



MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – November 25, 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 6:00 PM, Chairman Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday, November 25, 2025, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone in attendance. He stated they were going to start out with an executive session but their guest is not present yet. Once he arrives, they will adjourn to the executive session.

MINUTES: - 11/11/25 Regular Meeting minutes

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 11/11/25 Regular Meeting minutes. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Secretary Le stated a check in the amount of \$25.00 was received from LexisNexis for a fire report.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to deposit the \$25.00 check from NexisLexis for a fire report into the General Fund. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

ROOM USE REQUESTS:

- Station 3 – Scott Merritt has requested use of Station 3 on 12/20/25 from 10 AM to 5 PM. Deputy Chief Merritt stated that he checked with Scott Price and the room is available

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to allow Scott Merritt use of Station 3 on 12/20/25 from 10 AM to 5 PM. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Chief Champion stated he has another room use request that failed to print. It is for him for December 4 from 9 AM to noon at Station 3. He has spoken to Scott Price, who stated that the room was clear.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to allow Anthony Champion use of Station 3 on 12/4/25 from 9 AM to 12 PM. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS:

- Station 1 Building Update – Commissioner Ward stated that on Monday they had their meeting to reconvene. They have received the Authorization to Reoccupy. All of the subcontractors got together and had a discussion and one issue that came up was that the electrical contractor identified that they need to install additional hangars in addition to the drop ceiling. All of the lighting fixtures have to have a safety connection. By code they each have to be separate but he is unsure if it is a separate hanger for each. Chairman Komorsky asked how many that would be and Commissioner Ward stated he is not sure. Since they will be drilling into an area that is reinforced and could have asbestos, they do not need a “full and forward” like they did before. An amendment was filed on Monday to the previous approval from the State. Commissioner Ward has not received an e-mail with the update as of yet. Chairman Komorsky asked if they would not be drilling into sheetrock and Commissioner Ward stated no. Where there is a stud, there will be tape. It will either be in a nail hole or a joint connection. The good news is that they have equipment to deal with this. It is basically a funnel that goes over the drill that has a Hepa vac on it. People have to be out of the area for the day. Because it produces dust they have to follow this procedure. Commissioner Ward stated they have to get approval from the State which he does not believe will be an issue. Then they have to get ACA to come back in and do that for them. Chairman Komorsky asked if they needed fans or negative pressure and Commissioner Ward stated no. Commissioner Tierney stated they were told that one monitor would be put up. It should take a few hours while they are doing the work. They did not have a cost estimate as of yet. It shouldn't be that bad. The electrician does have to drill one hole as part of the electrical relocation. It will go through the sheetrock ceiling so that will be done while ACA is here as they will cut the hole and seal the edges. Chairman Komorsky asked if the other trades could not be in there right now and Commissioner Ward stated only on that day. Alex is working on getting all of the subs lined back up so they can get a schedule and get them all back inside. The other thing that came up is that the one wall on the right as you walk out of the old ready room has been turned into a hallway. All of the wainscoting and sheetrock came off of that wall from where the bar used to be. One of the things that is a concern is that they have to sheetrock that wall and reinstall the electric because they do not believe they can get a Certificate of Occupancy on a partially constructed space. It needs to be built out as it was defined in the spec. What he asked John to put in as a Change Order is that the wall has to be redone. The framing there is not sufficient. It needs to be reframed with probably metal studs and three electrical drops and then re-sheet rocked. Chairman Komorsky asked if they could use plastic sheeting temporarily until they figure out what they are doing with the other space. Commissioner Ward stated that is why they are only re-sheet rocking one side. The kitchen area, as part of Phase 2, is all left undone. Chairman Komorsky stated that is his concern because they are now into a portion of Phase 2. Commissioner Ward stated the sheet rocking was part of Phase 1. It is a little more extensive than it was before because they took out all of the wainscoting. That has to be added in and the framing in there has to be replaced. Commissioner Tierney stated when they were out there they discussed the possibility of the Town's building department giving them a temporary CO to get people back in there. Commissioner Taft is going to reach out to them to see if it could be approved with that wall as it is because everything else is done. Commissioner Taft stated he did send the photos and at first he was told it was okay but then he was contacted later and told no, it is not. Commissioner Ward stated he feels the risk is low to do the work. He feels it should be kept as a hall as it was originally designed because it gives more space in the interior of the kitchen. If they make the kitchen smaller, the hall into an area could become offices or another sleeping area. There is a lot of working space in there. There are also mechanicals in that wall as well as water and waste. If

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they try to move that wall now it becomes much more complicated because all of that will have to be taken out. Chairman Komorsky stated he was just seeing if there was a way to do it without spending money twice for the same thing. Commissioner Ward stated the only way they would be spending money twice is if they were to take that wall down now. They concluded that it does not make any sense to make the hallway bigger because it is dead space. They are better off with the kitchen having as much space to do what they want to do during Phase 2. Commissioner Taft stated it is not that big of a deal if they have to move a wall during Phase 2. Chairman Komorsky stated the only reason he brought it up is because they do not know exactly what they are doing during Phase 2. Commissioner Ward stated they are not talking about a huge expense. Commissioner Tierney stated there is a chance they bring the building inspector out there and he approves it as it is, then they can leave it the way it is. Commissioner Ward stated they did have Rudy look downstairs because some of the mechanicals will be coming up through the floor. They just wanted him to check to make sure there is nothing downstairs they need to worry about now that they have asbestos anxiety and Rudy said no. They asked if there would be any other holes drilled and they were told no. Commissioner Ward stated the lesson learned for him from this project, they took on two things that were outside of the scope of the original project. One was the asbestos abatement and the other was the low voltage. That has to do with the security and fire alarm and all of the other things that go along with that, including IT communication. If they had to do it all over again he would not recommend that they do it by themselves. They would go to the engineering organization and have them figure it out and have it include in the bid. The electrical contractor had the fire alarm system in his original bid. They also had Jeff doing the fire alarm system. Now there are two people doing the fire alarm system and they have to resolve the problem. This is what the engineering process would have vetted out. Now they have to resolve the problem between the electrical contractor and Jeff as far as the fire alarm system goes.

- Station 2 Septic – Commissioner Tierney stated they need to get a copy of the letter from Denise from MJ. The letter recommends that they reject the bids. The reason why is they found out that the material out there, the gravel that was dug up, has to be shipped to a disposal site up in Albany someplace. They estimate 60 yards for \$100,000. MJ went and spoke to the Board of Health and the Board of Health said if they bury it on-site, you don't have to do that. This is because it is considered contaminated and they don't want people digging it up and just dumping it into a ditch. If you dump it in a pit on your own property it does not matter. In discussions with the Chief and Deputy Chief they discussed the option of digging a shallow pit up on the hill and bury the material. They would be able to cover it with what they have up there now and that would be where they put the concrete training pad in the future. That would seal it and cap it. He believes that is a good idea. They can take the money that they save and do a training center pad that they wanted to do anyway. Commissioner Taft stated if you take 60 yards of dirt out to put 60 yards of contaminated dirt in what do you do with the other 60 yards. Commissioner Tierney stated they can take that rubble and material and spread it around the area because they do not want the pad to be down lower. They want it to be higher so that the water drains off of it. They want to make sure they do not impact the new septic system. Commissioner Tierney stated it is three 20 yard dumpsters worth of dirt. Commissioner Ward stated that they should not assume that they have found \$100,000 by not doing it that way. Commissioner Pignataro asked if there is an idea of how much that will cost as opposed to the \$100,000 to ship it out. Commissioner Tierney stated it would be one day's worth of work, with a backhoe to scoop it out and put the other dirt in. Commissioner Taft stated one of the things to remember is if they are digging a hole and filling it with dirt, it will need time to settle before

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they will be able to put a pad on top of it. Chairman Komorsky asked who said they had to have the concrete pad on top and Commissioner Tierney stated it is just something they had talked about for a training pad. It does not require a concrete pad. Chief Champion stated that the Deputy Chief had spoken about getting prebuilt Connex containers for training, and this would be the area in front of the current concrete pad. This would be that area. They would put it there, but he questioned if they need to have this engineered because of what they would be putting on top of it. Commissioner Ward stated that this is not in the budget so they will need to have further discussion regarding this. Commissioner Tierney stated he will speak to Joel and Denise because this is just an idea that they wanted to do to see what their recommendations are. Commissioner Taft stated before they do anything up there. They should have the engineer review it and see if there are any required swales or something that needs to be put in before they move forward. Chairman Komorsky stated they can hold this off until they have their budget discussion. Commissioner Tierney stated the pad may not be built until 2045 and they have no idea how much it would cost. At this point they could just approve putting the dirt up there. Commissioner Taft stated he also agrees that they could tell the engineer that they are going to move the dirt up there and have him tell them how to do it and where to put it. Chairman Komorsky stated that is definitely a cost-saving option. This will be incorporated into the budget discussion. Commissioner Tierney stated they need a motion to reject the bids and to reissue them with the modification of disposing of the material on site.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to reject the current bids for the septic system and a new bid be sent out modified to exclude the relocation of the soil.

Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye.

Motion Carried.

- Station 2 Brick Pointing – Commissioner Tierney stated there was a paper in the packet for the Board to review. They have gotten rid of the parapet. The crane came in and took it off. It separated approximately 3 bricks down. There was no steel or anything holding up. He feels they were very judicious in getting rid of that thing before it came down on his own. The mason came out and cleaned up the bricks. The scaffolding is still up and he is still taking bricks off. He will be getting ready to put the bricks back in. The second part of it is that Commissioner Tierney called the roofing company who came out and took measurements. He has called them two times and they have not gotten back to him with an estimate yet. The tarp will have to stay on there for at least two more weeks. Commissioner Ward stated they have other repair work they need to do as well. Commissioner Tierney will call them again. Commissioner Pignataro asked if they had been contacted about the other work already and Commissioner Tierney said yes. They did put a temporary patch up and he said he would come back when there is warmer weather. The builder did something that will last through the winter but there is something with the membrane roof that needs to be done during warmer weather. It is watertight for the season. Commissioner Tierney stated he has to cut out a bigger piece. They have to order the membrane and then cut it out in the spring and fully patch it and heat it at that point. Commissioner Tierney supplied pictures for the Board to review. On the second page, there is something listed as helical beam shoring and crack repair detail, expansion joints, etc. There are photos of what should come out. They do have to look underneath after the bricks are peeled back to see what is going on. They want to tie the bricks back into the concrete block, which is the superstructure of the building. There is insulation there that they are not sure why it is there. That is why they need the mason to come in and peel the brick off so that they can take pictures. Then the architect can tell them if they still want to do a special repair

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with grout and if that would be enough. The concern is to have it attached to the superstructure and not just hanging freely. If it had been done properly the first time they would not be having these problems now. Chief Champion asked if they were going to wait until spring to start and Commissioner Tierney stated no, if there is nice weather he will come in and start doing it. He can come in and start working on it as long as it is above freezing. Chief Champion asked if they would need to worry about further water getting into it while it is being peeled off and Commissioner Tierney stated they would tarp it.

- Station 3 Asbestos Remediation – Commissioner Tierney stated they did get three estimates. WDNY provided an itemized list of everything that they will do. Their price came in at \$6650 and it is the lowest bid received. Commissioner Tierney recommended that they move forward with this and have him clean up the asbestos and then they can deal with the mold and get the sheet rock back on the walls.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the low bid from WDNY, LLC in the amount of \$6650. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Ward stated there were three components in the original \$23,000 cost estimate. It was \$6100 for the abatement, \$8900 and \$8000 for the other two portions that he does not remember off of the top of his head. Commissioner Tierney stated one is for the mold and getting rid of the sheet rock and the other is for the construction company to put everything back on. They do have to get businesses out of their first. He does not know if Jeff has to go back in and remember things.

At this point. Chairman Komorsky stated that Mr. Alex Betke and Mr. Ken Zebrowski had arrived and they were going to amend the agenda to have a discussion with them at this point. They will be discussing some consulting work regarding lithium-ion battery facilities as well as the Town Center issues that they have. This is also regarding existing traffic and Department of Transportation problems in the Town Center area, and along this corridor that has now expanded out to Fireman's Way.

Alex Betke stated he is an attorney in Albany with a consulting firm. He gave his background and experience. He does deal with communities that are facing the same issues as LaGrange. He does know the dangers and laws associated with these charging facilities. He does work with the regional directors for the Department of Transportation. Chairman Komorsky asked him questions regarding if he has experience with the reversal of putting in roundabouts, as there are issues with traffic and accessibility with this the Town Center. Mr. Betke stated he has. He does not believe it is unreasonable to think there may be avenues to work to have DOT understand their concerns. Commissioner Tierney asked if he recommends that the Town fight these issues or does the Fire District have to fight these issues. Mr. Betke stated he assumes that the town would have the deeper pockets to fight these battles. Mr. Kaiser stated they were at the Town meeting discussing these traffic circles at Town Center. There was a discussion regarding enlarging one of the circles, but the woman misspoke about how large the circles would be. They kept insisting that the highway was built to state specs. The problem is that the Town of LaGrange wants these traffic circles. This was not the State's idea. The Town is the one pushing for it. That is why the Town has to maintain that part of the Highway. They maintain the median with the trees and the gravel. That

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was in the agreement. He also stated in this meeting, it was stated a traffic study was done and someone stated the traffic study was done during Covid. He is unsure of how true that information is. Commissioner Ward asked what the end product would be when they are done. Mr. Betke stated that he cannot give them something they could hold. He can guarantee them that their voice will be heard at extremely high levels of government beyond the Town. Whether it is at the Governor's office or state legislation or DOT. He will also make sure that during the SEQRA process and studies that are being done that LaGrange FD's information is being presented and met. Commissioner Taft stated that the process for this project is almost done and the fire district is coming in late in the game. Chairman Komorsky stated that the Chief had written a document to the Town Council in 2008 and 2009 expressing the needs and concerns of the fire department. It was a very different makeup back then than it is today. It was much more rural and now they are suburban. In some areas their density numbers even push them to the urban classification. He does believe the last SEQRA was done in 2008. As far as he's concerned that is aged out. Every time they express their needs and concerns to the applicant, his reply is that the additional taxpaying residents will take care of anything that they need. One taxpayer paying \$600 in taxes does not offset a four and a half-million dollar ladder truck, plus a firehouse, plus the 16 additional people at \$250,000 per employee that would need to be hired. Mr. Betke asked if some of the commercial portions of this application had gotten PILOTS or tax abatement. Chairman Komorsky stated they are in the process of doing that right now. At their fully burdened rates, the Fire District cannot handle this. They can't do it physically and they can't do it financially. They need to keep their people safe and keep life safety paramount. Commissioner Taft stated that they are being told that the area can handle the traffic from the proposed Town Center, but if you go in front of the school at seven o'clock in the morning or two in the afternoon you don't move. If they think they are going to slap 600 houses in and handle it, it's a joke. Commissioner Tierney stated that they wrote letters explaining their concerns and what the dangers are and what they need to do for safety. He asked what the next step would be. Mr. Betke asked if that information was made public. Chairman Komorsky stated it has and it has been dismissed. He was on the Planning Board and presented it to them as a Planning Board member and it was dismissed. They feel that as long as they are meeting code, they do not have to do anything extra. The Public Hearing is December 10 at 6 PM at LaGrange Middle School. They did speak about having Mr. Betke come down and speak and do a presentation to be on the record. The Planning Board has to respond, in writing, to every question with legitimate responses from the applicant. Commissioner Ward stated when he wrote the letter in 2009, he referenced the code, which is the minimum. They are interested in more than just the minimum. Commissioner Taft stated they would like a structured list of all of the items they think are trouble. Attorney Hekle stated they already have that as the Chief has started to put that together. Chairman Komorsky stated any questions would have to be responded to in writing. Mr. Betke stated he is assuming this is a Type 1 action under SEQRA and Chairman Komorsky stated that was correct. He asked if they were going for a Positive Declaration and Chairman Komorsky said yes. Commissioner Taft stated there is a new set of people on the Board and they are open to the fire district coming in to talk. They seem very receptive to this. Commissioner Tierney gave examples of the problems with the fire trucks getting through the traffic circles when the road is busy. Chairman Komorsky stated there are 3000 or 4000 people in high school at any given point and when they leave at the end of the day, nothing moves. The Traffic Study stated there was 55,000 cars per day going through this corridor. That is just regular vehicles on top of the school buses and students. Mr. Betke asked if they are stopped right up to the red light and Chairman Komorsky stated yes. He stated

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sometimes they are all the way up to Redl's. Commissioner Taft stated that most times, the traffic circles generally work but will not handle the additional traffic from this Town Center. Chairman Komorsky stated the applicant is talking about having a CVS in there with a drive-through, which will be right off of the circle. There will be different types of commercial businesses that will attract a steady flow of traffic all day long. Commissioner Taft stated that they did offer the Fire District a small piece of land in the actual Town Center. They would not build a building, but they did offer the land. Chairman Komorsky stated it is the size of a two bay garage for an ambulance and a small truck. Commissioner Tierney stated they would not be able to get to it because they can't get through the traffic. Commissioner Taft stated there is no plan to make a major road on the backside of this project. Mr. Betke asked what services are provided and Chairman Komorsky stated they provide their own ALS and BLS. They have very busy roads in the area to cover. Commissioner Ward stated the Town Center is the hub by which you get everywhere else. Chairman Komorsky stated the third issue is that the applicant has now asked for three-story buildings for the commercial sections. LaGrange does not have a ladder truck. The project has 12 foot stories and they're looking for approximately 15 - 20 three story buildings. When the applicant was informed that LaGrange does not have a ladder truck, their response was that Arlington, East Fishkill, and Pleasant Valley do. Mr. Betke stated mutual aid should not be relied on as first line response. Mr. Kaiser stated that during the public meeting, the applicant stated they are working very closely with the fire district. Mr. Kaiser checked with Chief Champion the next day and he was told that the Chief has not been told it about this project. The public is making comments that LaGrange already has a ladder truck or possibly the school would change its hours so that kids are not coming and going during rush hour. Chairman Komorsky stated their concerns are about life and safety of the town as well as the EMTs and firefighters. Commissioner Tierney asked if Mr. Betke could create something that lists all of the problems that they see and have a presentation ready to be shown to the Board prior and then presented on December 10. Mr. Betke asked if the attorney would be assisting on this and Attorney Hekle stated he could be support in the back. Alex has already started some of this. There is a lot of information amongst the Board and staff based on experience. There are a lot of different ideas and perspectives all leaning in the same direction. He feels they need to get organized and need the additional expertise in this area. Commissioner Pignataro asked who should be the face of the commissioners at the Planning Board meeting. Attorney Hekle stated he is not sure if it gotten to that point yet and they will need to have that discussion. Commissioner Tierney stated it will make more of a statement if there are several people there. Attorney Hekle asked Mr. Betke what his approach would be in terms of presentation. Mr. Betke stated he would have no problem doing a presentation. Chairman Komorsky stated they need to be there by 5:30 PM for the Planning Board meeting. Mr. Betke stated they might need to schedule a meeting prior to that to review things. He stated that they have to get this information to the December 10 meeting to be in the SEQRA record. Mr. Betke stated they need to see where they are in the process because Commissioner Tierney asked if there could be any decisions made prior to the fire district getting answers or responses to their concerns and questions. Chairman Komorsky stated this is for their final approval on the site plan. Mr. Betke will review their site plan law. Mr. Kaiser asked if the fire department had the power to stop this process if they feel it is not safe and Chairman Komorsky said no. The Planning Board can if they feel that the information brought before them is important enough to need to be addressed. There was some discussion regarding exactly how far into this process they are. Chairman Komorsky stated further up on Route 55 there is Pegasus Farms, and they are putting 40 homes in there and DOT is installing a traffic signal. Commissioner Ward stated that Titusville

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and Route 55 is just as backed up as the Town Center. Mr. Kaiser stated right now there are well over 2000 residential applications for approval. Chairman Komorsky stated in 2026, there will be a mini town center proposed on Route 82 by the ShopRite. Mr. Betke asked how they did insurance inspections for the ISO ratings. Commissioner Ward stated the most recent one was probably around 2018. Chairman Komorsky stated there is no fire hydrant system that is fire rated. Chairman Komorsky stated the second issue is the lithium-ion battery issues. That was just presented to the Town. He will get them more information on that. The Fire District has not been contacted on that yet. There will be a new supervisor and a few new town board members. They are willing to listen to the fire district, but are inexperienced.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney, and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to engage in the services of Brown & Weinraub for six months at a cost of \$5000 per month plus disbursements. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Attorney Hekle asked if a copy of the engagement letter be sent to him for review. Chairman Komorsky stated they had three firehouses. This one is on the westernmost side of the town. The second most active one is on the easterly side of the town on the other side of the Taconic and there is nothing in the middle. The third firehouse is not manned or in the most opportune location. Mr. Betke stated they can also assist with grant writing on both the federal side and state side. Commissioner Tierney stated that ladder trucks are approximately 2 1/2 million dollars and take 3 to 4 years build time. It is not something that can just be purchased. Mr. Kaiser stated the other thing to keep in mind is that Route 55 is the main route of transportation for any of the more easterly fire districts to get to the hospitals. He asked if they have heard any concerns from any other fire districts regarding the traffic issues. Chairman Komorsky stated not at this point. They don't know what's going on. Chief Champion stated in regard to a ladder truck, the mutual aid companies will help out if they are needed but they will not be first due. Mr. Betke stated he may have to reach out to surrounding fire districts to let them know of the traffic issues on their route to the hospitals. Chief Champion stated he can reach out to the surrounding chiefs and let them know. Maybe they would show up at the meeting as well. Chief Champion provided Mr. Betke with standard fire department notes that are provided to the town that have been incorporated into the new builds coming into the area. These have not been officially put into writing so it would be nice to get that done down the line. The other set of papers is a concept he has yet to share with the Board. It is a fair share mitigation. He knows that this is something that Mr. Betke has dealt with before and had success with. This is an offset of cost based on square footage of a new development. He is not sure if that would be applicable in this arena or at a future use. Mr. Betke stated he would take a look at it. Mr. Zebrowski stated they do this with Parks and Recreation now. He stated with the addition of 630 units plus commercial three-story buildings, it will have a large effect. Chairman Komorsky stated there will also be a swimming pool and a clubhouse. He feels that the public should understand the impact that they will have from decisions made by their Town Board and Planning Board. Chairman Komorsky stated another issue is that the residents of the Town are not happy that they pay more in Fire Tax than they do in Town Taxes. They don't realize that the town has revenue that the fire district does not. The applicant is making it sound like the new people coming in are going offset the taxes and the district's needs. Chairman Komorsky asked that Mr. Betke highlight the tax implication for the fire district tax and the implication for the taxpayers. It is already a sensitive issue. Commissioner Taft stated a lot of taxpayers state they don't mind paying the fire tax because they know it is a valuable service that is provided. Chairman Komorsky stated it is like an insurance policy that you have that you hope

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you never have to use. Commissioner Tierney asked if there was a way to calculate what the income from the fire tax will from these additional 630 homes and Commissioner Taft said no because you don't know what their assessments will be. Attorney Hekle stated they would coordinate to get information to him and then they will need to set some sort of workshop meeting to make sure that they had everything that they need. Commissioner Ward stated he has a report that he used to give during the budget presentations and he can provide that to them as it has a lot of overview that might be usable. Mr. Kaiser stated that the chairperson of the Planning Board has stated they do want people to come and ask questions about this application.

Mr. Zebrowski gave his background. He stated he understands every facet of the local government. He asked what the general public's feeling about this project was. Chairman Komorsky stated there has been some concerns expressed. Mr. Zebrowski asked if any local politicians have voice any concerns and Chairman Komorsky said no. He stated there are a lot of people who feel it will not be happening for the next 10 to 20 years. They are very lackadaisical. Commissioner Taft stated that they have always wanted a town center area so zoning has been changed to make this possible in this area. He has spoken to the investor who has stated once this gets approved, he is going to sell it. He feels that the general concept is okay but it is unreasonable as far as the fire district is concerned. Mr. Kaiser stated he feels most people are worried about traffic. Mr. Betke stated they will have to move quickly and get a joint call for next week so that they can have information prepared for the meeting on the 10th. Chairman Komorsky thanked them for their time to attend this meeting.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney, and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for a dinner break at 7:28 PM. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to resume the regular meeting at 8:04 PM. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky stated they were going out of order as Chief Champion and Deputy Chief Zittel were out of the room so they were going to go to Deputy Chief Merritt's report.

- **Deputy Chief of EMS – Deputy Chief Merritt**
 - Grant Update - Deputy Chief Merritt stated that Dutchess County has awarded them a grant for \$19,850 to purchase a Lucas device as part of the Fly Car Support Program. In exchange they have to keep the Dutchess County fly car sticker on the back of the vehicle for a year. He is just waiting on an updated quote from Stryker to make sure that the numbers match. They will have to purchase it outright and then the County will reimburse the funds. He will send a copy of the letter from the County to Secretary Le so they have it for the records.
 - County Services - The County EMS data for the third quarter came out. It should be in the Board's packet. LFD's average response time is 6 minute and 8 seconds so they are behind only the City of Beacon and the City of Poughkeepsie. That is fantastic considering they are 40 square miles. The on scene time for priority one calls is under 9 minutes 86% of the time. The County averages 8 minutes and 4 seconds for response time. Chairman Komorsky asked if

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there was anything on these numbers that the Deputy Chief thought could be improved. Deputy Chief Merritt stated he would like to see a response time of 4 minutes or less, because that is when victims start getting brain injuries. He does not believe that is a realistic number at this time. This is from the end of the dispatch tones to LaGrange's arrival on scene. Chairman Komorsky stated this is pretty impressive. Deputy Chief Merritt stated the report also says that they have used the County provided ambulance 27 times this year. They were canceled six times and were unavailable four times and they transported 12 times. LaGrange is covering most of its own calls. Six times they were able to clear out from their previous call or scramble a third ambulance to get to the call. Commissioner Pignataro asked if this was primarily third calls in the district and Deputy Chief stated not always. If they are at a structure fire, they might strip their resources. Chairman Komorsky asked if these third-party ambulance calls are something that they get reimbursed for and Deputy Chief Merritt said no. The supplemental ambulance service bills itself. It is a contract with Empress right now and they bill the patient directly.

- Training - Deputy Chief Merritt stated he is rolling out the annual cyanide antidote kit training last week. He has gone through Groups 2, 3, and 4. He still has to do Group 1. They have upcoming training December 2. The Medical Director will be coming here to hold a two-hour CME course. It is for any interested LaGrange member focusing on EMS. He also invited Arlington Fire Department to attend as well. Chairman Komorsky asked if there was a cost for this and Deputy Chief Merritt stated it is built into their cost with the Medical Director. He comes in four times a year and they split the location between LaGrange and Arlington because he is Arlington's Medical Director as well. There are three paramedics expiring in January, and two expiring in February. They are working together to get their recertification paperwork done. So far everyone looks like they are in good shape. He will get a few of them signed up by the doctor on December 2. There is upcoming training at Ulster County EMS Training Day. They were previously approved to send four members at \$85 a member. They have five, possibly six, people who would like to go so he is asking for an increase for the additional members. Chairman Komorsky asked how many had to be backfilled for this. Deputy Chief Merritt stated one of these individuals is salary so will not be backfilled and one is a volunteer. The sixth that just signed up is a volunteer who does participate in EMS. He does not see anyone else who will need to be backfilled at this time.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to allow an additional two members at \$85 per person to attend the Ulster County EMS Training Day. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Computers - Deputy Chief Merritt stated that the Toughbooks that they have will no longer be HIPPA compliant with the new Windows update. They have been pulled as of today. The service pros are in that have been provided by Proclaim. He will work with Lieutenant Ryan to get all of the serial numbers for the Toughbooks so they can be declared surplus. They will have the hard drives destroyed. He did discuss this with Jeff Lenkowski today who stated that they are paperweights at this point. They are obsolete.

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OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS: (cont.)

- Staffing Community Events – Chief Champion stated they had an event with Vasser Brothers Medical Center here along with the State Police for National Injury Prevention Day for the car seat inspections. It was a successful event and they inspected numerous seats. It was a good interagency event.

The Festival of Lights is later this weekend after Thanksgiving. They will be participating in that. As far as they are aware, as of this time they have completed all of the football standbys. That should be everything for the end of the year. Commissioner Tierney asked if they found any bad car seats and Chief Champion stated there were a few that were mis-installed or incorrectly installed. Chairman Komorsky asked if they had a count for how many they did and Chief Champion stated that Tyler Edgar is in charge of this and is out of town right now. Chairman Komorsky would like to know that amount if he can get that at some point.

- Lexipol Policy Updates – Chief Champion handed out a packet of policies that have all been reviewed by legal and sent back. In the list of policies are: Americans with Disabilities, Annual Planning/Master Calendar, Credit Card Policy, Disclosure of Interest, Liability Claim, Limited English, Physical Asset Management, Post Incident Analysis, Purchasing and Procurement, Training Policy, Subpoenas and Court Appearances, Administrative Communication, Release of Records and Records Management. Those are the ones that he was able to pull together for this evening. Legal has made the corrections and that is what's has been handed out to the Board. The process now is that the Board will need to approve these and then they will go to Lexipol for the adjustments. Then they will start getting pushed out to the personnel. Chairman Komorsky asked if there was a strong ethics policy and something that covers behavior unbecoming in with what has been handed out tonight. Attorney Hekle stated they have not gotten to that yet. He does believe before anyone starts going through them, he thought there was going to be a subcommittee to review the policies. He's not sure if having them given directly to the Board is the best approach efficiency wise. It should probably be a few of the Board members on the committee to review them and then to make recommendations to the Board. He believes they are only approximately 1/4 of the way through with the policies. Chief Champion stated he sent approximately 28 policies to Thomas yesterday. Chairman Komorsky asked if this was going to be a continuing work in progress with them approving policies periodically. Chief Champion said yes. Attorney Hekle stated he will still be reviewing and approving them. He does not believe that these should be reviewed in open session initially because they do have legal implications. He does understand they want to get through this for Lexipol purposes, but does believe that there should be a subcommittee to review them first. It is important to maintain the integrity of the policies. His suggestion is to have as his office finishes the review of a packet, he will follow up with the Chief and Bria as they have been doing. Then they can give them to the subcommittee. As long as they recommend it, then the full approval can be given during an open board session. The Chief stated the packet they have been given has gone through legal and he has made the changes that were suggested. As he did not know who the subcommittee is he gave it to the entire Board for their review. Chairman Komorsky asked the Board how they would like to move forward with this. Commissioner Ward stated that he would like to see Chief Champion, the attorney, and Secretary Le be the subcommittee. Chairman Komorsky stated he thought that was how to go as well. He stated they look to the Attorney and Chief and Secretary to weed out and put in what needs to be there. Commissioner Ward stated there is someone on the Board who really wants to go through every policy they are welcome to be on the subcommittee. Commissioner Tierney stated he sits

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with the Chief on Wednesdays with Lexipole and goes over these things. The Board was in agreement with approving the recommendations made by the attorney, Chief Champion, and Secretary Le. Chief Champion stated there are 14 policies presented for them tonight.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 14 policies as follows; Americans with Disabilities, Annual Planning Master Calendar, Credit Card Policy, Disclosure of Interest, Liability Claim, Limited English, Physical Asset Management, Post-Incident Analysis, Purchasing and Procurement, Training Policy, Subpoenas and Court Appearances, Administrative Communication, Release of Records and Records Management as presented by the Chief and the attorney. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward - Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky thanked the subcommittee for taking care of all of this for them. He asked if the next step was submitting them to Lexipol and Chief Champion said yes. Once they are done that way he will push them through to the full membership. They do have the full roster of membership so that will be implemented next week after the holiday and they will discuss the plan as to how it will be dispersed. Chairman Komorsky asked if they were going to start working on the next packet and Chief Champion said yes. Michael and Thomas both have policies to review right now. Once those come back to him, they will sit and discuss it and make any corrections and then he will make the final edits and print them for the Board's review and approval. Chairman Komorsky asked if Attorney Hekle was going to be working on a strong ethics policy for them and Attorney Hekle said yes. It is part of the plan as soon as they get to that document. Commissioner Pignataro asked if any policies that require negotiations with the union would not go to the committee. Chief Champion stated they have not gotten to that yet. Attorney Hekle stated that they need to make sure that all of them are in agreement in terms of the language. They will then identify the ones that are subject to mandatory bargaining and share them with the union for their review and comments. They will try to do those all at the end.

- Operational Software Overview - Chief Champion stated after speaking with Jeff Lepkowski today, they're looking to set up a meeting to request the status of their data transfer for historical purposes. They think it kind of got lost. He had to upload a lot of information and then they implemented it. Captain Ryan has been working on, and is finally ready to finalize, the assets and inventory list. There were some problems there. They just don't know where the problems are with the other downloads so they need to get together with them to make sure everything is accurate. This weekend and late last week he tried to pull information together to give a report regarding year-end calls, but given the disparities and differences between ESO and First Due and their tracking, he is still trying to make sure they are not getting duplicate calls and getting the best and most accurate information at this time.
- Diesel Tank Accessories– Chief Champion said this continues to be a work in progress. He is hoping within the next two weeks the mafia blocks will be put in in place to protect those items that are needed.
- Grant Update –Chief Champion stated that he received an e-mail that the portal is now open for submissions again. They will be getting back underway with submissions in getting reimbursements. There was a snafu right before the shutdown. Information was submitted, but due to their review process, it went after the shutdown, so it was denied. The e-mail did state they

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will go back through and reverse that. They should be getting funds relatively soon for the recent submittal. Chairman Komorsky stated they now have Mr. Betke and Mr. Zebrowski to assist them with grants moving forward. Deputy Chief Zittel stated they were speaking during the break about reaching out to them for assistance on grants.

- Grant Writing Update – Deputy Chief Zittel stated this is also a work in progress at this point. They will continue to move forward with the new company as well.
- Building Repairs/Repair Requests – Chairman Komorsky asked if there was anything they had not already covered. Chief Champion stated Redemption Mechanical went through and scrubbed the HVAC in the building and it was a well needed cleaning. Commissioner Pignataro asked what the issue was last week and Chief Champion stated it was a conflict between the AC and the heat. The condenser froze and then it started to thaw and that is what was leaking. This was confirmed by Redemption. It has been rectified at this point.

NEW BUSINESS:

- New York State Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program Insurance Policy – Secretary Le stated this is the policy they are required to maintain. They get an option between the regular plan and the enhanced plan. In the past they have chosen to go with the enhanced plan. The cost has not changed from last year. She does not know of any reason why they should change it. Chairman Komorsky stated the total for option two is \$1713.82. Option one is \$1330.46. Commissioner Taft asked if that was for all firefighters and Secretary Le stated no. There are certain requirements to be met in order to be covered and they have approximately 6 individuals because there is a specific amount of time after they are no longer active but they need to remain covered under this plan.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro, and SECONDED by Chairman Komorsky, the Board RESOLVED to approve Option two at a cost of \$1713.82 for the New York State Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program Insurance Policy. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

REPORTS: (by officers present)

- **Treasurer Pozniak** - Treasurer Pozniak stated he wanted to review an issue that Jen Kaiser found earlier. There is an invoice from MJ Engineering and it does not match up with the original contract amount that they had agreed to. He is unsure if they had a change order in the interim or if it is a mistake. The invoice is for the preparation of bid documents and bid phase services for the septic system replacement. The original contract for preparing the documents was \$6000 and on the latest invoice they showed it to be \$9500. It is an increase of \$3500. It was originally \$3800 in the contract and the invoices showing a total of \$7300 so that is an additional \$3500 increase. Commissioner Tierney suggested calling the vendor and asking what the increase is for. Secretary Le stated they approved the original and then they approved an additional \$13,300 in July. The initial was \$25,000 so in total it should have been \$38,300. Commissioner Tierney asked if this was covered in the \$13,300 and Chairman Komorsky stated they needed to verify it. Commissioner Tierney stated he would call the vendor tomorrow. Treasurer Pozniak stated he is showing a contract from July 21 showing in the original fee of \$13,500 and an additional fee of \$13,300 for a total of \$26,800 just for the septic. Chairman Komorsky stated task one was for

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system assessment and soil testing for \$1500. Task two was surveying and mapping for \$4500. Task three was for design and permitting for \$5000. Task four was for construction phase support not to exceed \$2500. Then they added task five which was an additional fee for preparing the documents for \$6000. Task six was the bid phase services for \$3800 additional and task seven was construction administration not to exceed \$3500. Treasurer Pozniak stated that task five went from \$6000 to \$9500 and tasks six went from \$3800 to \$7300. Chairman Komorsky stated on November 19 they have paperwork that states going to bid documents was now billed to date at \$9500. Secretary Le stated originally the Board approved up to \$25,000. The \$13000 came in under but then the additional proposal came in for \$13000 more and then the board approved an additional \$13,000 on top of the \$25,000. Treasurer Pozniak stated the approval is for \$26,800 and MJ Engineering is saying that the contract price is now at \$33,800. The Board wished Treasurer Pozniak a happy Thanksgiving.

- **Chief Anthony Champion –**

- Membership - Chief Champion stated he and the Deputy Chiefs met with the department executive board to discuss some of the aspects of new members coming in. He is requesting an executive session to discuss this personnel issue further. It is commendable with the comradery that is happening between the staff during training being held here.
- Chief Champion stated he has three personnel issues for Executive Session.
- Updates – Chief Champion stated on the morning of Tuesday, November 18 they were dispatched for a report of smoke and smoke alarms sounding on Titusville Road. Initially firefighters on scene found smoke coming from one of the upper units of this complex. Captain DeMILTO was first on the scene and did a quick assessment and requested a second alarm assignment to bring additional resources in. Chief Champion wanted to commend him and the other individuals that were there and those that came back for their execution of approaching the scene, suppression of the fire, rescuing the victim that was on the second floor, and buttoning up the incident. However, it was a fatal fire. The individual on the second floor did succumb to their injuries at the hospital and the investigation is still underway at this time. Chairman Komorsky stated he heard that everyone did a fantastic job. As a multi-unit building it could have been a real disaster. Chief Champion stated there were only two units involved. One was the fire unit and the second was the one below with water damage. The training the Deputy Chiefs are orchestrating is paying off. Chairman Komorsky asked that the Chief share the Board's appreciation for a job well done. Chief Champion also wanted to commend the three members who transported the individual to the hospital. They went above and beyond. It was Firefighter/Paramedics Martell, Brinson, and Edgar. Commissioner Pignataro asked that the Chief pass along to the staff that the Board understands this is not an easy situation, and they do appreciate the expertise and kindheartedness. Chief Champion stated that Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response contracted with Chief 360 for all of the departments. LaGrange has onboard that here. They have had a training session with Chief 360 and brought in the officers to work out some bugs. Deputy Chief Zittel has set up a meeting with the programmer so they can hone in what they want and get the best utilization out of the system. Then they will send an invite out to the remainder of the membership so they can onboard in and receive updates to the program as well.

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- Training -Chief Champion stated he has nothing at this time.
- Equipment - Chief Champion stated at the last meeting they spoke of the differential for 47-11. They have been told that the calipers and pads are in need of replacement as well, as the calipers have started to seize. The cost for replacement of this is \$3122.
- **Deputy Chief Fire** – Deputy Chief Zittel stated the manufacturer of the rescue truck reached out to them. In the January or February timeframe they will have to go to a final approval of the plans. The trailer will be sent down to DB graphics in January to have the lettering done. Chairman Komorsky asked about the tiedowns and Deputy Chief Zittel stated the tiedowns were ordered and when the machine comes in it will all get fitted up. It gets drop shipped directly here, so he does not have an exact date yet. He will send out something to the Board when it comes in. No one will try it right away, as they will do a training session for it first.
- **Department** – Chairman Komorsky asked if there was anything from the department to report. Mr. Kaiser stated that there will be a meeting in December. He will advise the Board as to when.
- **Union** – Chairman Komorsky stated Captain Ryan was present and asked if he had anything to report. Captain Ryan stated he did not. Chairman Komorsky stated on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, they want to wish all of the union members a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

ABSTRACT: \$1,518,058.18

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the end of November per the abstract for \$1,518.058.18. 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 they were taking a million-dollar bond for the septic system, why do they need money for an escrow as well. Chairman Komorsky stated that is the insurance policy that the vendor has to have. Commissioner Ward stated the vendor has to put money into the escrow in case they don't finish the job. Treasure Pozniak stated they are not holding any escrow funds. There is an insurance policy. Mr. Kaiser asked how much the contractors had to go forward cash-wise and Treasurer Pozniak stated nothing. There is no escrow or cash bond. Attorney Hekle stated this is a pretty straightforward contract. Fire Captain Ryan stated one of the vendors reached out and said they had to put down \$350,000 in cash towards their bond. It was part of the bid spec. Treasure Pozniak stated they might be a subcontractor. Chairman Komorsky stated they don't have the ability to speak to that question. Mr. Kaiser stated he had previously asked about putting boxes in for the Leach fields that you could pave over in case they decide to move the building or add on to it in the future. The Board had said they were not doing it. If they get the septic line put in, the fire department could tap off of this and hit the septic line that the Town will put in in the future. The fire department could use that sewer and then they will have the septic field that would be obsolete but they could not pave over it because it is not structurally approved. Commissioner Taft stated they need the new septic now and they could always dig that up if they had to in the future. The cost of doing that now is exorbitant. Commissioner Tierney

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stated they had a rough estimate in the beginning and it would be over \$200,000 more than what they are paying right now. It was not cost effective.

Commissioner Ward stated they needed to discuss some budget items. He stated that he and Treasurer Pozniak were discussing the possibility of medical, dental, and vision insurance being far greater than they had planned. They feel that due to legislative changes it could be a lesser contribution, therefore driving up costs. They have read that increases could be as high as 26%. Last year they had budgeted \$1,655,000 and they were pretty close to that. They increased the budget for 2026 to \$1,811,520 by adding four additional people to bring them one over on the minimum manning requirement for group. He did not reduce any of the overtime when he did his calculations. He had a 28 or 29% overtime rate and made the assumption of a higher rate for medical and dental and vision. If it does go up 25%, it would bring them to \$2,264,399. That is an increase of \$452,879. By reducing the overtime from 28% to 24%. The Personal Services line drops down \$175,141. The most significant issue is if they want to plan for the increase to medical, dental, and vision insurance and make it a line item adjustment. They're looking at a reduction to the transfer to Land and Building Reserve Fund of \$222,038. That would bring their contribution from \$515,000 down to \$292,962. That puts them in a rough spot for 2026 and they will be \$400,000 over budget for those expenses. Chairman Komorsky stated that this will be a compounded amount which will continue to put them in a bigger negative balance going forward. Commissioner Ward stated he had made the assumption of \$400,000 for the septic. If the engineering team rejected the bids he assumes there is something missing from it. That will probably cause an increase in the bid as well. Commissioner Tierney stated the only difference was the disposal of the materials. Everything else was fine. He suggested leaving the budget as \$400,000 for the septic. He feels it should be lower due to removing the disposal of materials. Commissioner Ward stated if it does come in at \$400,000 they will not be able to do anything else next year. He stated they do not need to figure this all out now but they need to be aware that if there is an increase in medical and dental insurance that number will continue to carry higher so that will continue to carry over as a negative to their reserve funds. Come 2039 they would be \$8 million short. They need to be much more mindful on how they are spending money. He stated the challenge is coming up with how they pass a reasonable rate with what they have in the budget and the forecasted projects. Some of them will have to get cut and some will have to be a lessened scope than what they have planned. Chairman Komorsky stated they have to be mindful that they are running a 24/7 manned agency that doesn't stop anything, and they have the responsibility of providing that service to all of the taxpayers who pay for it. Commissioner Tierney asked when they would have the actual numbers for 2026 and Commissioner Ward stated they should be coming in any minute now. Secretary Le stated they are normally in at the end of November or the beginning of December. The original budget had a 9.4% increase for medical, dental and vision. This exercise is showing a 25% increase because that is what they have been hearing could happen. Once they get the real numbers and they will have a better handle on it and as soon as they get the septic bid that they will have set numbers for that as well. Treasurer Pozniak stated he feels there is still a good chance they will not see a 25% increase. He thinks they should be prepared for it, but there is a chance he could still be in the 9% to 10% rate despite health insurance rates skyrocketing all-around. Commissioner Ward stated as soon as they get the newest information he will load it into this program and share it, but he just wanted to keep everyone aware. These are just assumptions right now. Commissioner Ward stated the only thing in their favor is that they have a lot of capital projects going on right now. They will get to a point where they are going to use some of those funds. At that point some of those funds that are not used initially will go to apparatus to fund some of that. Once they get these repairs done, they

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will not be seeing such large, expensive repairs being needed on the buildings. Chairman Komorsky asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. He stated they will have a discussion once again when they get all of the actual numbers in.

At 9:04 PM, Chairman Komorsky closed the public comment section of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:05 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney, and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss one personnel issue from Chairman Komorsky and three personnel issues from Chief Champion. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Ward – Aye, Chairman Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

OPEN SESSION:

At 9:37 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

PREPARE 12/02/25 MEETING AGENDA:

Secretary Le will prepare the agenda. She stated that this is typically the meeting that they review all of the beginning of the year policies to be approved in January. The week after that is the Commissioner election on December 9th. The next scheduled meeting after that is December 23. Commissioner Pignataro asked if they were going to decide whether or not they were having a meeting on December 23. Chairman Komorsky stated they could cancel it at a later date if they need to. Secretary Le stated they at least would need a meeting to pay bills.

Chairman Komorsky wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. He thanked Attorney Hekle for everything that he has done for them. He reminded everyone to be careful as this is the most traveled holiday.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:39 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward, 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 12/4/25

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VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	11/25/2025
ACA ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS ✓	\$ 117,635.00	14761	COMPLETE WORK ON STAT 1 ASBESTOS ABATEMENT
AMERITAS INSURANCE ✓	\$ 1,245.88	14852	DENTAL INS DEC
ANTHEM BC/BS ✓	\$ 1,590.00	14855	OVER PAYMENT PROCLAIM COSTS
ARNOFF ✓	\$ 1,467.00	14789	STAT 1 REMOVING CONTENT OF BLDG
ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS NYS ✓	\$ 600.00	14863	MEMBERSHIP DUES 2026
BOTTINI FUEL ✓	\$ 1,504.40	14830	DIESEL FUEL STAT 2
CARDINAL HEALTH ✓	\$ 971.39	14849	EMS SUPPLIES
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ 703.72	14850	STAT 3 ELECTRIC/AREA LIGHT
CPL ARCHITECTS ✓	\$ 918.31	14838	STATION 1 ABATEMENT
CRYO WELD ✓	\$ 37.51	14783	EMS SUPPLIES
CRYO WELD ✓	\$ 112.76	14840	COMPRESSED OXY
DEBORAH FREYMUTH ✓	\$ 100.00	14857	2025 COMMISS ELECTION BALLOT CLERK
DUTCHESS RESTAURANT EQUIP ✓	\$ 1,152.93	14836	KITCHEN SUPPLIES-STATION 1
EILEEN CIRIGLIANO ✓	\$ 100.00	14858	2025 COMMISS ELECTION BALLOT CLERK
GANNETT (POUGH JOURNAL) ✓	\$ 234.58	14741	LEGAL NOTICES
H.G. PAGE ✓	\$ 3.48	5690	SHOP SUPPLIES
H.G. PAGE ✓	\$ 80.95	5697	SHOP SUPPLIES STAPLE GUN/STAPLES
HAUN WELDING SUPPLY ✓	\$ 8.48	14785	EMS SUPPLIES
JACKSON LEWIS PC ✓	\$ 19,221.00	14865	LEGAL SERVICES
JULIE BEYER ✓	\$ 190.00	2025BLE	PERSONNEL SERVICES-OFFICE WORK
K&J DEVENS ✓	\$ 298.65	14853	WORK IN DC'S OFFICE
KALEEF ROBINSON ✓	\$ 100.00	14860	2025 COMMISS ELECTION BALLOT CLERK
KOSCOHERITAGE / HOP Energy ✓	\$ 1,322.10	14841	FUEL OIL STATS 3 & 1
LISA OWENS ✓	\$ 100.00	14859	2025 COMMISS ELECTION BALLOT CLERK
LOCALITY MEDIA/FIRST DUE ✓	\$ 19,215.00	14775	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL NOV 2025-NOV 2026
M&O SANITATION ✓	\$ 900.00	14845	SEPTIC PUMP STAT 2
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ 699.69	14772	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ 601.28	14801	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ 1,014.10	14802	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ 192.91	14803	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ 536.53	14804	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ 146.26	14805	EMS SUPPLIES
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 2,560.00	5434	RESCUE EQUIPMENT
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 1,716.35	14797	TURNOUT GEAR HARNESS
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 161.00	14667	UNIFORM-CAREER
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 4,880.95	14680	TURNOUT GEAR-CAREER
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 150.00	14727	UNIFORM-CAREER
NY FIRE EQUIPMENT ✓	\$ 69.95	5680	SHOP SUPPLIES
NY MED COLLEGE CENTER FOR DISASTER ✓	\$ 1,400.00	14846	TRAINING 12/4-12/5 DIFFICULT AIRWAY COURSE
NYS & LOCAL RETIREMENT SYST ✓	\$ 1,291,096.00	14831	NYS RETIREMENT ANNUAL INV 2026
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 195.72	14851	STAT 2 INTERNET
PROCLAIM ✓	\$ 8,821.68	14835	TRANSPORT CLAIMS-AMBULANCE SVC
REDEMPTION MECHANICAL ✓	\$ 9,075.00	14847	THERMOSTAT CONTROLS STATS 1 & 2
S&O CONSTRUCTION SVCS ✓	\$ 3,452.20	14862	STAT 1 RENOVATIONS
SECURITY MUTUAL LIFE INS ✓	\$ 1,186.00	14868	CAREER LIFE INS
SHARON HAWKINS ✓	\$ 100.00	14861	2025 COMMISS ELECTION BALLOT CLERK
STERICYCLE ✓	\$ 141.35	14856	EMS WASTE SUBSCRIPTION
STRYKER SALES ✓	\$ 19,402.95	14829	EMS EQUIPMENT SERVICE CONTRACTS
THOMAS CUMMINGS ✓	\$ 87.85	REIMB	REIMBURSEMENT FOR REGISTRATION
VERIZON ✓	\$ 149.00	14864	INTERNET-STAT 2
VERIZON ✓	\$ 80.99	14866	INTERNET-STAT 3
VESO LIFE ✓	\$ 327.28	14844	LIFE INS-VOLUNTEERS

TOTAL SUBMITTED	\$ 1,518,058.18	Commissioner Signatures:
<i>changes listed:</i>		<i>[Signature]</i> 11/25/25
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TOTAL APPROVED		<i>[Signature]</i> 11/25/25
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Paid:		<i>[Signature]</i> 11/25/25