioner Ward stated he will be more than happy to work with Mr. Lenkowski to push forward with getting some of these reports. Chief Champion stated that he and Bria informed the new Success Manager that they were looking for reports and she is working on that in the background. Commissioner Ward stated they need to have a meeting every other week with an agenda and stick to it, otherwise it may fall by the wayside. Commissioner Pignataro asked if they got a copy of all of the reports needed six or eight months ago and Chief Champion said yes, but that was prior to them actually switching over. They are having problems with how it tags and correlates. They are working through that. Secretary Le stated that First Due is easier to navigate and create and amend reports. It is just a matter of getting the data in. Commissioner Ward stated they do not want to be creating reports. Chairman Komorsky asked where they were on the operational side with timecards. Chief Champion stated that as part of the scheduling. There was an issue that they picked up on this week in regard to overtime. He is working with the scheduling person at First Due. They are still tracking it through ESO as a backup. There are some avenues that they will be able to get away from in ESO and go with First Due, so there will be a reduction in

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what they are paying ESO. Captain Ryan has been very helpful with doing inventory and assets with First Due and helping to set up the scheduling.

- Diesel Tank Accessories– Chief Champion stated this is a work in progress.
- Grant Update – Chief Champion stated in regard to the SAFER Grant, he has submitted the financial and progress report and are continuing in the reimbursement payment submissions. They are waiting to hear back from FEMA on all of that. Commissioner Pignataro asked if the four new hires are part of this and Chief Champion said no. He stated in March one of the SAFER hires left. On paper they have moved someone up into that spot. They have not gotten to the point of submitting that to FEMA for calculation. Right now they are still running on the numbers from the last part of last year. Once they get closer to January he will work with Treasurer Pozniak to make sure that paper move of the individual is accounted for when the SAFER hire left them. It is a seamless process.
- Grant Writing Update – Deputy Chief Zittel was not present. Deputy Chief Merritt stated that Dutchess County put out another grant for a fly car like they did last year. Last year they did get two AED's from that. He did submit a grant application last week for a Lucas Chest Compression Device to put on one of the fly cars. He does believe they make the determination on who gets those grants next month. He will keep the Board informed.
- Building Repairs/Repair Requests – Chairman Komorsky asked if there was anything needing to be discussed that had not been discussed already. There was nothing.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- iSimulate manikins and simulated monitor -Secretary Le stated that there was a copy of the quote in the packet as well as the materials associated with the products in the Teams folder. Deputy Chief Merritt stated this is training material that he has been bringing up for several years. They carry Lifepak 15's from Stryker and there is software that puts this on an iPad. You can run a simulated cardiac arrest for a critical patient simulation. The instructor would have a master iPad and transmit the images to the students' version. They do have adult, pediatric, and infant manikins that react with the iPad so they can do advanced life support skills for CPR, integrations, IOs, IVs, push meds, and run an entire simulated cardiac arrest using these devices. Chairman Komorsky stated the grand total for all of these items is \$40,495. Commissioner Ward stated that the iPad controller is \$13,000 and they had set aside \$13,000 for 2025. The sim pediatric is \$20,000, the sim adult is \$32,000, and the BLS five manikins is \$8000. He asked exactly which ones that price of \$40,495 included and Deputy Chief Merritt stated the iPad, the adult sim, and the pediatric sim. This does not include the five BLS manikins. Commissioner Ward stated in the capital plan they had set aside \$65,000. Deputy Chief Merritt stated there are a few additional BLS manikins he would be looking at that are less than the \$8,000. Treasurer Pozniak stated the price was fine, but they will need to know if this is sole source. If it is not on state bid, they will have to go out to bid.
- Chief Champion stated that they had a CPR call on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Group 1 was the responding group. A letter will be sent to Troop K commending the outstanding efforts of Trooper McCloud,

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who responded alongside LaGrange's personnel. Chairman Komorsky asked that a copy also be put in each responding member's file.

- Chief Champion received a quote today in regard to the pedestrian door by the Radio Room. They have had to do repairs to it continually. The jam is broken and the hinges are broken and it is rusted. The quote from K and J Devens was just received to replace the door entirely. The cost is \$3978.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to authorize \$3978 for the replacement of the pedestrian door by the Radio Room. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky asked if it was going to be another steel door and Chief Champion said yes. He will coordinate with Mr. Lenkowski and Blue Dragon for the installation of the locks.

- Chief Champion stated another thing they were notified of is that the Town of LaGrange is hereby indicating its intent to assume lead agency for an environmental study for a new development. It is a subdivision that is going in on Titusville and Philips Road called Halstead Farms. The Fire District is listed as an involved agency. He has all of the paperwork if anyone from the Board would like to review it. It is also loaded onto the Teams folder. Chairman Komorsky stated that he knows of this project. He did encourage the Chief or Deputy Chiefs to go to these meetings and be involved. If they would like him to join them, he is happy to do that. This is a fairly big project. Chief Champion stated an engineer and their architect to come and speak to them and ask what they would like to see. Whether that comes to fruition is something else. Commissioner Taft stated that one side of the road will be residential homes and the other side will be a farm operation. Chairman Komorsky stated that is one project. Another one is coming in as well. Chief Champion stated there will be a cut in on the Phillips Road side. Chairman Komorsky stated it is Cornell Farm. Chief Champion stated the other side will be 144 multifamily residential units ranging from three bedrooms. There will be additional buildings and it will connect to Titusville Road. Chairman Komorsky stated they are not positive on the road connection at this point.

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

- **Treasurer Pozniak** - Chairman Komorsky stated they audited the Tompkins Bank statements and everything is in fine order and it has been submitted to the Secretary. Treasurer Pozniak stated all he had to present were those bank reconciliations. He does have one personnel item and one contractual item for Executive Session.
- **Chief Anthony Champion –**
  - o Membership Status - Chief Champion stated there is nothing to report at this time.
  - o Civil Service - Chief Champion stated they are working with the new hires and recent changes that have happened over the last few months.
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  - o Updates - Chief Champion said at the last meeting he brought up the venting upstairs. Redemption Services will be servicing and cleaning the ducts in this building within the

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next week. He will follow up with them tomorrow to make sure that it is executed. Commissioner Taft asked if duct cleaning could be incorporated into annual cleaning and maintenance. Chief Champion stated he will ask or he can just have them include it in the proposal in January.

They did receive a new trailer that is out back. It is housing the UTV that is in production that will be utilized on emergency calls on the Rail Trail, brushfires, tech rescue and other emergency situations. A plan is underway and under review to add lights to the trailer and lettering and tool mounting.

- In County Training – Chief Champion stated Firefighter/Medic Tyler Edgar is looking to attend a car seat safety class that is being hosted at the Stanford Free Library. The district had paid for him and volunteer Richard Sassi to become car seat certified technicians. They are getting these e-mails from the organizer at the hospital. Chairman Komorsky stated if volunteer Sassi decides to go, they should travel together and take a district vehicle. Chief Champion stated Firefighter Edgar submitted that they are holding another car seat certification class so that has been put out to the staff and volunteers to see if anyone else would like to get that certification as well.

- Out of County Training – Chief Champion stated Firefighter/Medic Edgar is looking to attend Fire and Emergency Service Instructor 1. This is at the Orange County Fire Training Center from February 27 to March 8 from 8 AM to 4 PM. He would need shift coverage for two shifts during that timeframe. This does fall in line with the and assistance he has provided to Deputy Chief Merritt and Deputy Chief Zittel and Chief Champion. This is an instructor level training class so it gives him the resources and materials and experience to become a better instructor. This is the next step for someone wanting to teach here in LaGrange or anywhere else. Chief Champion stated he is very much in support of this.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to allow Firefighter/Medic Edgar to attend a Fire and Emergency Service Instructor 1 class February 27 through March 8 at the Orange County Fire Training Center. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney -Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Mechanical - Chief Champion stated they did do interviews last week and they are, unfortunately, back to square one. He does have one additional item for personnel to discuss in Executive Session. They have the position posting in Hudson Valley Help Wanted, the District website, and Indeed. Secretary Le stated the timeframe for Hudson Valley Wanted has run out. She can renew it for an additional fee, but it is on Indeed and the website. The Board was in favor of rerunning the ad.
- Chief Champion stated he has four personnel items for Executive Session.
- **Deputy Chief of EMS** – Deputy Chief Merritt stated he is working with Firefighter Trott's rollout for training with paramedics for some new medications and airway tools that are being added to the ambulance. The protocols were changed in July so they are hoping to roll that out within

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the next week or so. The new firefighter paramedics that were hired are working through their onboard training. He thanked the firefighters and EMTs that are helping these new hires as they go through the process working as mentors and going through their skills with them. He expects to be done with two of the three of them within the next week or so.

- **Controlled Substances** - He still working on controlled substances. He has sent drafts of the proposed plan to the State and the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement for review to see if they have any suggestions for things that should be changed. He has not heard anything back from them yet. The Medical Director read the plan and approved it. He has applied to the DEA for a Controlled Substance License which takes about six weeks. The next steps after that will be signing a purchasing agreement with the vendor and submitting an application to the State. He is also slowly adding safes and locks to the inventory as they will be purchasing all of these medications. He is still on track to have this done before the New Year.
- **Deputy Chief of Fire** – Deputy Chief Zittel was not present.
- **Department** –Chairman Komorsky stated there was no one present.
- **Union** – There was no report.

### **ABSTRACT:** \$96,930.52

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the month of August as per the abstract for \$96,930.52. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

At 7:41 PM, Chairman Komorsky opened the meeting to public comments. There were none.

At 7:41 PM, Chairman Komorsky closed the public comment section of the meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:42 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss four personnel items from Chief Champion, one personnel issue and one contractual issue from Treasurer Pozniak, one BOFC item from Chairman Komorsky, and one personnel from Commissioner Pignataro. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **OPEN SESSION:**

At 9:38 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

**PREPARE 9/09/25 MEETING AGENDA:** Secretary Le will prepare this.

BoFC Regular Meeting 8/26/25

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**LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT**  
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**ADJOURNMENT:**


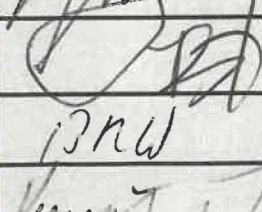
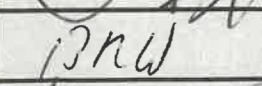
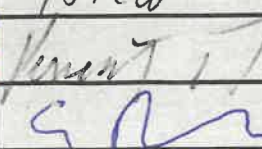
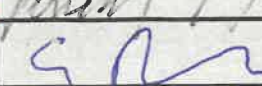
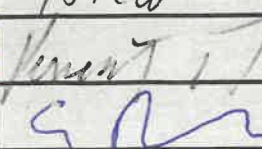
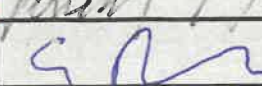
At 9:38 PM, upon a Motion made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Julie Beyer on behalf of  
Bria Le – District Secretary

*Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 9/9/25*

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VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	8/26/2025
207 RESOLUTIONS ✓	\$ 5,019.87	14560	PROFESSIONAL SVCS FOR 207A
A2Z COMMUNICATIONS/FALCONDIRECT ✓	\$ 340.00	14329	ALERT BOX RECEIVER
AMAZON ✓	\$ 785.82	14543	OFFICE SUPPLIES
BOTTINI ✓	\$ 924.77	14548	DIESEL FUEL STAT 2
BOUND TREE ✓	\$ 137.99	5669	EMS SUPPLIES
BOUND TREE ✓	\$ 379.99	5669	EMS SUPPLIES
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ 3,394.45	14549	STAT 2 & 3 ELECTRIC
CHIPPS SEAMLESS GUTTERS ✓	\$ 2,650.00	14538	STAT 3 GUTTER REPAIR
CRYOWELD ✓	\$ 112.76	14561	EMS SUPPLIES
DR. JOSEPH FELICE-MED DIRECTOR ✓	\$ 888.00	14552	DEA REGISTRATION FEE REIMBURSEMENT
GLOBAL AUTO REPAIR ✓	\$ 1,137.25	14540	REPAIRS 47-11
H.G. PAGE ✓	\$ 27.68	5682	SHOP SUPPLIES
HUDSON RIVER TRUCK & TRAILER ✓	\$ 14,111.06	14322	TRAILER-CAPITAL INVESTMENT
JACKSON LEWIS ✓	\$ 36,031.20	14573	JUNE & JULY SVCS RENDERED
JULIE BEYER ✓	\$ 220.00	2025BLE	OFFICE WORK TRANSCRIPTION SVCS
LB LANDSCAPING ✓	\$ 280.00	14550	STAT 3 LAWN MAINT
M&O SANITATION ✓	\$ 450.00	14565	SEPTIC PUMP-STAT 2
MASSMUTUAL ✓	\$ 519.50	14546	LIFE INS-CAREER
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ 841.75	14575	EMS SUPPLIES
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 220.98	14447	FIRE RESCUE SUPPLIES
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 595.60	14480	PPE TESTING/REPAIRS
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 300.00	14499	REPAIR TO TAILS PANT
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 321.98	14498	UNIFORMS-NEW HIRES
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 104.78	14545	FIRE RESCUE EQUIPMENT
MYA LOCKSMITH ✓	\$ 200.00	14542	SERVICE CALL-LOCK COMBO CHANGE
NY FIRE EQUIPMENT ✓	\$ 1,302.36	14240	FIRE EQUIPMENT
NY FIRE EQUIPMENT ✓	\$ 944.73	14323	BOOTS
NYS ASSOC OF FIRE CHIEFS ✓	\$ 75.00	13059	FIRE/EMS EXPO 2024
O&D ELECTRIC ✓	\$ 1,900.00	14557	STATION 1 RENOV-ELECTRIC
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 195.72	14547	INTERNET SVC-STAT 2
PROCLAIM ✓	\$ 8,059.22	14539	AMBULANCE TRANSPORT CLAIMS
REDEMPTION MECHANICAL ✓	\$ 1,656.00	14553	STATION 2 STORM DRAIN REPAIR
SHI INTERNATIONAL ✓	\$ 11,627.93	14535	IT FIREWALL SOFTWARE
STERICYCLE ✓	\$ 142.14	14556	EMS WASTE SUBSCRIPTION
TEK MEDICAL ✓	\$ 656.00	14551	ANNUAL PHYSICAL-VOLUNTEER
VERIZON WIRELESS ✓	\$ 35.00	14563	MODEM CHARGES
VERIZON ✓	\$ 149.00	14569	INTERNET SVC-STAT 2
VERIZON ✓	\$ 80.99	14574	INTERNET SVC-STAT 3
Z3 CONSULTANTS ✓	\$ 111.00	14562	FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION
↓ Balance ↓			
<b>TOTAL SUBMITTED</b>	<b>\$ 96,930.52</b>	<b>Commissioner Signatures:</b>	
<b>changes listed:</b>		 08/26/25  8/26/25  8/26/25	
<b>TOTAL APPROVED</b>		 8/26/25  8/26/25	
<b>KEY:</b>			
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<b>Paid:</b>		 8/26/25  8/26/25	