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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting – October 7, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:** Chairman Marc Komorsky  
Commissioner Robert Taft  
Commissioner Vincent Tierney  
Deputy Chief Bryan Zittel  
Secretary Bria Le  
Attorney Michael Hekle (via Teams)

Commissioner Barry Ward  
Commissioner Anthony Pignataro  
Chief Anthony Champion (arrived at 6:36)  
Deputy Chief Scott Merritt (arrived at 6:36)  
Treasurer Mark Pozniak

At 6:03 pm, Chairman Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday, October 7, 2025, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

**MINUTES:** - 9/23/25 Regular Meeting minutes and 9/08/25 & 9/24/25 Special Meeting minutes.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 9/23/25 Regular Meeting minutes. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 9/8/25 Special Meeting minutes. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 9/24/25 Special Meeting minutes. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None.

**ROOM USE REQUESTS:**

- There is a request from Paul DeMILTO to use Station 3 on 12/6/25 from 11 AM to 4 PM. Secretary Le stated there is no conflict for this use.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to allow Paul DeMILTO use of Station 3 on 12/6/25 from 11 AM to 4 PM. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney– Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS:**

- Station 1 Building Update and Asbestos Removal–Commissioner Ward stated the State approval came in today, so they are all approved to move forward. He met with three contractors to get quotes for the asbestos removal. He stated he wanted to review the section that was within the scope of the state approval, from ACA is \$52,835.00; BSB quoted \$61,550; Beam Enterprises Inc. is for \$65,000.00. This is for the scope of work that was submitted to the State for approval.

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Treasurer Pozniak asked where it was going to be funded from. Ideally, it would be from the reserve. Secondly, these amounts exceed the NYS threshold for bidding. These are quotes, but he does believe this could be considered from the emergency clause. That is a Board decision. It would allow them to avoid the bid process. The fact that there are three quotes is helpful. The Board would have to declare this an emergency that requires immediate action. Commissioner Tierney asked what the 1500 square foot sheetrock debris was. Commissioner Ward stated the scope of work involves removing any loose material in the existing sheetrock, closing any holes up in the sheetrock, and sealing the sheetrock. Commissioner Pignataro stated the 1500 square feet is the area they are looking at. Commissioner Ward stated the prices also include insertion of all of the screws for the hanging ceiling as it needs to be done in a HEPA controlled environment because it will create dust. There is a schematic layout for where those go. Commissioner Taft asked how long this would take if they are given the go ahead. Commissioner Ward stated he is unsure exactly, but he feels it is about a week's worth of work. Chairman Komorsky asked if they could continue this during executive session as it is a contractual issue. He has questions he would like to ask Attorney Hekle. Commissioner Ward stated the second piece was that each estimate had a phase 2 price. This is for the abatement of the non-construction area, which would involve the foyer, kitchen, and old ready room. Commissioner Tierney asked if they have to have one vendor to do both or if they can have it be two separate vendors. Commissioner Ward stated he would have one person do it because the whole idea is they would already be all set up. He believes that all of them gave a price based on already being set up. Commissioner Taft stated there is one that is below the rest for both phases anyway. Commissioner Tierney asked if they would do the construction first and then go and clean everything. Commissioner Ward stated he can't tell them how to do it but logically they would insert the screws and do everything that would create dust and then clean up and then do the wipe down. He stated they are not inserting something into something that contains asbestos. They are taking out everything that is asbestos. In the description they state what area they are doing the demolition in. Commissioner Taft stated they need to discuss with the attorney what constitutes an emergency repair before they go ahead and just approve this.

- Station 2 Septic – Commissioner Tierney stated in the Board packet there are some schematics. This seems to be the final specs that MJ has sent to the Board of Health for approval. MJ got word today that they are looking to get it approved within two weeks. Chairman Komorsky stated he does not believe there any other outstanding issues. Commissioner Ward asked if they should wait until the final Board of Health approval before they go to bid. Chairman Komorsky stated he had sent out various documents today for the bid information. Secretary Le has them. Joel and MJ had a number of questions on what they already have set in the system for a bid process. They put in their document so the Board can compare notes with that and with Attorney Hekle. Commissioner Ward stated he assumes they have a bid system that they can go through so the Board does not have to do anything. Chairman Komorsky stated that is what they were asking, if the board wanted them to do the whole process. The Board was in agreement with this and Secretary Le was asked to send an e-mail to let MJ know. Commissioner Pignataro stated after that gets done before they actually receive the Board of Health approval and Chairman Komorsky stated that is what the question for the attorney is. Treasurer Pozniak stated they should wait because otherwise they will have to restart the whole process if there are any changes. Treasurer Pozniak asked if they had all of the information on what exactly MJ was going to do and a cost estimate for the project. Chairman Komorsky stated it should be in the document that the Secretary has. Commissioner Ward stated the engineering fees and the fees to go to bid have

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already been done. They still need to provide an engineering estimate for the project total, including engineering cost and project management costs. Chairman Komorsky stated he would get in touch with them to get the estimates as soon as possible.

Chairman Komorsky stated the next item in their packet is the Conceptual Design Phase 2 for Station 1. He asked if everyone had a chance to review it yet. It includes MJ's proposal for professional services. The description is Task 1, survey and mapping for \$9000; Task 2 is geotechnical investigations for \$11,000; Task 3 Concept Design for \$65,000 for a project total of \$85,000. Commissioner Pignataro stated there were items in there that he does not believe they ever agreed to, such as anything with a slab. He thought Phase 2 of the renovation was asbestos related. Chairman Komorsky said no. Commissioner Taft stated they had discussed doing some work at Station 1 and then coming back and doing work at Station 2 but then they decided to do Phase 1 and Phase 2 at Station 1. Commissioner Ward stated they discussed Phase 2 only being the foyer, kitchen, and ready room. Commissioner Pignataro stated that the asbestos created the need for those other items to be repaired. Commissioner Taft stated he does not remember them ever discussing the detail of what was going to be done. Commissioner Ward stated when they do the Budget Hearing they're going to do the detailed dive into the reserve funds afterwards. His suggestion is that at that point they look at what they want to do and when they want to do it. Commissioner Taft stated that he did believe they were not going to discuss it until after they checked the reserve funds. He does not believe they ever went into detail. Commissioner Tierney stated the first four bullets have to do with the bays. The next three bullets are the vestibule and the hallway and the kitchen and the ready room. He said they should at least start on the hallway, kitchen, and ready room and hold off on the bays because you cannot leave the trucks outside in the winter. This may be a springtime project. Commissioner Ward stated he does believe they should hold this conversation until after they review the budgets. Commissioner Tierney stated they cannot move staff out of the trailers until they have a place to cook. Commissioner Ward stated they could discuss that later. Chairman Komorsky stated they also have a generator project here that they are working on as well. He will be having a conference call with MJ tomorrow. (Attorney Hekle arrived via teams at 6:23 PM).

- Station 2 Brick Pointing – Commissioner Tierney stated he called the vendor who was approved to take over this job and was told that the vendor would start in 2 to 3 weeks. He is trying to nail down a specific date with the vendor.
- Station 3 Mold Remediation – Commissioner Tierney stated he has to go out and get together with the vendors again because he took them out there once but never got any estimates back. There will be a defined scope of work for the bidders to bid on.

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

- **Treasurer Pozniak** - Treasurer Pozniak stated he distributed a budget form for the Board. There was some new information that came up after the Board adopted the proposed budget. This was in regard to stipends and they are in the process of identifying the additional money for the new stipends, Commissioner Ward found an error in something that was left out. The results of this increases the payroll line by approximately \$35,000. In addition to that the fringe benefits line, MTA tax, pension line and Social Security all go up accordingly. He believes these changes should cover every one in personnel and the additional stipends, including overtime. Commissioner Ward stated this also assumes one over on each shift, which is all factored in. Chairman

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Komorsky asked if they incorporated the possibility of the change for the MTO and Commissioner Ward said yes. Treasurer Pozniak stated there are still assumptions in here. He cannot guarantee it is perfect but he feels very confident in the numbers proposed. They don't know exactly when they will hire the new people and have no control over how many people call in sick on a specific shift. Chairman Komorsky asked if they cover the mechanic position as well and Commissioner Ward said yes. Chairman Komorsky asked how many hours they put in for the mechanic for his work week. Treasurer Pozniak stated it was a dollar amount not an hourly amount. Commissioner Ward stated they did assume being at full-time to have a buffer in there. He stated they should talk about the notional account where there is money set aside for potential retirees. They did decide not to add additional funds there but the Board can change that if they so choose. They should be okay what is in there and it covers roughly 2 people. They had decided it was not worth taking \$200,000 away from reserve funds or any other line when this is such an unknown. They do have a cash balance they can deal with it from if necessary. Treasurer Pozniak stated the flipside of the additional payroll cost is that he is suggesting they reduce some of the reserve fund contributions. It will still be an increase from the 2025 contributions. This kept the percentage increase at the same as what they had agreed on at the last meeting. It is still sitting at 6.42%. Commissioner Tierney asked why they were cutting the reserve fund contribution in half. Commissioner Ward stated he had enough of a mathematical error in his running balances on his worksheet and he had them contributing a lot more money into the fund than they needed to. They are in good shape with the amount that is in there and what they were told they will be spending. They will get into this deeper when they do the reserve funds after the budget hearing. If they get grant money that will offset a lot of those funds as well. Right now they have enough funds to cover the SCBAs. Commissioner Tierney asked if they were still holding at the 6.42% and Treasurer Pozniak stated yes. That was the commitment they had made prior years ago. Commissioner Ward stated that the EMS recovery funds, that is more than expected, saves quite a bit. Commissioner Tierney stated there is a total breakdown of EMS recovery funds in the report if anyone else wants to review it. Commissioner Ward stated the income is approximately \$100,000 per month. Commissioner Ward stated at some point they should address whether or not they are going to change the threshold. Chairman Komorsky stated that will be another discussion for after the budget meeting. Commissioner Ward explained that they can just increase the reimbursement rates for what Medicare will pay, if they so choose to.

At 6:36 pm, Chief Champion and DC Zittel arrive at the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS:** *(cont.)*

- Staffing Community Events –Chief Champion stated they staffed the Fall Festival for LaGrange and it went well. There were no issues. They are going to postpone Safety Day for this year. They will focus in on a few other ventures instead. Chairman Komorsky asked if they could hold all of the purchased items for next year since it is canceled for this year. Chief Champion stated the quantity purchased for next year will be less than what they purchased for this year. Chief Champion stated the Board had asked for a follow-up with the car seat inspection with Vassar on the 18th. It will be at Station 2 from 1500 hrs. to 1900 hrs. they are in the process of getting the certificate of insurance.
- Lexipol Policy Updates –Chief Champion stated it is a work in progress. He didn't spend any time with legal today as he was in Union Vale. He does believe that Attorney Hekle and Secretary Le

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went through a few policies today. They did get online yesterday and reviewed things. They have a meeting with Lexipol on Thursday. He will give them their policies with the recommended changes from legal so they can be made on Thursday. Hopefully, at the next meeting they will be ready to be presented to the Board for final approval. Then they can start a plan of implementing this out to the members. Chairman Komorsky asked if there were a lot of changes. They were mostly to align the policies with being a policy and not a legal document and trying to conform it to what the district operational structure is. Commissioner Ward stated they were on the cusp of completing a camera policy. They do have the investment of the interior cameras that has been unutilized for the past few years. He asked where that was sitting. Chief Champion stated he believes they have part of a camera policy and a vest camera policy. Commissioner Tierney had started work on that when he started on the committee. They have not gotten to that section to fully review it and get legal perspective on it yet. He does think you might be next to come up. Commissioner Ward stated that Lexipol's desire to do their policies in their sequence might not correspond with the districts desire for the sequence the policies are done in. Chief Champion stated if they get something written up that they want and get it through legal and give it to Lexipol he does not believe that it would be an issue to address it at that point. Commissioner Ward stated it would be nice to get that one out of the way sooner rather than later. Attorney Hekle stated they could put in the next packet if it is ready. Commissioner Ward stated what they have was fairly close to being approved by the collective-bargaining unit. Chief Champion stated this will be a modification of what Lexipol has because the one they have does not address how LaGrange currently has its cameras and the future use that they would like to have them for training or in building. There has been discussion regarding putting them on apparatus in the future and that is not heavily addressed in Lexipol's existing policies.

Chief Champion stated the Board had asked for a follow-up with the car seat inspection with Vassar on the 18th. It will be at Station 2 from 15:00 to 19:00 and they are in the process of getting the certificate of insurance.

- Operational Software Overview - Chief Champion stated they have scheduled meetings with First Due for the schedule module and the training module on the 15th and 20<sup>th</sup> of October. They will go through and do a fine-tuning with them at that point. Chief Champion continues to go through and get the incidences in First Due completed to help the officers so the move and transition to NERIS will be smooth. Chairman Komorsky asked if he could logistically get everyone together to get this done and Chief Champion said yes.
- Diesel Tank Accessories– Chief Champion stated this is a work in progress.
- Grant Update – Chief Champions stated the financial in progress reports have been approved and a previous payment reimbursement was submitted. He is going to submit another one but given the fact that the government is on hold due to a funding lapse it may be a bit before they get a reply back on that.
- Grant Writing Update – Deputy Chief Zittel stated there is nothing new at this time. It is a work in progress.

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- Building Repairs/Repair Requests – Chairman Komorsky asked if there was anything needing to be discussed that had not been discussed already. Chief Champion stated Redemption Mechanical should have been in last week to clean the ductwork. The chief will follow up with him to see how that went.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Station 1 Concept Design –Covered in previous business.

Chairman Komorsky stated they had a meeting coming up on October 14, 2025, 2025 at 10 AM for the battery storage. He did notice that there will be a quorum of commissioners there so he asked Attorney Hekle if this needed to be advertised. They are just listening to a presentation or a training program on these battery supply locations. Attorney Hekle stated the safer course of action is to publish it. Secretary Le will handle the publication. Chairman Komorsky read an article from Mid-Hudson News that was published today regarding Ulster GOP legislators opposing large-scale battery energy storage systems. He stated this is something that he and the Chief had already had several discussions on. He believes this is something they need to be mindful of when they have this meeting. It raises a lot of questions regarding safety of the first responders and the community.

## **REPORTS:** *(cont.)*

### • **Chief Anthony Champion –**

- Member Status Update -Chief Champion stated he has no update on this. He was planning on presenting LOSAP to you today for the Board's approval but it will have to be put off until the next meeting.

Chief Champion stated the Secretary Le has sent information to Civil Service regarding recent hires and changes.

Chief Champion said they will be sending out a second request for gear that has been issued to be returned from former members they have not seen in a long time. If it is not returned he will bring the information to the Board for further discussion.

- In County Training – Chief Champion stated there is some PALS and the ACLS training that Deputy Chief Merritt will address. Deputy Chief Zittel will speak about the training that he took over the last few weeks.
- Out of County Training – Chief Champion stated there was nothing at this time.
- Equipment - Chief Champion stated McAllister, the part-time mechanic has jumped in with both feet and has started to get a lot of the little things that have fallen to the wayside taking care of. He is greasing the pins and hinges on the doors and is moving forward very well. Captain DeMillo is very pleased with his work thus far.
- Updates - In regard to mutual aid, they have just returned from a mutual aid fire at Union Vale, where they were for the better part of the day. They had a barn that caught fire with approximately 120 round bails of hay on the second floor. When LaGrange arrived it was all on the first floor. It was a “surround and drown” type of operation. The cause is still under

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investigation. Dutchess County, East Fishkill, Dover, Pawling, LaGrange, Beekman, and Pleasant Valley all came out for this incident. This property does back up to LaGrange's property. The chief has to commend the staff that responded from here and the personnel on scene. They did a fabulous job. The barn did burn but the two structures in close proximity had some scorching on the outside and the other one appeared unmarked. Chairman Komorsky asked if the Chiefs could express the Board's appreciation for their hard work today.

- Chief Champion stated he has three personnel items for Executive Session.
- **Deputy Chief of Fire** – Deputy Chief Zittel stated he did not have a chance to prepare his report so he will e-mail it within the next day or two.
- **Deputy Chief of EMS** –
  - Dutchess County Ambulance Service - Deputy Chief Merritt stated that Dutchess County EMS system has changed their County ambulance deployment policy. Previously they were providing one paramedic fly car and two BLS units. As of October 1, it has been changed and they have one paramedic ambulance, one paramedic fly car, and one BLS unit. Hopefully that will help provide more ALS services to a larger area of the county. They run when a district is stripped of their resources. They do move around the County to provide coverage for those areas. Chairman Komorsky asked where they are based out of. Deputy Chief Merritt stated they do have a few different posts. One is in town, one is in Pleasant Valley off of the TSP, and one is in Fishkill off of I 84.
  - Controlled Substances - Deputy Chief Merritt stated the Medical Director has received his CS license for LaGrange. The next steps will be a full-blown controlled substance policy from him. He does have drafts here for the Board to review. This will require approval from the medical director and the board and then they can be submitted to the State. The Deputy Chief has been working on this for six months so he hopes it covers everything. Chairman Komorsky asked for the turnaround time for it to come back to the Deputy Chief and what if they just continue to operate as they have and the Deputy Chief said yes. There is a new plan and a transition plan set up to run over the 90 days beginning the day they get their final approvals. They will be operating with both plans in place. Chairman Komorsky asked if liability would be reduced down to minimum and Deputy Chief Merritt said yes. He will work on getting approvals from the Medical Director, the Board, the State, and then they will have to sign an agreement with the controlled substance distributor, which is Boundtree right now. There is also an online software that tracks the substances from cradle-to-grave. Chairman Komorsky asked if anybody was working with him on this and Deputy Chief Merritt said Lieutenant Wern is.
  - Ambulance Computers - they are phasing out the old Toughbook computers they have been using in the ambulances the last five or six years. They are turning into a security liability with the new Windows upgrade. They do have three Service Pro computers that Proclaim gives them under their contract. They will be using those within the next week. Chairman Komorsky asked if they were connected to the hospital already and the Deputy

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Chief said yes. Nothing will be changing except for the actual hardware. The software remains the same. They do have three at the moment. He is working with Captain Ryan to see if they need more but it does not look like that at this time. They have tablets on all of the trucks that can be used for EMS. If they get to a position where they do need any additional tablets, they do have the option to rent additional ones from Proclaim for \$125 a month. He does not believe they will have to go that way but it is an option. Chairman Komorsky asked if they could use the existing tough books for something else within the district. Deputy Chief Merritt stated there are a lot of security updates that he does not believe will work on them. Chairman Komorsky asked if they could be donated to someone and Deputy Chief Merritt stated they would have to talk to Jeff Lenkowski about that.

- Civil Service - Deputy Chief Merritt stated that he and Commissioner Ward met with their representative from Civil Service last week to discuss some potential creation of new positions. Right now they hire off of the firefighter/paramedic list for the firefighter/EMT list. They have been thinking about the idea of a firefighter training position where they could capture someone off the street who does not yet have a paramedic certification. They could take the test as a firefighter paramedic trainee and that would compel them to get their certification after they go to fire academy. It does sound positive at this point. There is a lot of background work that would have to be put into this. The positives to this is that they could filter people out based on whether or not they're actually interested in doing paramedic school. Chairman Komorsky asked if it cannot be done the way it has been done prior. Commissioner Ward stated this is just for the Civil Service part. How the Board decides to hire is still up to them. All of the other issues that the Chairman has still exists. This is just a way of creating a list that would take people from non-paramedic to get them to paramedic through the Civil Service process. Without this they can't do anything. Now they will have to decide as a board how they want to move forward with the educational part which is part of the three year probation. They would have to decide who's going to pay for what parts. He would argue that they push forward and get this set up to get the test scheduled. Commissioner Pignataro asked when they think realistically this could be in place from the Civil Service side. Commissioner Ward stated he believes they might be ready. He believes they might just need to follow-up and then be told go get it set up. Civil Service does all of the work of creating the job type and making a test available. They will define all of the minimum requirements. Chairman Komorsky asked who was going to stay on top of civil service. Commissioner Ward stated now that the Board is aware of it and what the downstream implications are that they will forward getting the setup. Deputy Chief Merritt stated this is not the answer to all of their problems. The positive is that they can filter the candidates more and have the ability to send them to school. There are other risks with a three-year probation. Even when Civil Service creates the position, the work is not done yet. Commissioner Ward's concern is that if they wait to figure out how it's going to be paid for then Civil Service will forget all about the creation of the position and what they agree to and nothing will happen. It could be created and then they can never use it which will be fine. Commissioner Tierney stated this would allow some people who may be in a paramedic class to apply. Commissioner Pignataro asked if the test would be the same and Commissioner Ward stated it will be up to Civil Service as to what is on the test. Commissioner Pignataro stated he does believe this is good news. Commissioner Ward stated that one of the things he and the Deputy Chief are trying to get them to consider was

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if they would allow for a person who would take the firefighter test and then after they go through the Academy and EMT-B but could not make it through paramedic class they could at least default back to the firefighter EMT position. In order to do that they will have to take both tests. In the unlikely event that they don't make it through paramedic school LaGrange could still utilize them after having a three-year probation with them. Commissioner Ward stated this is just for a Civil Service option. There is no commitment on LaGrange's part to do anything as they don't have a plan yet to do anything. Chairman Komorsky would like the Commissioners and the career staff to discuss all of this out in the open at some point. Commissioner Ward stated they are just trying to get this piece out of the way.

- Training – Deputy Chief Merritt said that Firefighter Paramedic Cummings did some trauma care review and rescue task force training last week. The Deputy Chief wanted to thank him for his efforts as well as all of the career staff and volunteers that attended. Tomorrow they have ACLS training at Arlington. It is a required certification that paramedics have to have that expires every two years. There are six members going to that training tomorrow. PALS is at the end of the month at Arlington and it is the same required certification. Right now there are two people signed up for it but he does expect there will be a few more before the end of the month. Ulster County EMS Training Day has been approved for up to four people and so far there is only one person that signed up. Deputy Chief Merritt will probably end up going as well. DCC EMS Connections is on November 8. This is \$75 per person. They usually do send several people to this. He would like to get approval to send up to five people at this time. Right now there is only one person who has signed up for it. It is usually a pretty good class and it is right at Dutchess Community College. It is a one-day class from 7 AM to 5 PM.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve up to five members to attend DCC EMS connections on November 8 at a cost of \$75 per person. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Deputy Chief Merritt stated the Vital Signs EMS conference in Syracuse is put on by New York State. It is done every year. He has a single member that has expressed interest in it. It is Lieutenant Wern. Deputy Chief Merritt stated this is an excellent opportunity for EMS leadership classes, educational classes, a preconference with a lot of opportunities for learning. It goes from 11/11 through 11/15. The cost would be \$750 for the conference and the preconference and then there is hotel and meals and travel.

Upon a MOTION made by Chairman Komorsky and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to authorized Lieutenant Wern to attend vital signs 2025 in Syracuse from November 11 through November 15 to cover preconference, conference, hotel, meals, and travel.. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky stated hopefully he will bring back what he learns to everyone else. Commissioner Tierney asked if people bring back their training and how they go about sharing it with others. Deputy Chief Merritt stated it depends on what classes are attended. He should be able to come back and review some of the material that he was able to get. The leadership classes he will probably just bring back for the lieutenants and

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captains. Some will be development and some will be officer training. Chairman Komorsky stated they have sent people to this in the past and it has been worthwhile.

- **Department** – There was no one.
- **Union** – There was no one present.

**ABSTRACT:** \$192,137.99

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the end of September and beginning of the month of October per the abstract for \$192,137.99. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

At 7:09 PM, Chairman Komorsky opened the meeting to public comments. There were none.

At 7:09 PM, Chairman Komorsky closed the public comment section of the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:11 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss three personnel items and one contractual issue from Chief Champion, one contractual issue and a contractual MOU discussion from Commissioner Ward, two personnel issues and one contractual item from Chairman Komorsky. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

**OPEN SESSION:**

At 8:06 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

**PREPARE 10/28/25 MEETING AGENDA:** Secretary Le will prepare this.

Commissioner Ward stated he had a motion to be made regarding work with the AFF Local Union 3813.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED that effective October 20, 2025 an existing bargaining unit member shall be placed into the Daytime Training Officer position. Secondly this MOU shall terminate six months following the placement of the bargaining unit member into the Daytime Training Officer Position. That daytime training officer position shall work on a day shift consistent with the terms of the CBA and shall be paid an hourly stipend of \$3.37 per hour above and beyond any current stipends. Fourth and final, the schedule of the time for the Training Officer Position shall only be during daytime hours as set forth by the CBA. Modification of these hours can take place at the discretion of the Chief. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

BoFC Regular Meeting 10/07/25

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.



## LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to declare the abatement of asbestos at Station 1 affecting the area that is currently under construction be declared an emergency action and they accept the proposal as submitted by ACA Environmental Services Incorporated pending review by legal counsel for a total of \$52,835. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve the alternate number one, which is the abatement of the asbestos in the foyer, kitchen, and ready room area under the same emergency principal for a total of \$64,800 consistent with legal review and acceptance. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer Pozniak stated he did want it noted in public that there were three quotes for all of the work. The lowest price was the one accepted.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:51 PM, 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, 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 10/28/25*

BoFC Regular Meeting 10/07/25

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# ACA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

October 7, 2025  
Via E-Mail  
ble@lagrangefireny.us  
rlipinski@qualityenv.com

**Attn:** Fire Commissioner  
Barry Ward  
Lagrange Fire District  
504 Freedom Plains Road  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

**From:** Mr. Fred Lattrell  
ACA Environmental Services, Inc.  
One Hayes Street  
Elmsford, New York 10523

**Subject:** Quote for asbestos abatement services to be rendered at Lagrange Fire District – S.W. Phelps Volunteer Fire Company #1, Station 1, 2388 Route 82, Lagrangeville, New York 12540.

**Site**

**Visit:** October 4, 2025

Rudy Lipinski

Fred Lattrell

- Quality Environmental Solutions & Technologies, Inc.

- ACA Environmental Services, Inc.

## Information

**Supplied:** As per the approved QuES&T Variance Number SH-6HSDH and supplied drawings detailing the scope of work.

## SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work for this project is as per the Site Visit, the Information Supplied, and as detailed below:

### In Construction Area:

- Removal and disposal of 1,500 square feet of asbestos-containing sheetrock debris.
- HEPA vacuum and wet wipe all contents, floors, walls, ceilings, and framing.
- Patch all holes in existing sheetrock ceiling.
- Install anchors for new ceiling.

Our price for the removal stated above is:

\$52,835.00

### Alternate No. 1

- Demolish wall board and ceilings in kitchen and entrance, price includes removal and disposal of asbestos tile and mastic.
- Removal of all floor tile and mastic in ready room, price includes demolition of wainscoting.

Our price for Alternate No. 1:

\$ 64,800.00

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The Scope of Work will also be in accordance with NYS Department of Labor, US Environmental Protection Agency, and OSHA Regulations.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Price includes labor, materials, equipment, supervision, and management.
- Based on specified quantities and locations as per the quote.
- Work area access is limited to ACA staff during project.
- Allow time for required regulatory filings.
- Owner to confirm and address any fire system impacts.

OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Owner to provide electrical hookups for 100-amp panel with 25' SJ cord provided ACA. If unavailable, ACA will supply (2) 60-amp panels.
- Water supply to have 3/4" hose connection.
- Owner to provide third-party air monitoring.

EXCLUSIONS

- Phasing of project.
- Overtime.
- Building Department Permits.

This scope of work is being supplied to facilitate your renovations, therefore, we will provide under separate cover a Capital Improvement Certificate, which must be completed and returned prior to abatement commencement.

Should you accept this quote, please complete the information below, and scan back to our office. Once this signed quote has been received by our office, we will schedule the project.

Owner:	_____	Contractor:	ACA Environmental Services, Inc.
Signature:	_____	Signature:	_____
Print Name:	_____	Print Name:	Fred Lattrell
Title:	_____	Title:	Vice President
Date:	_____	Date:	_____
Additional Insureds:	_____		

We appreciate the opportunity to present this quote to you and hope that we may be of assistance in the near future. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,



Fred Lattrell  
Vice President

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# BSB CONSTRUCTION, INC.

1613 ROUTE 9W MILTON, NY 12547  
845-462-5236  
[WWW.BSBCONSTRUCTIONINC.COM](http://WWW.BSBCONSTRUCTIONINC.COM)

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10/7/2025

**Attn:** Barry Ward - Lagrange Fire District – 504 Freedom Plains Rd. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

**Project Address:** LaGrange Fire District – 2388 Route 82 Lagrangeville, NY 12540

Please review the following scopes of work, qualifications, and exclusions.

**Project Scope #1:** BSB will perform the contamination cleanup of the affected areas as per onsite walkthrough. Upon completion of all cleanup activities, BSB will patch and repair all necessary sheetrock areas, and install ceiling mounts as per the given diagram. All work to be accomplished within a negative-pressure containment with an attached decontamination unit as per NYS ICR 56 and Quest’s approved site-specific variance.

**Project Scope #2:** BSB will perform the following scopes of work:

1. Full gut of the Kitchen – All material to be disposed of as RACM.
2. Floor Tile/Mastic Removal within the Entrance Vestibule/Hallway
3. Floor Tile/Mastic Removal within the Rear Room (Adjacent to Bay Garage)

**All ACM mastic to be removed via HEPA-Attached Orbital Diamond Grinders.**

**BSB will require that the entire Interior Space be vacated during abatement activities.**

**BSB will require space for parking, truck staging, etc. for the duration of the project.**

**Proposed prices reflect current Prevailing Wage Rates for Dutchess County, NY.**

All work to be performed in strict accordance with NYS ICR 56, Federal EPA, OSHA, and all local guidelines.

**Exclusions:**

Third party monitoring, visual & air clearances  
Temp power and Temp water during project  
Overtime/Weekend Shifts  
Minor Damages to Surfaces from Containment Construction

**NYS Notification Fee (For Scope #1): \$2,000.00**

**Proposed price for project scope #1: \$61,550.00**

**Proposed price for project scope #2: \$68,890.00**

If this is not a capital improvement project, please add applicable sales tax to total bid amount. BSB will provide a certificate of capital improvement form as needed.

Please feel free to contact our office with any further questions or comments. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you.

Regards,  
Nick Bova  
BSB Construction Inc.  
[nickbova@bsbconstructioninc.com](mailto:nickbova@bsbconstructioninc.com)  
845-462-5236(office)



October 7, 2025

**Lagrange Fire District  
504 Freedom Plains Rd.  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**

Subject: S.W Phelps Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Station 1 – 2388 Route 82, Lagrangeville, NY 12540  
Asbestos Abatement Project

**Beam Enterprises, Inc.** is pleased to submit the following quote for asbestos abatement at the above referenced address. We propose to perform the removal and disposal of the following asbestos containing materials as identified in the specifications and site visit as follows:

**SCOPE**

**Phase 1 – Clean Ex. Common Area and Install drop ceiling anchors**

**Phase 2 – Gut Kitchen Area – flooring/mastic, sheetrock, cabinets, insulation.  
Ready Room - Removal floor tile, mastic and lower furred out wall**

**PRICE BREAKDOWN:**

<b>Phase 1 Monday – Friday</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>
<b>Phase 1 Monday – Friday and 1 weekend</b>	<b>\$69,000.00</b>
<b>Phase 2 Monday – Friday</b>	<b>\$76,000.00</b>
<b>Phase 2 Monday – Friday and 1 weekend</b>	<b>\$81,000.00</b>

**General Clarifications**

1. All labor, materials, equipment and sub-contractors to complete the work in a safe and clean manner
2. Waste Hauling and legal disposal of all waste generated by BEAM. Waste manifests for the disposal of the hazardous regulated materials will be provided in the closeout documents.
3. Insurance limits of 2MM/4MM with a 10MM umbrella included. State of New York Workmen's Compensation Insurance with statutory limits. **OCP is not included in quote.** This can be provided at an additional cost if required.
4. All work to be performed following NYSDOL and USEPA asbestos regulations. Notifications to the regulatory authorities will be executed including all associated fees to be paid by Beam Enterprises, Inc.
5. Unimpeded ingress and egress shall be accomplished by the owner/others. Areas must be cleared to provide non-restricted access to all removal zones.
6. Access to electrical power and water shall be provided by the owner/others. BEAM will provide 100-amp single phase electric panel/panels. Connections for the electric will be made

by Owner's/GC's. Standby electric is not included. Water connection should be from a standard spigot or hose connection.

7. Third party air monitoring to be performed by the owner, if required.
8. Additional material quantities in excess of the amounts identified in this proposal are not included. Scope of work is limited to description identified in this proposal.
9. Proposal is based upon mutually agreeable contract, defined scope (agreed to) and payment terms. Costs for collection of outstanding balances including reasonable legal fees or other associated costs and interest ("Collection Costs") are reimbursable Beam.
10. Pricing does not include sales tax. If applicable, a completed Certificate of Capital Improvement or NYS tax exemption form signed by the property's owner or tenant must be submitted with payment or sales tax will be charged.

#### **SITE SPECIFIC CLARIFICATIONS**

1. Price is based on reasonable access & storage for equipment and material.
2. Work to be performed during normal day work hours, Monday through Friday.
3. All mark outs, disconnects, temp heating, shoring, patching or repairs to be performed by others at no cost to BEAM.
4. Allowances are not included.

Sincerely,

***Beam Enterprises, Inc.***

*Jeffrey Mekeel*

Jeffrey Mekeel

VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	10/7/2025
A-JOHN PORTABLE JOHNS ✓	\$ 7,800.00	14674	PORTA JOHN RENTAL STAT 1
ADAMS ✓	\$ 139.99	14697	SYMPATHY FLOWERS
AMERITAS ✓	\$ 1,652.04	14704	DENTAL INSURANCE
ANTHEM BC/BS ✓	\$ 1,431.00	14705	AMBULANCE SVC OVERPAYMENT
BOTTINI ✓	\$ 836.84	14683	STAT 2 DIESEL FUEL DELIVERY
BOUND TREE ✓	\$ 153.77	5672	EMS SUPPLIES
BOUND TREE ✓	\$ 258.95	5672	EMS SUPPLIES
BRYAN ZITTEL ✓	\$ 170.00	VCHER	MEALS PER DIEM-TRAINING 10/24-10/26
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ 1,292.57	14676	STAT 1 ELECT & AREA LIGHT
CRYOWELD ✓	\$ 146.33	14672	EMS SUPPLIES
CRYOWELD ✓	\$ 127.12	14692	EMS SUPPLIES
DAVID O'DELL ✓	\$ 170.00	VCHER	MEALS PER DIEM-TRAINING 10/24-10/26
DR. FELICE ✓	\$ 1,250.00	14688	QUARTERLY PAYMENT PER CONTRACT
FRONTIER ✓	\$ 177.67	14695	STAT 1 PHONE SVC
GLOBAL AUTO REPAIR ✓	\$ 993.28	14677	47-1 & 47-89 47-85 REPAIRS/INSPECTION
GLOBAL AUTO REPAIR ✓	\$ 1,056.17	14691	47-76 (47-74) REPAIRS/INSPECTION
GRAINGER ✓	\$ 29.10	14655	SHOP SUPPLIES
HAUN WELDING ✓	\$ 8.22	14689	EMS SUPPLIES
JACOB RAND ✓	\$ 360.00	VCHER	MEALS PER DIEM-TRAINING 10/21 - 10/25
JULIE BEYER ✓	\$ 180.00	2025BLE	OFFICE WORK
KYLE MCALLISTER ✓	\$ 14.25	VCHER	BACKGROUND CHECK REIMBURSEMNT
KYLE RANCOURT ✓	\$ 170.00	VCHER	MEALS PER DIEM-TRAINING 10/24-10/26
LB LANDSCAPING ✓	\$ 280.00	14706	STAT 3 LAWN MAINT
LOUIS TAMBINI ✓	\$ 360.00	VCHER	MEALS PER DIEM-TRAINING 10/21-10/25
M&O SANITATION ✓	\$ 450.00	14671	SEPTIC PUMP-STAT 2
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ 1,088.31	14670	EMS SUPPLIES
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 185.78	14660	FIRE EQUIPMENT TESTING
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 400.00	5683	PPE GEAR
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 286.43	5619	WATER RESCUE EQUIP
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 31.63	14675	HANDWHEEL ASSY
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 13,965.00	14411	TURN OUT GEAR-NEW HIRES
NYCOMCO ✓	\$ 445.50	14423	PROGRAMMING RADIOS
NYS ASSOC OF FIRE CHIEFS ✓	\$ 200.00	14679	ANNUAL DEPT MEMBERSHIP
NYS EMPLOYEES HEALTH INS ✓	\$ 135,384.87	14699	NYSHIP BENEFITS PREMIUM
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS ✓	\$ 23.98	14700	PARTS FOR 47-12
ROYAL CARTING ✓	\$ 481.90	14698	WASTE REMOVAL SVCS
RUGE'S FORD ✓	\$ 100.00	14701	REPAIRS DEDUCTIBLE 47-77 (47-73)
SCOTT MERRITT ✓	\$ 360.00	VCHER	MEALS PER DIEM-TRAINING EMS 10/21-10/25
SHI INTERNATIONAL ✓	\$ 573.19	14656	FIRE WALL SUPPORT COVERAGE
STEVE VANBUREN ✓	\$ 500.00	14702	OSHA TRAINING
STRYKER SALES ✓	\$ 7,943.25	13663	PROCARE LUCAS SVC CONTRACT
SUPERIOR TELEPHONE ✓	\$ 2,700.00	14684	ANNUAL CONTRACTS-TELEPHONE SVC
THE WORKPLACE ✓	\$ 2,543.00	14693	PHYSICALS
TOMPKINS BANK ✓ Etag	\$ 4,308.47	14694	CC CHARGES
UTICA NATIONAL INS GROUP ✓	\$ 62.00	14685	COMMERCIAL AUTO INS
VERIZON ✓	\$ 80.99	14682	STAT 3 INTERNET
WEX BANK ✓	\$ 966.39	14696	GAS CARD CHARGES

<b>TOTAL SUBMITTED</b>	<b>\$ 192,137.99</b>	<b>Commissioner Signatures:</b>
<i>changes listed:</i>		<i>[Signature]</i> 10/7/25
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