



MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting – Thursday, November 13th, 2025

ATTENDEES:

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

At 7:02 PM, Commissioner Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners' Special Meeting to order for Thursday, November 13th, 2025, then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

CAPITAL PLAN AND BUDGET REVIEW WORKSHOP:

Chairman Komorsky said they were going to speak about a couple of things that are pressing including the scope of work for the next phase of Firehouse #1 as well as the repairs on the turret out front at Firehouse #2. Commissioner Ward said that if they involved dollars and cents then it would all be part of the same discussion on the budget. Chief Champion gave an update from Hendrickson on the cost to replace the differential on 47-11. He said that to get brand new bearings, differential, and components would be \$16,568.34.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to accept the bid offered (by Hendrickson). Commissioner Pignataro – Aye, Commissioner Taft – Aye, Commissioner Tierney – Aye, Commissioner Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky said that Commissioner Tierney could speak to the situation with the brick work and the east side of the building at Firehouse 2. Commissioner Tierney said they spoke about the parapet at the regular meeting and reported that he has been coordinating with crane companies, the masons, and the engineering firm. He said that the engineering firm, MJ, said to rope it off to a 35 foot distance and take it down as soon as you can. Commissioner Tierney said that he contacted three crane companies – one said they wouldn't do it because they think it is too big/heavy, the second company said that they didn't want to do it (they were going out of business/couldn't get insurance), the third company said they would do it so they send a guy out to look at it and gave a price of \$6100. He described what was included in the cost. Commissioner Tierney spoke with the mason who could work with what the crane company was doing and take the cost out of the money that was already approved. Chairman Komorsky said he didn't think that was the way they should do it, he said that it was a separate job so, for audit reasons, the mason should charge it as separate work. Commissioner Tierney said he could ask the mason to do that separately. Chairman Komorsky said he spoke to the engineer as well and they recommended taking off additional bricks after taking off the parapet because of the damage to the bricks on the fascia in the corner. Commissioner Tierney said he would ask the brick company, Sanford, to submit an emergency estimate to cut the bricks and take them down. He said he was waiting on an email from the engineer to determine how far to peel the brick off. He said that the crane and the mason are scheduled for next Friday provided it is not too windy.

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Chairman Komorsky said that the crane company is coming with a flatbed and they will save some money because the Deputy Chief would like to use the parapet for training so it will be moved to the upper lot and the District doesn't have to pay to transport and dispose of it. Brief discussion held about billing the brick work separately. Commissioner Ward suggested handling it as a change order to the existing work because it was a zero-sum difference in the cost. Chairman Komorsky said that is ok as long as they identify the change.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Chairman Komorsky, the Board approved the crane work for \$6100. Commissioner Pignataro – Aye, Commissioner Taft – Aye, Commissioner Tierney – Aye, Commissioner Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Ward said that they should note that three bid attempts were made and Commissioner Tierney said that he could give the names to Secretary Le. Commissioner Tierney said that the roofing company would need to come in and put new flashing in the area. He said he would call the owner of the company to let them know. Chief Champion said that Deputy Chief Zittel mentioned it to the roofers when they were recently here that the parapet would be coming down. Chief Champion said that DC Zittel would also be scheduling the two year inspection to take care of issues that were noted. Commissioner Tierney said the mason would put a tarp over the area when the bricks come down to make it watertight. He said that the radio antennas would need come down before the crane comes on Friday.

Commissioner Tierney said there was a problem by the Chief's office by the last two bays where an I-beam that supports the whole width that had a plate stuck and welded to the bottom flange of the I-beam. He said the concrete column and the I-beam were tight but if you move out twenty feet on each side then the plate sags and the engineers were going to look into it. Chairman Komorsky said that he recently spoke to the engineers and they said that there wasn't an issue with that. Commissioner Pignataro asked about the sag in the brick fascia and the engineer said that after the mason takes the brick off then they will get a better idea of what is needed. Commissioner Ward said that there wasn't an immediate crisis but that doesn't mean that there isn't something wrong. Further discussion followed regarding the brick work on that side of the building.

Commissioner Ward went through the Building Reserve Fund budget file to see if they had new amounts to add or update. He asked what they had approved for the mold and asbestos removal in the storage room at Firehouse 3. Chief Champion said that KJ Devens gave a quote to redo the walls and sheetrock in the room, WDNY gave a quote to remove the mold and they were the ones who discovered the asbestos, and then the amount for the asbestos remediation. Brief discussion held about the estimates. Commissioner Ward said it would be approx. \$6100 for the abatement, \$8900 for the room/sheetrock work, and \$8000 for the mold for a total of about \$23,000.

Next Chairman Komorsky said they can move on to the scope at Firehouse 1. He said that the engineer confirmed that there have been no amounts charged to the District yet. Commissioner Ward went through the amounts they have budgeted for projects to be done in 2026 and lengthy discussion held regarding the estimate for the septic work, what items to include in the scope of work for phase 2 at Firehouse 1, and on which items need to be moved out another year or more. Chairman Komorsky said that MJ Engineering has already scheduled surveyors to come out at Firehouse 1 to start the process. He asked if the Board still wants them to go forward. Commissioner Ward said that all they

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did the other night was to hold off and make sure everything is affordable and he said that it has already been approved so they should go forward with the scope that has been approved. Komorsky said that the engineer from MJ wants to come in to a meeting to get a chance to speak to the full Board to introduce himself. Brief discussion followed regarding heating options in the vehicle bays for Station 1 and the need to have designs that work for a firehouse not for homes.

Chief Champion recommended holding a meeting on Tuesday, 11/18, at 6 PM to approve the asbestos removal at Station 3 as they should have the detailed quote by then and the Board agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jeff Kaiser said they always used to save money in the apparatus reserve fund and asked how they were always in the hole when it comes to buying apparatus. Commissioner Ward said that during COVID prices on vehicles went up like 20% and that the other thing that happened was the growth rate at which vehicles increased in cost over time changed. He said that they used to plan at a roughly 3.5% growth rate but now the growth rate is much higher at about 8%. He reviewed how that affects the replacements costs in 20 years.

Commissioner Taft said he would be having knee surgery in December so he will be out for a few meetings.

Chairman Komorsky requested after the meeting for Commissioner Tierney to go into the bay to show him (and anyone else interested) the bricks he was talking about.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:06 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney - Aye, Ward – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 12/18/25

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