



LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

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MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting – November 11, 2025

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky
Commissioner Barry Ward
Commissioner Vincent Tierney
Deputy Chief Bryan Zittel
Attorney Michael Hekle (via Teams)

Commissioner Anthony Pignataro
Commissioner Robert Taft
Chief Anthony Champion
Secretary Bria Le
Treasurer Mark Pozniak (via Teams)

At 6:11 PM, Chairman Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday, November 11, 2025, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He apologized for being late. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

MINUTES: - 10/28/25 Regular Meeting minutes, 10/14/25 Special Meeting, & 10/21/25 Budget Hearing & Special Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 10/28/25 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 10/14/25 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 10/21/25 Budget Hearing & Special Meeting minutes. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- An email was received from the AFDSNY from their attorney regarding a question as to whether fire districts are required to have a website by the end of next year. She read the letter stating that the requirements do not apply to the fire district at this time but may change in the future. Attorney Hekle stated that he agrees that the requirement does not apply to the fire districts. Secretary Le stated that Jeff Lenkowski is aware of this and has suggested they may want to reserve a .gov website for future changes. He acknowledges that this would not be an easy thing to change. Commissioner Ward stated he did believe they had tried to get a .gov website and were told they are not allowed to have it.
- A check was received from NYS DOH for EMT Reimbursement in the amount of \$1,100.00.
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to deposit the \$1,100 check from the NYS DOH for the EMT reimbursements into the General Fund. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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- A check was received from Mass Mutual for a refund for the insurance policy in the amount of \$668.53.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to deposit the \$668.53 check from Mass Mutual for the insurance policy refund into the General Fund. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

ROOM USE REQUESTS:

- None.

OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS:

- Station 1 Building Update –Commissioner Ward stated the abatement process continues. They have gone through all of the items required for that and all of the necessary drawings have been done. He does have a call in to them to find out what they think the end date might be, and he will let them know as soon as he knows. Chairman Komorsky thanked Chief Champion for all of the correspondence required for this. Commissioner Pignataro asked who is doing all of the moving and Chief Champion stated it was done by Arnoff. Commissioner Ward stated once they are done with this portion they will reconvene everybody and discuss how they will move forward with the rest of the project.
- Station 2 Brick Pointing – Commissioner Tierney stated he handed out talking points for the Board to follow along. The vendor came out and did the chimney and capped it. That chimney is unused. They have the option of making it watertight or ripping it all down and reviewing the roof section. It was cheaper to just put a cap on it and point it out. They can probably get someone to put a metal cap on the flue. They did note that part of the roof is peeling back and Commissioner Tierney did inform Commissioner Ward. Commissioner Ward stated the roof inspector will be here tomorrow. Commissioner Tierney stated that the mason also went to look at the parapets and the peeling façade by the Chief's office. He stated he will not work on it because there are issues. All four corners (of the parapets) are deteriorated and breaking. Commissioner Pignataro asked if it was on the posts on the interior or exterior and Commissioner Tierney stated there are 12 x 12 solid brick posts that are holding up the concrete. There were more loose brick pieces on the bottom again. He did have photos of the deteriorating brick. He did engage an engineer because they have to seal the roof a special way. He pointed out the various cracks in the posts. Chairman Komorsky stated there is no structural damage below the point of those four posts. They were hoping for a concrete or steel center in those columns, but that is not the case. These were built in 1979. It is cracking the face off of the front of the firehouse. He had an additional photo that showed flashing and a concrete split and the vendor is concerned that if he does not come up with a design to seal the roof, it will leak again. They found remnants of old water damage and wanted to make sure they do some sort of flashing to prevent it again. Chairman Komorsky stated there is a warranty on the roof that they can submit against for some repairs. Commissioner Tierney stated the packet also includes recommendations from the engineering firm. Commissioner Ward stated when they move forward with the solution on this, they may want to consider engaging the company that did the roofing so they do not void the warranty on it. Commissioner Tierney stated there were some safety recommendations from the mason in the report as well. He does recommend a 35 foot exclusion zone. They may want to extend that around the planter. The mason stated need they need to be the

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most cautious in the bay and his recommendation was to not use that area. He also stated that is the most cautious action they could take. It would be okay to continue to use that bay and the radio. He did state that the posts are holding up a 2600 to 2800 pound concrete block. Chairman Komorsky stated that there is no structural damage to the actual building below that area. There will not be a building collapse. They will have to bring in a crane to structurally take those four pillars and concrete piers down. Commissioner Tierney stated MJ stated they need a crane to take the weight off. Then they will need the mason there to cut any of the rebar. Then it needs to be set down and then the pillars come down and a new cap will be put on to keep it watertight. It is possible that the roofing vendor may be the correct one to do it. Commissioner Tierney stated he has contacted three separate crane companies to get estimates. Commissioner Ward stated he assumes that he is going to create a bid spec. Chairman Komorsky stated they do need to get an idea of what the price will be from somebody. Commissioner Ward stated the engineer should be able to supply that. Commissioner Tierney stated they will also need to move the antennas. Chief Champion stated he has reached out for a few different quotes but has not received anything as of yet. He will advise as soon as he does get something. He stated when they removed the concrete from the top with the crane if they could put it up by the training area, it can be used there. Commissioner Ward stated this may be considered emergency repair because they do not want this falling down. Commissioner Tierney asked how they engage a contractor to do this work. Commissioner Ward stated they would do the bid spec first and then the engineering team have people that they deal with. If it needs to go out to bid, it would be determined at that time. He stated it also depends on whether this is an emergency repair or not. Chairman Komorsky stated he and Commissioner Tierney can speak to Joel tomorrow. Treasurer Pozniak stated it does sound like an emergency repair as there is a structural issue. They still want to get the best price that they can. They may not have to go out to bid, but they should still have a good plan to get quotes. Commissioner Pignataro stated his concern is that he does not want the Board of Fire Commissioners telling the contractor what the repair should be. That is why they have an engineering firm to create the solution. Commissioner Tierney stated in regard to the peeling of the bricks by the Chiefs office, they are continuing a detailed investigation and structural study and looked at the plans. Over the brick façade. There is an I-beam holding it up. At the bottom of the I-beam there is a welded plate that sticks out of the I-beam and the bricks sits on that. The I-beam and plate are moving. The vendor feels that may be a more serious issue. MJ will talk to his architectural team in regard to stress analysis. Commissioner Tierney did stop the mason from doing any work in that area. The engineers will be supplying a report as to what should be done. This was discovered when they were power washing the building and pieces of brick were coming down. Commissioner Tierney stated he was told the brick is very porous and he does not know if it was ever sealed. He does not know who to ask. Commissioner Ward stated they do not typically seal brick fascia. Commissioner Taft stated if you walk on the inside of the foundation it does look pretty solid and there are no cracks. Commissioner Ward stated the brick is the fascia and is not structural or holding up any weight. Commissioner Tierney stated they have engaged the engineer who will make it weather tight.

- Station 3 Asbestos Remediation – Commissioner Tierney stated he provided a four page report in their packet that is the asbestos analysis. It does report that there is 2% crystallite. That is the asbestos. He did get three estimates from three separate companies. ACA is the first one in the amount of \$10,500. That is the same company that is doing the work at Station 1. The second estimate is Beam at \$10,000. The third estimate is WDNY in the amount of \$6500. This is the company doing the mold remediation. His recommendation is to go with WDNY. Commissioner

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Pignataro asked how these three firms were selected. Commissioner Tierney stated he reviewed the three bids that came out from Station 1 and called those vendors. Chairman Komorsky stated there is no scope included with the WDNY estimate. He is concerned about awarding a contract without having that detailed scope. He wants to make sure they are doing the exact same service. Commissioner Tierney stated the vendor walked into and verbally told him everything that would be done. He asked if they could approve this conditionally with him providing a scope after the fact. Chairman Komorsky asked for the Attorney's opinion. Attorney Hekle stated he does believe they need a written scope. He does not recommend reauthorizing this in advance. Commissioner Tierney stated it could be held until the next meeting. He will have it by then.

- Station 2 Septic – Commissioner Tierney stated they received a call from MJ. Chairman Komorsky stated there are some issues based on the time of year for this. Commissioner Tierney stated some of the bidders are concerned with the completion time being January 1. They are concerned with not getting the parts they need from the manufacturers and time to make that completion date. Commissioner Pignataro stated the frost does not go down beyond 18 inches in this area. Chairman Komorsky stated that the Board of Health does not allow this type of work to be done at this time of year. Commissioner Taft stated that digging at that time of year creates more debris as there will be large sections of frozen ground coming up. Commissioner Tierney stated that the gravel plants are also closed for the season because they cannot wash the gravel. Chairman Komorsky stated the larger issue is that the manufacturers cannot get the components that the bidders needed in that timeframe. They're being told it will be 6 to 8 weeks at the earliest. Commissioner Tierney stated in the contract there has always been an end date of May 1st. The bidders are asking if they can go to that as their end date. Chairman Komorsky stated that means the project needs to be extended and they will need to continue with the pumping and all of the other charges they were hoping would be alleviated. Commissioner Pignataro asked exactly what the end date was, and Commissioner Tierney stated it was supposed to be the total project completion date including all of the blacktopping. They are hoping to still keep to that end date and working as soon as the ground is able and they can get their materials. Commissioner Tierney stated he included a calendar in the Board packet with all of the septic dates. The bids are due on the 14th and will be reviewed on the 21st. The Board will review them between the 21st and 25th. Treasurer Pozniak stated the dates should have all been part of the bid documents already. Chairman Komorsky stated the bids will be coming in and that will be following the original timeline. The only extension will be to the completion dates of the job. Secretary Le stated they would be sealed bids that will be opened on the 14th. MJ will be here when the bids are opened. They will take the bids with them to review them to make sure they comply with all of the specs. They will then give the Board their recommendation. Commissioner Pignataro asked if they get a second chance at beating the price if their first bid does not comply with the specs. Treasurer Pozniak stated only if there is an error. They will contact the vendor and ask if it was a mistake. They can withdraw their bid at that point. Attorney Hekle stated they can either withdraw or amend it to meet the specs. There may be an issue if they do not have enough bids at that time. Commissioner Taft asked if they could request that MJ supply some sort of information to them prior to the board meeting on the 25th. He does not want to make an uninformed decision on the 25th. Chairman Komorsky stated they can talk to MJ about that tomorrow when they call him.

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- Staffing Community Events –Chief Champion stated the Festival of Lights is November 29 in LaGrange. They will be participating as they have done in years past. November 18 they are moving forward with Vassar Brothers Medical Center to do a joint National Injury Prevention Day of Recognition. This is specifically regarding the installation of car seats. The technicians are aware of this and should be present. They do have the appropriate paperwork from Vassar, and everything should be all set. There are also a few additional football standbys for November 21st and 22nd. E-mails have been sent out to staff and membership for filling that.
 - Lexipol Policy Updates – Chief Champion state the last few weeks they have scheduled but they have not been able to meet due to scheduling on Lexipol's side. He did reach out and they are set to meet tomorrow at 1 PM. They will be meeting on a weekly basis moving forward so they can try to meet that deadline of one year from signing. Chairman Komorsky stated he has not seen the policies. He asked if they have discussed Ethics Policies yet. Chief Champion stated that the board has established a code of ethics previously, so it is already a document that they have. Chairman Komorsky asked if it needed to be changed in any way. Attorney Hekle stated he believes it should go through the review process like all the other policies. It has not been part of the packets that come to them yet. Chief Champion stated there has been one sent to legal and he has spoken with attorney Hekle today and will get him an updated copy if he needs it. It has not gone through the Lexipol review yet. They have not come across one through Lexipol's policies yet. Chairman Komorsky asked that the current copy be resent to the attorney. They do need to make sure they have a solid Ethics Policy as the Department continues to grow. Attorney Hekle agreed and stated that he is assuming that Lexipol has provided a table of contents of all of the policies. He asked that somebody send him back a copy as well. One of the questions that this seems to be asking is, what are they missing and what is outside of Lexipol's scope to make sure that they have it on their own, if necessary. Chief Champion stated that he believes the entire Board has access to the Teams Administration Channel Policies and that includes a lot of the ones that they already have. There is also the ability to see the policies that have been sent to legal.
 - Operational Software Overview - Chief Champion stated they are continuing to on-board with First Due. They are getting them information so that Lagrange can get the data that they will need for reporting. This year will be split between ESO and First Due until they can get all of the data from ESO for 2025 into First Due and make sure that it is all the same. Until that happens, they are continuing to pull data from both. They need to get that information out to the membership. So the members can see where they are with calls and to see where the district is with responses. Chairman Komorsky asked who was doing that, as it is an enormous amount of data. Chief Champion stated that Commissioner Pignataro and Commissioner Ward have offered to help with that. Secretary Le and Chief Champion have been communicating with their representative who is working in the background to glean that information from reports that they previously used to pull in Firehouse Software. They have not gotten back to the Chief at this point in time. Commissioner Pignataro verified that they are not waiting for Jeff or anyone to get that information to them and Chief Champion said no. Commissioner Ward stated it was already done. Chief Champion stated they are looking to see how they are going to track training moving forward in the new system and make sure it matches with what they need to get the end result. There also going through scheduling points in terms of writing reports for payroll and to make some of it simpler. They have gotten back to the Chief, but the Chief does not have any results to share yet. There is an ample list of canned reports, and they are cross-referencing for what LaGrange wants. If

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something needs to be developed specifically for LaGrange, it will take longer for them to do that. Chairman Komorsky asked if First Due is owed any money and Chief Champion said no. He stated that Deputy Chief Merritt has sat with First Due to discuss the PCRs to make sure that all the information is in one program and not split. The meeting was approximately a week ago. Prodigy, the company that they are using, did reach out to First Due to set up what needs to be done for them to work together. They are promising that they will be able to move forward with that. He stated they can ask that that gets sped up some. Chairman Komorsky asked what the start date for this process was and Commissioner Ward stated the original changeover was to ESO in 2020. They have not had the report they need in five years. Commissioner Ward feels they need to set up some meetings to nudge this along. Chief Champion stated they can pull reports for this year but only back through May. They never did pull information from ESO and compile it with information with June of this year to the present day to then get the information out to the membership for their calls, what they are lacking, what they need, or where they are in attendance. Chairman Komorsky stated he is concerned that they are not getting the response from First Due.

- Diesel Tank Accessories– Chief Champion stated monthly inspections are occurring and they have a line on mafia blocks as they seem to be a more viable option. They hope to have something set up within the next few weeks to the buffer on the diesel tank and they are looking to expand the mafia blocks into the training area on the hill. Commissioner Tierney asked what happened with the generator and Chairman Komorsky stated it is being worked on presently. They are putting everything together to submit.
- Grant Update – Chief Champion stated there is no update on grant updates as of yet.
- Grant Writing Update – Deputy Chief Zittel stated this is also a work in progress at this point.
- Website Refresh – Secretary Le stated they have the quote. She is unsure if it requires an executive session discussion as part of compliance. Attorney Hekle stated it should be done then.
- Commissioner Election – Secretary Le stated she would like to request additional clerical help for the commissioner election because she does not want to keep people waiting in line if there is a large turnout of voters. She would like to add Sharon Hawkins and Kaleef Robinson. She stated as a reminder it is December 9 and voting will be at Station 2. It is from 6 PM till 9 PM.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the addition of two additional ballot clerk's for the commissioners election on December 9, 2025. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Building Repairs/Repair Requests – Chairman Komorsky asked if there was anything they had not already covered. There was nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- New Company 1 Member approval – Chairman Komorsky stated there is a new member, Austin Beaudette, for Station 1. Secretary Le stated he has passed his background checks and physical and has been approved by Station 1 for membership. Chairman Komorsky asked if Mr. Kaiser had

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spoken to the prospective member. Mr. Kaiser stated the membership committee interviewed this gentleman. He lives across from Station 1. He does need training. He was a member of two other stations across the river but it was not that long until he moved here. He seems like a nice young man. There is a second person in the process who would require approval as an out of town resident. He lives less than a quarter mile into the Town of Poughkeepsie. The committee thinks they might want to meet with the chief staff at some point, to review some parameters for new membership. They do press upon perspective members that this is a large commitment between time and funds being spent on them and that they need to be active. An additional concern that they have is how long they want to wait for the process to happen. They have one person in process that started last January. Sometimes people don't follow the directions. It is explained to them that there are limited volunteer staff to assist them. They are told if they have any questions to just ask them. If they are waiting a year for people to finish the process, is it really worth the effort they are putting into it? Are the people really that serious about volunteering? They would like to discuss some of these issues like having a time frame if people don't get these steps done in a certain amount of time. Commissioner Ward stated historically they used to cap giving someone six months to get the requirements done. It is only a few steps. Mr. Kaiser suggested this be added into a policy. Commissioner Taft asked if they have to sign anything when they join promising to get this done and Mr. Kaiser said no. He stated the other surrounding districts have put a hold on joining new members so they can regroup to figure out what they are doing and he's not sure if that is something they should do as well. He does not know if it would affect anyone as they have so few people joining right now. Commissioner Pignataro asked why you would want to put a hold on having people join and Mr. Kaiser stated to give the chief staff and membership committee time to work something out to better explain to prospective members what the process is. They try to assign someone a mentor, but Chris Cassidy is the only one right now and it's not fair to dump everyone on one person. He feels they need to stabilize the process. Commissioner Taft asked if having a mentor would speed up a new members process. Mr. Kaiser stated the mentor is to answer questions or walk them through trainings/activities. This is something that is on the volunteer side not the career staff side. They are told that during a standby, if staff is available, they can ask someone to go over some things with them or work with them. He explained what the role of a volunteer mentor is. Commissioner Taft asked if the time lag is because of a lack of infrastructure or a lack of the person doing what they need to be doing. Mr. Kaiser stated the mentor helps them after they have the physical and arson review. Chairman Komorsky stated getting back to this member, they were approved and need Board approval.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve new company one member, Mr. Austin Beaudette. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- EMS Equipment Service Contracts - 1 LUCAS device, 1 Power Pro Cot, and 2 Powerload Stretchers
– Chairman Komorsky stated this is the new Stryker contract for maintenance. It is \$19,402.95. If they pay up front. If they make partial payments it comes to \$22,827. He asked Treasurer Pozniak if they were in a position to be able to pay this out right. Treasurer Pozniak said yes to pay this upfront.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve \$19,402.95 for the Stryker contract for maintenance to be paid in one payment. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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REPORTS: (by officers present)

- **Treasurer Pozniak** - Treasurer Pozniak stated there was no report for this evening.

- **Chief Anthony Champion –**
 - Membership - Chief Champion stated they will be meeting with the department executive officers towards the end of this month or the beginning of December. This is to discuss concerns around the membership requirements and status. Dutchess County Department Of Emergency Response has contracted with the application known as Chief 360 and they will be pushing it out to all the departments in Dutchess County. Chief Champion and Deputy Chief Zittel attended a training yesterday afternoon. They will be sending out an e-mail to the membership to apply for access to that program. It does the same thing that Spotted Dog did with slight variances. It is also the same as the old Alpine Software.

 - Civil Service- Chief Champion stated he has been advised there will be a Firefighter/Medic test, a DC Fire test, and DC Fire/EMS test in the first quarter of next year. They will be pushing those out and once those notifications come out, he will make sure that both of the Deputy Chiefs are aware and signed up for those tests. He does believe the test is tentatively set for February 27 for the Deputy Chief test, but he does not have a date for the Firefighter/Paramedic test. Chairman Komorsky asked if anyone would be sitting for these and Chief Champion said at least two people. They did receive the results of the Captains test that was done earlier this year. They have appointed Joseph Kile and Paul DeMilto as Captains. He will be notifying Civil Service that they are the picks off of that list. That list now becomes invalid because it requires three people to make it be a valid list so he will be requesting a new Captains test to be held next year as well. With that he would like to request a motion for the provisional appointment of Lieutenant Wern to Captain as at the last meeting, they have moved Captain Kile off of that group rotation and it needs a new Captain and he would like Fred Wern to take that spot.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Ward, the Board RESOLVED to provisionally appoint Frederick Wern to the position of Captain. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. Motion Carried.

Chief Champion stated he will be starting next Monday in that role. Chairman Komorsky asked that on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners he be sent their congratulations. Chief Champion stated they will work on a presentation ceremony as well. Commissioner Tierney asked if this was going to create over time and Chief Champion stated he will have to bring someone up to fill in his spot provisional. Everything will be provisional for a six-month appointment. There are a few other items that need to be sorted out first.

 - Training -Chief Champion stated Dutchess County is hosting a radio communication class and there are some interested individuals. Attending is Robert Michael and Judy Coffin. They are using their personal vehicles. It is at the Dutchess County 911 Center.

 - Out of County Training -Chief Champion stated he has a request that moving forward that he would be able to approve training being held in Westchester County without an associated cost beyond that of overtime or shift coverage without a motion from the board. This is due to the fact that some training sessions have come up and waiting to get the

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approval and motion has caused them to miss getting into the class because it has filled up too quickly. They would also need a vehicle. If there is an additional cost associated with the class itself. He would bring that to the Board for a motion and approval. Chairman Komorsky stated he did not have a problem with this. Commissioner Pignataro asked if they should put some sort of parameter on this in regard to the length of the class. Chief Champion stated that would be fine. Most of these trainings are held at the Westchester Training Center in Valhalla. Chairman Komorsky stated he does understand the classes fill up almost immediately. Commissioner Ward asked Treasurer Pozniak if there was some sort of requirement that Boards have to approve all out of County training. Treasurer Pozniak stated he believes it is for insurance purposes if they are going to be in a vehicle and out of County. Commissioner Ward stated they should probably check with their insurance company then. Secretary Le stated looking at the training requirements, there is something stating that volunteers need Board approval for attending an out of County class. Commissioner Ward stated he had no problem approving this pending that there is not some other limitations someplace. He believes they should trust the Chief staff and their judgment for approving the length of the class they can be sent for.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Chairman Kormorsky, the Board RESOLVED to allow the Chief to approve out of county training to Westchester only barring there is no regulatory conditions requiring Board approval. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye.

Motion Carried.

Chief Champion stated there is an MTO training session in Westchester County at the training center for Buried Hazards and Fighting Fires in Cluttered Homes.

Firefighter/Paramedic Cummings is interested in attending this class. It is a three-hour class, so he will be going. Chief Champion will work with Secretary Le on verifying that outside County training does not need to be brought before the Board for approval.

- Equipment - Chief Champion stated they continue to be up to date on the repairs and progress. However, at this time. 47-11 was trailered to Hendrickson. It was found that there were metal pieces in the differential and is being assessed now. He does not have a final cost as they just received it today to look at. He does believe it is out of warranty, so they are waiting to see what comes back as the diagnosis. Commissioner Taft asked if it was discovered by the new guy changing the oil and Chief Champion stated no, one of the career staff noticed it was leaking under the pump and advised Captain DeMILTO of that. He and Mr. McAllister looked at it and took it out of service. He does have a picture of the 2 inch piece of metal that was taken out of the differential and they are unsure how extensive the damage is. Chairman Komorsky asked if they had an estimate on turnaround time and Chief Champion said no.
- Updates – Chief Champion stated they did have a minor violation with PESH when they came in. It was filed. However the corrections were needed. The chief did submit those reports. However, they require corrections, which caused it to be two days late in filing. There is a \$50 fine for every day it is done after the required date, and it was done two days after so there is a \$100 fine. He did receive an e-mail back after that stating that everything looked good and they will get an official notice that everything is correct. They will also get

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an official notice that they owe \$100 for the two days they were late. Chairman Komorsky stated that needs to be paid right away and Chief Champion stated it will be done.

- Chief Champion stated he has two personnel issues for Executive Session.
- **Deputy Chief of EMS** – Deputy Chief Merritt left a report with Chief Champion in his absence.
 - Controlled Substances - They are still continuing the wait for the State to come in for their controlled substance inspection for both of the storage devices and their plan.
 - Training -Previously the Board had approved four people attending a difficult airways class and there are four people that would like to attend. It is Deputy Chief Merritt, Provisional Captain Wern, Firefighter/Paramedic Edgar, and Firefighter/Paramedic Bourne. He did want the Board to be provided with those names. Chairman Komorsky asked if this is something that attendees can bring back and teach to other people here. Chief champion stated he is unsure of that. He will check into that and let the Board know.
 - Deputy Chief Merritt stated in his report that he is waiting for a quote for the maintenance agreement for the Powerload Pro, Power Pro, and LUCAS device warranties as they are out of coverage at this time. Chairman Komorsky stated they had just approved this.
- **Deputy Chief of Fire** – Deputy Chief Zittel stated that Chief Champion covered everything in his report. Chairman Komorsky thanked him for including the Board on his air-quality training e-mail. Commissioner Tierney stated there was a fire on Rossway Road. He could see the flames from his home. Deputy Chief Zittel said that the staff did a great job. It was on November 2.
- **Department** – Chairman Komorsky asked President Kaiser if there was anything to report. President Kaiser stated the department would like to wish Captain Rancourt a happy anniversary yesterday. Chairman Komorsky stated, on behalf of the Board, he wanted to wish Commissioner Tierney a happy 70th birthday tomorrow. President Kaiser stated the company had presented the Board with \$7000 to spend on EMS things. Chairman Komorsky thanked him for that. President Kaiser stated they're looking to have a department meeting on December 16 at Station 2. Everyone is welcome to come in. They will do food. They will start at 6:30 PM with the meeting to follow at 7 PM. They do not have a lot to talk about but at the last meeting it seems like everyone wanted to do a department meeting so they would like to get those going again. It builds good comradery.
- **Union** – Chairman Komorsky stated President Rancourt, of the union, was present. He stated they had a union meeting on Monday and came out with two issues. The first one is in regard to the Station 1 trailer. One of the things that was not discussed, because they thought they would be out by now, is the cooking situation. Everything that they have is for outside cooking, other than a microwave. He is not asking for anything specific yet as there are a few people looking into different things such as a tabletop grill/griddle. It would be something that they could use inside if it was snowing or nasty outside. He will probably have more information on that for the next meeting. They will make sure that it is for indoor use. Commissioner Taft asked about putting up the canopy for coverage for them and President Rancourt stated his fear is that is one good snowstorm will bring it down. Commissioner Ward asked if cooking was allowed in that trailer.

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Commissioner Tierney stated there is no vents inside there. They can cook but they cannot put a barbecue grill inside. President Rancourt stated they're looking at something like a large George Forman cooking top. He stated the second thing is in regard to the Festival of Lights. He does have some career staff who have volunteered to set up and use an engine. The union usually buys pizza beforehand. They are put first in the parade and is a great look for the Fire District. They usually ask for people to donate old lights from their house and they run into a situation where half of the lights they receive don't work. He asked if the Board would be willing to approve a couple of hundred dollars for lights to go on the district equipment. He does believe this is a good public relations look for everyone. The Board had no issue with this. President Rancourt stated they will be kept in the district in a bin in case they are needed for anything else. Chief Champion stated he would work with them on this.

Chairman Komorsky stated he noticed that the new trailer moved in the back. He asked if it was going to get lettered in the future. Captain Rancourt stated DB graphics was here taking measurements today. They will come up with an outline for their proposal and then the Chiefs will bring it to the Board for their approval.

ABSTRACT: \$186,830.73

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the end of October per the abstract for \$186,830.73. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At 7:43 PM, Chairman Komorsky opened the meeting to public comments. Mr. Kaiser asked if the new septic field being put in was going to be one that could be driven over in the future. Commissioner Tierney stated no, that will not be possible. That was much more expensive.

At 7:46 PM, Chairman Komorsky closed the public comment section of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:46 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss one contractual issue from Secretary Le, one contractual item and one personnel issue from Chairman Komorsky, two personnel issue from Chief Champion, one personnel issue from Commissioner Ward. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

OPEN SESSION:

At 9:58 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

PREPARE 11/25/25 MEETING AGENDA:

Secretary Le will prepare the agenda.

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:58 PM, upon a Motion made by Commissioner Pignataro, 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

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COMBINED PREVENT

Quote Number: 11199100

Version: 1

Prepared For: LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

Attn:

Rep: Joe DeLucia

Email: joe.delucia@stryker.com

Phone Number:

GPO: EMS

SMK Service Rep Name: Daryl Reich

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Quote Date: 10/17/2025

SMR Service Rep Name: Mark Anauo

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Expiration Date: 11/16/2025

Contract Start: 10/01/2025

Contract End: 09/30/2028

Delivery Address

Name: LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

Account #: 20020531

Address: 504 FREEDOM PLAINS RD

POUGHKEEPSIE

New York 12603-2678

Bill To Account

Name: LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

Account #: 20020531

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POUGHKEEPSIE

New York 12603-2678

ProCare Products:

#	Product	Description	Months	Qty	List Price	Discount %	Sell Price	Total
1.0	POWERLOAD-PROCARE	PROCARE-SVC-POWER-LOAD 01/16/2026 - 09/30/2028 √Parts, Labor, Travel √ Preventative Maintenance √ Batteries Service	33	2	\$2,352.00	15.0%	\$5,497.80	\$10,995.60
2.0	POWERPRO-PROCARE	PROCARE-SVC-POWERPRO 12/20/2025 - 09/30/2028 √Parts, Labor, Travel √ Preventative Maintenance √ Batteries Service	33	1	\$1,656.00	15.0%	\$3,870.90	\$3,870.90
3.0	LUCAS-FLD-PROCARE	PROCARE-SVC-LUCAS-FIELD-REPAIR √Parts, Labor, Travel √ Preventative Maintenance √ Batteries Service	36	1	\$1,779.00	15.0%	\$4,536.45	\$4,536.45

Price Totals:

Grand Total: \$19,402.95

VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	11/11/2025
ACCESSPLUS ✓	\$ 912.61	14817	STAT 2 & 3 LOCAL/LONG DIST SVC
BOTTINI ✓	\$ 2,216.69	14776	DIESEL FUEL STAT 2 & PROPANE STAT 1
CASSONE LEASING ✓	\$ 1,998.00	14819	MODULAR RENTAL STAT 1 RENOV
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ 2,060.69	14822	STAT 2 ELECTRIC
CPL ENGINEERING ✓	\$ 2,098.98	14778	CONSTRUCT ENGINEER-STATION 1
CPL ENGINEERING ✓	\$ 5,944.68	14809	CONSTRUCT ENGINEER-STATION 1
FLEET PRIDE ✓	\$ 20.00	14780	INSPECTION 47-31
FRED WERN ✓	\$ 360.00	VCHER	VITAL SIGNS CONF MEALS
FREIHOFFER ICE & SPRINGWATER ✓	\$ 176.70	14790	WATER DELIVERY (5 GAL JUGS)
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS ✓	\$ 179.19	14800	LOCAL/LONG DIST SVC STAT 1
GLATFELTER (GSB) ✓	\$ 21,407.40	14795	LOSAP GROUP TERM INS 2026
GRAINGER ✓	\$ 78.18	14808	TRASH BAGS
H.G. PAGE ✓	\$ 30.98	5691	SHOP SUPPLIES
HUDSON VALLEY OFF FURNITURE ✓	\$ 642.41	14714	OFFICE FURNITURE
JASON RYAN ✓	\$ 170.00	VCHER	MEALS REIMBURSEMNT
JULIE BEYER ✓	\$ 270.00	2025BLE	PERSONNEL SERVICES-TRANSCRIPTION
M & O SANITATION ✓	\$ 2,700.00	14788	PUMP SEPTIC STATION 2
MASSMUTUAL ✓	\$ 663.75	14781	LIFE INS-CAREER
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 192.00	14668	UNIFORM-CAREER
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 64.00	14652	UNIFORM-CAREER
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 128.00	14642	UNIFORM-CAREER
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 375.00	14773	FIRE EQUIP-NEW HIRE
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 446.50	14555	FIRE EQUIP-HELMENT SHIELDS
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 373.88	14784	FIRE EQUIPMENT SENSOR
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 140.43	14786	SCBA TESTING
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 230.50	14716	UNIFORMS-CAREER
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 57.73	14799	PATCH WORK-CAREER UNIFORM
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 82.50	14625	UNIFORMS-CAREER
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 143.73	14807	EMBROIDERY TO CUSTOMER SUPPLIED GARMENT
NORTHEAST PEST & WILDLIFE CONTROL ✓	\$ 425.00	14806	PEST CONTROL SVC
NY FIRE EQUIPMENT ✓	\$ 466.24	14779	SHOP SUPPLIES
NYS HEALTH INSURANCE ACCT ✓	\$ 121,936.16	14816	NYSHIP PAYMENT
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 116.84	14825	STAT 2 CABLE
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 245.68	14824	STAT 3 CABLE/INTERNET
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 360.86	14823	STAT 1 CABLE/INTERNET
PYRAMID FILMS CORP ✓	\$ 450.12	14782	HSI FIRST AID/BLS CARDS
QUALITY ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS ✓	\$ 1,866.00	14813	STAT 3 ASBESTOS & MOLD
RICHARD RYAN EXCAVATION ✓	\$ 941.85	14777	GROUND WORK-STATION 1
ROYAL CARTING ✓	\$ 481.90	14818	COMMERCIAL GARBAGE REMOVAL ALL 3 STATIONS
RUGE'S FORD ✓	\$ 2,938.59	14798	VEHICLE REPAIRS 47-78
SENSIT TECHNOLOGIES ✓	\$ 158.35	14740	METER CALIBRATION
SHELTERPOINT ✓	\$ 198.55	14826	VISION INS
THE WORKPLACE ✓ <i>Wygstehender Med</i>	\$ 4,430.00	14796	ANNUAL PHYSICALS/CLEARANCE
TOMPKINS ✓ <i>Eldon</i>	\$ 5,439.28	14787	CREDIT CARD CHARGES
VERIZON WIRELESS ✓	\$ 937.41	14820	APPARATUS/SMARTPHONE SVC
WEX BANK ✓	\$ 1,273.37	14812	GAS CARD PURCHASES

TOTAL SUBMITTED	\$ 186,830.73	<i>Balanced</i>	Commissioner Signatures:
changes listed:			<i>BKW</i>
			<i>MA 11/11/25</i>
TOTAL APPROVED			<i>Rp 11/11/25</i>
KEY:			<i>Unpaid Expense 11/23/25</i>
pre-paid:			<i>CW 11/11/25</i>
Paid:			