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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

ATTENDEES: Commissioner Marc Komorsky                      Commissioner Anthony Pignataro  
Commissioner Robert Taft                                      Commissioner Vincent Tierney  
Commissioner Jeff Kaiser                                        Chief Anthony Champion  
Deputy Chief Bryan Zittel                                        Treasurer Mark Pozniak (Via Teams)  
Attorney Michael Hekle (via Teams)                        Secretary Bria Le

At 6:08 PM, Chairman Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for coming out on such a cold night with so much snow.

**MINUTES:** - 1/13/26 Organizational meeting and the 1/13/26 Regular Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 1/13/26 Organizational Meeting minutes. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 1/13/26 Regular Meeting minutes. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** -

- Secretary Le stated there was a memo received from Dutchess County Human Resources. It was thanking Steve Rector for his years of service as the Commissioner of Human Resources and to introduce Rachel Kashimer as the new Commissioner of Human Resources. Chairperson Komorsky asked how often they have been in touch with the Dutchess County Human Resources. Secretary Le said quite often. Chairman Komorsky asked Chief Champion the same question and he said quite often as well. Chairman Komorsky suggested writing a letter reaching out congratulating her on the new position and possibly inviting her to a meeting. Chief Champion stated they only met Mr. Rector once or twice over the years. He will determine if a phone call or letter would be best.

**ROOM USE REQUESTS:**

- Request to use Station 3 by the Red Cross for a blood drive on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 6 PM. Chairman Komorsky asked if anyone has spoken to Scott Price to make sure the State was clear. Secretary Le stated she spoke to him, and he would put it on their calendar.  
Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to allow the Red Cross to use Station 3 for a blood drive on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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- Secretary Le stated there was a request that came in this evening from Chief Champion to use Station 3 on January 29th, February 12th, February 26th, March 12th, and March 26th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for home school gatherings.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to allow Chief Champion to use Station 3 on January 29th, February 12th, February 26th, March 12th, and March 26th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for home school gatherings. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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

- Station 1 Building Update – Commissioner Tierney stated the plumbing inspection was completed today and everything passed. Now they can move forward to sheet rocking the bathrooms and get ready to put the floors in. Chairman Komorsky stated they need a copy of the completion in writing. Commissioner Tierney stated they will get that. Commissioner Tierney stated he has three items for executive session, two of them are for Station 1 as contractual issues. One is a personnel issue. Commissioner Tierney stated they have all of the requested work that people wanted done such as replacing windows, adding outlets, et cetera and there are 6 items. Secretary Le will read them. The biggest item will be putting the anchors into the ceiling with the asbestos company coming back. The Board has copies of some of these requests but not all of them. The reason the board does not have copies is that CPL had an e-mail issue and they did not get sent out to everyone. The first one was for ACA, the asbestos company to come in and put the hangers in for the lights. This is the company that did the other asbestos abatement work at Station 1 and possibly at Station 3. Commissioner Pignataro asked if this had to do with putting the hangers up with some sort of capture system to catch any disturbed dirt or dust during installation and Commissioner Tierney said yes. In order to comply with the law, they also have to put plastic on the floor and then it has to be vacuumed as well. Chairman Komorsky stated the work order states they will install forty anchors for new supports in accordance with site specific variants SH-6HSDH in the amount of \$8595. Commissioner Kaiser asked if this was part of the phase one project why wasn't this scope of work included with the original plan. Commissioner Pignataro stated when they did the original report they did not know that there was asbestos in that area. They didn't realize it until they got above the drop ceiling.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve the proposal for \$8595 for the installation of 40 anchors for new supports from ACA. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - aye. **Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Tierney stated the second issue they needed to review is the wall insulation in the bathroom. It should be 11B-20. This is to complete the insulation in the bathrooms. It was pointed out that they only insulated the wall up to 7 1/2 feet and not all the way to the ceiling. This is to foam right to the blocks. Commissioner Taft asked how many bats of insulation were included in this. Commissioner Tierney stated it is for a room that is 14 feet wide by 8 feet high that needs to be framed and then insulated then it will go around the side, so it is probably 25 feet by 8 for each. Chairman Komorsky stated this should have been included in the original work and engineering of the project. Commissioner Kaiser asked if only the bathrooms were going to be insulated to the ceiling and not the rest of the building. Commissioner Pignataro stated he did not believe that was correct. Everything else was insulated to the ceiling. Commissioner Kaiser stated when he went

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out with the engineer it was the first time he was ever involved in anything with this project. He was floored by some of the things that were done out there. He was shocked to find that the original plans for the project had no insulation at all being put into the building. It is a block building, and everyone knows that a cinderblock is not an insulator. He stated you would not build a home for yourself without putting insulation in the walls and to go back and do something about it afterwards and then have them not insulate up to the decking of the roof is beyond him. When he asked while they were on the tour why they did not use spray foam. The vendor comment was that it was a little more money to use that. He stated this is their forever building and they are not moving out of it. This is where the staff and the district is living perpetually and to not be built properly isn't right. Now they will be paying fuel oil prices forever for a building that was not insulated properly. He feels this is a sad trade off that it was not done properly. Commissioner Tierney stated he does agree with Commissioner Kaiser and if it wasn't for him and Chairman Komorsky asking where the insulation was there would still be nothing there. They did ask CPL what the R factor for the board and batten was. Chairman Komorsky stated it is not too late for them to do these ceilings if they want to insulate them. They could still be done with spray foam. Commissioner Kaiser stated another comment is that when they were there that day they were putting old insulation back into the walls, not even new insulation. Commissioner Tierney stated it was all brand-new installation. He checked with the builder afterwards Chairman Komorsky stated originally they were using old insulation, and he told them to take it all out. This estimate is for \$2823.99 for the insulation for the wall bathrooms.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the estimate for \$2823.99 for the insulation for the wall bathrooms. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Secretary Le stated there are two estimates from Meyer. The first one is a proposal from MCC for \$6259.45 for costs associated with removing and installing new windows per IB26R1. Commissioner Tierney stated these are the new windows for the bathroom, the officers room, and the front sleeping quarters. Chairman Komorsky stated this is annoying because it should have been in the original plan and he does not know why it wasn't. Chairman Komorsky stated the windows currently have no screens in them and are single paned glass. Commissioner Kaiser stated he asked the engineer why they were using old windows. These were hazed over windows with torn screens. Chairman Komorsky stated it is ridiculous that they were finding these issues and not the engineers. Commissioner Pignataro stated in fairness they all had the option to look through the plans. Chairman Komorsky stated you would think the engineer would have looked and said look these are old windows you should really put new windows in. Commissioner Kaiser stated he does agree with Commissioner Pignataro in some respects, but the Commissioners are not builders, and they are counting on the engineer and architect to build something properly or advise them of what should be replaced or done. They are the experts. He feels these things should have been taken care of from the start.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve the estimate from MCC at a cost of \$6259.45 for removing and installing new Windows per IB26RI. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Secretary Le stated the next estimate is from MCC to build a sheetrock enclosure around conduit in the training room. It is in the amount of \$1473.18. Commissioner Kaiser stated when they were

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out doing the walkthrough that day they found where the conduit was needed to be boxed in. Chief Champion stated that it has been done. They have the access panel in the other room, and they just had to put it back in. it was not done as of Friday. Chairman Komorsky asked when this was asked for and Chief Champion stated the second meeting in December. They also had asked when it was going to be done at that point because they wanted to make sure it did not sit below the drop ceiling Commissioner Kaiser stated they should not be calling that the training room because it is the day room. There will be no training in that room. That is where the kitchen table will be. When you walk out towards the bays there was a big piece of conduit pipe that needed to be covered. Commissioner Tierney stated there are a few other things associated with this that they will discuss in executive session.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to approve the estimate from MCC in the amount of \$1473.18 to enclose the conduit in the day room. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky asked Treasurer Pozniak how they were doing funds wise and the Treasurer stated the more they do here, the less they will be able to do someplace else.

Secretary Le stated the next estimate from Meyer is for a casement window. Chairman Komorsky asked what windows these were. Secretary Le stated it reads it is to remove and disposal of the existing casement window and replace with new window to match in the toilet room #102. It is in the amount of \$1804.34. Commissioner Tierney stated this is the other bathroom. It is a double casement with a turn handle.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve The MCC estimate in the amount of \$1804.34 to remove and dispose of the existing casement window and replace with a new window to match in toilet room 102. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Secretary Le stated the next estimate is from O&D Electric. Everyone should have a copy of it. Chairman Komorsky stated it for SW Phelps to provide one 20-amp quad, one 15-amp whip, and two dedicated circuits for the data mechanical room, install four additional OCC sensors, install four additional outlets above the lockers, install six additional outlets in dorm rooms 105,106 and 107. Material is \$729 and labor is 22 hours at \$130.00 per hour for \$2860 in labor and the P&O is 15%, which is \$538.35 for a total of \$4127.35. Commissioner Tierney stated that the electrician said it would have been nice if all of this had been on the original drawings and while the walls were open. Commissioner Kaiser stated some of the issues they found were that the bedrooms were too small for the beds, so they redesigned the bedrooms. The placement of the bed is really still too small to fit the bed. The bed is 80 inches, and he is unsure if that includes the headboard because the ones they have are only about an inch wide. The beds are 80 inches and the space given is 81 inches. These beds are made every day as the shifts change every day and he asked the engineer how these were going to get made every day when the bed is against three walls and you can't get to the mattress to change things. In discussion with some of the officers and Chiefs that were there they decided it would be best to put the bed along the wall. With doing that they are moving the nightstand and there was not an outlet on all of the walls. With the nightstand being on a different wall now they need new outlets. He did voice his concern on the whole project. The fire service lives off of electricity between pagers, cell phones, computers, and radios all needing to be plugged in and in every room there are only double outlets. Even in the day room there are no

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quad outlets, just the double outlets. He doesn't understand why there was not outlets put in to begin with. They will end up putting power strips in place to get the outlets that they need. Chairman Komorsky asked if they were running 220 volt and Commissioner Tierney stated in the mechanical room there is a 220 but everything else is 110. Certain outlets in the bays are 220. Chairman Komorsky stated they need to make sure they have enough electricity to plug in and charge everything that needs to be done on a daily basis. Commissioner Kaiser asked the gentleman if he designed firehouses before and he said yes but he's unsure because this is not conducive to firefighters' working environments. Chairman Komorsky asked how they know what they have now is going to work. Commissioner Tierney suggested they asked the command staff to go out and look at the outlets and count radios and do an assessment of what gets plugged in. Chairman Komorsky asked Deputy Chief Zittel if that was something he could do, and the Deputy Chief said they can do whatever they're asked to do, but it takes time away from doing something else. It was pointed out during the walk through that over the lockers the staff puts their radios but there were no outlets so now there is a power strip the full length of the cabinets. Chairman Komorsky is concerned about having too many things plugged into an outlet that might not be able to handle the draw. Commissioner Tierney stated everything out there is 20 amps not the household 15 amps. Chairman Komorsky stated you don't want to overload the outlets and have a fire in the Firehouse. Commissioner Tierney suggested tabling this conversation until after the meeting and they can have a discussion with the Deputy Chief to see exactly what information they needed to gather. He did state that this work listed in the estimate had already been completed. Commissioner Pignataro asked why they are voting on work that had already been done instead of voting on it prior to it being done. Chief Champion stated this is for changes they had asked for at the beginning of the project but are just being done at this point.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taft, the Board **RESOLVED** to approve the estimate from O&D in the amount of \$4127.35 for the installation of one 20-amp quad, one 15-amp whip, and two dedicated circuits for the data mechanical room, install four additional OCC sensors, install four additional outlets above the lockers, install six additional outlets in dorm rooms 105,106 and 107. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Tierney stated now that the plumbing inspection is done they're able to start doing the sheetrock on the walls, installing the floors and tile and scheduling the ceiling. Once the asbestos guy gets his work done they can start getting the lights hung up and trimming the windows. They will be able to finish the air ducts. The construction company called him today and stated the paint will be the last thing that they do. He feels within the next month and a half they should be able to put people back in the building. He had a discussion with career staff who said they are OK with doing cooking in the training room/day room or outside on the grill. Commissioner Kaiser asked what they would cook on in the day room. Chief Champion stated the trailer is set up with the four bedrooms, an induction burner, two microwaves, the coffee machine, and the refrigerator. They would be taking that equipment out and moving it into the ready room for them to use the space. That will save money on the cost of the trailers, pumping up the septic, and delivery of the water. That will get them back in using the building. They can still move forward with Phase 2 looking at the kitchen, the back ready room, and the bays that were on the wish list they wanted to give MJ to look at for them. It will be the same setup that's in the trailer just inside the building. That will eliminate any possible issues with water lines freezing. There will

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be people in the building monitoring it and heating the space and it will be a better use of the finances. Chairman Komorsky stated, in full disclosure, he did ask MJ to give a price to replace the windows in the day room because those windows are old and shot as well.

- Station 2 Septic - Commissioner Tierney stated in their packet everyone should have an e-mail from MJ with the bids. They had the septic bid opening on the 16th of January. There were 8 bidders with costs anywhere from \$315,000 to \$547,000. The low bid ended up being JC Land and Site Development. MJ did a background check and on the second page of your packet is their recommendation that we the Board approve the lowest bidder. There is also a contingency of \$15,000 just like we have with any contractors. Commissioner Tierney's recommendation is that they award this contract to the lowest bidder and move forward as soon as the weather allows. Chairman Komorsky stated he did some due diligence on JC Land and Site Development. They are a father and son team and Chairman Komorsky wanted to express his concern. He did hear from industry experts that a few years ago the father was looking to retire at some point soon. His concern is if there are issues or they have warranty issues and they need the vendor to come back in a year or two, will they still be in business and able to do that. There are other bids from much larger companies that they might or might not want to consider. The other issue is they are from Ossining, not that that is terribly far away. Commissioner Tierney stated there are some quotes received from local vendors. Blacktop Maintenance is local, Ben Ciccone is on Daley Road. There was one from Wappingers and there was also Schmitt Bros. Excavation from Pawling. Commissioner Tierney stated he would have no problem with Blacktop Maintenance because he knows they do blacktop, maintenance, and septic. They were also very efficient in their black top work. Commissioner Taft stated he appreciates Chairman Komorsky did this research. He believes you have to look at each of the other vendors to see their highs and lows as well. MJ has recommended this vendor and had to have looked into their background to some extent as well. Commissioner Kaiser asked how they look up the background on the vendors. He asked what they base their recommendation on. Commissioner Pignataro stated that the report reads MJ has contacted their references and has no concern regarding their qualifications, work experience, or professionalism. Commissioner Tierney stated the prior page also reads that MJ has reviewed their land bid in detail to assess the validity of their bid prices and experience and references. Chairman Komorsky stated you know you're never going to get a bad reference. Commissioner Taft stated the assumption should be that MJ reviewed all of the vendors equally. Attorney Hekle asked if they had spoken to MJ as MJ is providing a service to the Board. Commissioner Tierney stated he spoke to Denise when she sent him the letter, and she seemed very confident with it. Treasurer Pozniak stated he feels it would be hard to rule them out. The Board would have to have a valid reason to not go with the low bidder and if there is the recommendation from the engineer that they have reviewed, it would be harder to prove that they are not an responsible bidder. Chairman Komorsky stated he is not stating they are not responsible. Treasurer Pozniak stated if that's not what they're saying then they can't really go with anyone else. The law is you go with the lowest responsible bidder. Attorney Hekle stated they have had this happen before. It is not that you cannot disqualify the lowest bidder it is just that you have to be able to justify or prove it. They would have to go back through and vet the rest of the groups. This would be particularly hard since they have a recommendation from the engineer that this is a qualified group and they are the low bidder. Chairman Komorsky asked, based on his concerns, where do they get a warranty from JC Land and Site Development. Commissioner Tierney stated guarantees were written into the bid statements. He does not have the document in front of him, but it was part of the bid specs. It would be the

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same across the board for all the vendors. There will be some kind of a surety bond in place. Commissioner Kaiser stated he wants to make it clear that whoever gets the bid has to come and cut the trees down. MJ was very concerned with the bats and if the weather doesn't break for a while and they have to take the trees down by April or they won't be able to do it until after October. Commissioner Tierney stated they are aware of it, and he feels someone will be out there on Thursday.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to award the bid for the Station 2 septic to JC Land & Site Development on the recommendation from MJ engineering They are a responsible company and the low bidder, in the amount of \$315,220.10. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer Pozniak asked what was listed as alternate one and alternate two. Commissioner Tierney stated alternate 1 is finishing the road from the septic tank out to the front with repaving, sealing, striping and installing a drainage ditch. The back is sealing off and fixing the cracks in the back driveway and stripping it. Treasurer Pozniak stated these are things that could have been left off and they could have been awarded the bid based on just the main part. He does feel the pricing is very good and he is not discouraging the Board. Commissioner Tierney stated by the time they get done digging everything up and taking out pipes and putting things in it would be a muddy mess. They are doing the road in the back and ripping out the road in the front. They will put the rubble in there and relocate the monument. This is a project that will not require the Board members to be there making any decisions. The Board of Health will do the inspections. Commissioner Kaiser asked if they were going to put the monument stone on a pallet. Commissioner Tierney stated first of all LaGrange has to take the plaque off and then they will take the whole thing down. They will save the rocks. The House Committee can go out and look at the rocks once they are taken down. If they can't chip off the cement they won't look good putting them back up. Commissioner Kaiser stated they won't be able to take down that whole monument and Commissioner Tierney stated they do have equipment that can just rip the whole thing down and then it would have to be put back up. Commissioner Kaiser stated he is trying to understand exactly what is included in the bid for this portion. He stated it is a huge monument with poured footings and they're not going to be able to take it down easily. He highly doubts they will have a machine that will be able to move that monument, so he asked if part of the price of this is to tear it down and then rebuild it. Commissioner Tierney stated yes, it is in the specs that they have to remove the monument and then rebuild it In the place that LaGrange designates. The Board or House Committee will have to decide where they want the monument rebuilt and stake it and then the vendor will be responsible for digging up that area and installing the footings and the monument. Commissioner Taft asked why they did not have an engineer here tonight to answer a lot of these questions. Commissioner Tierney stated he could have been here, but everything was stated in the bid documents. Commissioner Taft stated they don't want to have the same issues they had with Station 1 and these are valid concerns that they don't have the answers for. Commissioner Tierney stated it is written in the document. Commissioner Kaiser stated he did not figure rebuilding the monument was part of the bid. He thought they were going to decide as a fire department where it was going to be placed. He does not want them to be rushed with picking a location for it if the vendor wants to finish up the job. Commissioner Tierney stated it could stay on the pallet for two years until they make their decision. Deputy Chief Zittel asked now that it has been awarded can they be kept up on the timelines because when things start to get torn up on the side of the building they will need to know for operational purposes. That main road

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coming back is how they get fuel so that needs to be done first before another road is torn apart. Commissioner Tierney stated in the specs he put in that the one road has to be open at all times. Chairman Komorsky asked Secretary Le to get the Chiefs Denise's contact information in case there are issues that they see come up that need to be addressed. Commissioner Tierney stated when it is time to move the Conex boxes they may have to empty them out so that Brandl's can move them as he is not sure how heavy they are with what is in them now. Chief Champion stated it would be taken care of. Chairman Komorsky stated he took the locks off the Conex with his compressor and motor, but they can start putting things in there. Chairman Komorsky stated for the record that he did not donate the compressor or the separate motor. Commissioner Tierney stated they also have to move the ladies auxiliary monument. Commissioner Kaiser stated that it is just on a piece of wood and the tree that it is on needs to come down so things can be graded properly. Chief Champion stated that removal of the trees is in the spec so they cannot do it as a training rotation. The cherry tree is not included in the spec, and it looks to be permanent in its placement and not in the graded area. It may be in the way of them grading once they start. Commissioner Kaiser stated he would like to see them grade the hill properly and not grade around a tree that doesn't have to be there. He stated the other concern that he has is that he was told this is a health department issue. He does not understand how they can force the Board to do this in regard to the permanent curbing along the edge, so the water drainage is proper. He disagrees with putting the bollards along the whole driveway. He can foresee them clipping the bollards trying to make the turnarounds once they get fuel. He doesn't understand why a 6-inch curb is not enough. Chairman Komorsky stated he is going to defer Commissioner Kaiser's concerns to Chief Champion. Commissioner Kaiser stated he does not see any other property in Dutchess County that has bollards protecting the septic fields. He stated they have never had an issue since 1989 with just the curbs, but he does understand the inability to fight with the Department of Health. This is something they can discuss at a later date. Commissioner Tierney will ask MJ if this is required or if this was a recommendation.

- Station 2 Brick Repair – Commissioner Tierney said they are waiting on good weather.
- Station 2 Emergency Generator Assessment – Chairman Komorsky stated he spoke to Nick and Joel, and they are in the process of finalizing everything to get the total spec and plans to Caterpillar. They can do the bid spec as well so they will be moving forward.
- Station 3 Mold & Asbestos Remediation – Chief Champion stated everything has been abated. He is meeting with Devens on Thursday so they can look at the space to make sure nothing changed. Then they will be given a timeline as to when the vendor can get in there to do the work. He is presently engaged in other projects. When they first brought him on he was ready to go but since it has been delayed some, the vendor had started other projects so now they have to wait until he is ready. Chairman Komorsky stated Mr. Lenkowski will need to know when Devens will be done so that he can get in and do his portion as well. Mr. Lenkowski stated as long as the Station 1 finishing and the Station 2 finishing don't happen at the same time they will be fine.
- Staffing Community Events – Chief Champion stated at this time there are no community events that they are aware of. Chairman Komorsky asked if he has been in contact with Sandy Washburn at the Town and the Chief said not recently, but Tyler Edgar has and has not expressed any

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upcoming events. They are participating in career day at the high school, but he does not have a date on it, but it is in February. Tyler Edgar will be there with someone else as well.

- Lexipol Policy Updates – Chief Champion said the committee seems to be moving forward quite well. Commissioner Pignataro did join in for the last few meetings, so they are bringing him up to speed. There will be a few things the Chief sends off to legal by the end of the week so they can continue moving forward. He does believe there were some questions from the committee to bring back to the Board. He asked if that would be an executive session discussion and Chairman Komorsky said yes. Attorney Hekle stated it would be a personnel issue for executive session.
- Operational Software Overview – Chief Champion stated there moving along with First Due. He did unofficially receive information that the local will be moving to utilize the First Due platform for callback and scheduling of the staff. That will be good because everything will be all in one spot. They are between 90 and 95% compliance with personnel going in and reviewing their timecards before he goes through and does it. They have all been given a very long heads up that if they don't approve or review their timecard and click approval they will be getting they're contractually deemed hours. This will affect the overtime that they do. Chief Champion is not here 24/7 so he cannot personally verify what they work every shift. Commissioner Pignataro asked if that was a considerable improvement and Chief Champion said yes. As of the last meeting it was at 50% or less. Commissioner Pignataro thanked him for that increase and effort. Chief Champion stated they have been a little slow in getting down and moved over from ESO into First Due, so hopefully they can get that done by the end of February so they can have a better cache of knowledge and information to provide to the Board for reports and data. They also need to get that information to the volunteers and membership for notification as to where their standings are.
- Grant Update – Chief Champion stated as of the 25th of this month they have completed their POP, which stands for Period of Performance for the SAFER Grant. Between now and May 25th he has to get the remainder of the reimbursements sent in. They are now in the liquidation phase of the SAFER Grant. He has just forwarded to the Treasurer for his review for 2025. Then they will review 2026 to make sure all of the benefits and monetary components are appropriate and they will continue to move forward with that. SAFER has given the authorization to submit in batch submissions so he can close out a whole year in one submission. As of the 25th of May, they will be locked out of FEMA Go, so they will not be able to get any additional reimbursement. There would be a different process if they need to put in for any additional funds. He is hoping to get everything taken care of before then and bringing that number down to 0 by then so they are fully reimbursed by then. Commissioner Pignataro asked if this would be a considerable workload lessening for the Chief. Chief Champion stated it will be a shift of responsibility as there is always something else that comes up. Chief Champion stated that in regard to the Dutchess County fly car grants, Deputy Chief Merritt put together a grant for a mechanical CPR device, known as a LUCAS Device. This is something that assists someone in cardiac arrest by attaching to them and doing the compressions. It is monitored throughout the process of the emergency, but it does free up the hands of the responders. The paperwork was submitted to Dutchess County after it was reviewed by the legal department. They will be moving forward to get the other signatories on that and the Chief will be moving forward outright and then they will submit the purchase for reimbursement from the county. Chairman Komorsky asked if it was a 100% reimbursement and Chief Champion said yes. Commissioner Pignataro asked about training for this device and Chief

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Champion stated they already have some of these devices, so they have been training on it for the last few years. The initial implementation was during COVID. It has been a very worthwhile investment, and it is on all of the primary ambulances now. They are looking to get this on the tertiary ambulances next. Chairman Komorsky asked if the Chief has been getting the grant information that he has been sending and Chief Champion said yes. Chairman Komorsky stated some of them are for administrative projects that they could participate in for the office staff. Chief Champion stated he has not been able to get into the last one that will be coming up for expiration around the 7th which is a collaboration with multiple agencies. Commissioner Kaiser asked if the Chief received the one that he had sent and Chief Champion stated he believed it was the same one that he got from Chairman Komorsky. Chairman Komorsky stated they did speak to the grant writer about assistance for the SCBA grant and Chief Champion stated those conversations are ongoing. The grant writer is aware that they also want to look into other grants as well.

- Grant Writing Update – Deputy Chief Zittel stated his information was covered in the Chief’s report. They are waiting for the grant period to open so that they can write the one for the Scott packs and then they will start on the rest.
- Website Refresh – Secretary Le stated they did speak about this a little bit last year but did not move forward with it at that point. The web hosting company did make some changes to their proposal. There were some changes at the State level regarding the .gov requirements. The .gov requirements do not affect the fire district at this time but the vendor did make some changes to their contract. They can still take advantage of the compliance in this package so they would not have to do the annual compliance plugin. There is a higher cost initially to get it set up but then there would not be the annual cost of \$490.00 plus the fee. Chairman Komorsky asked if everyone had a chance to review the information in their packet. Attorney Hekle asked if they had changed the language in the proposal that the district had wanted. Secretary Le stated she would have to check in the new copy that she received today because she wasn't sure. Attorney Hekle stated that he had sent something to them through Secretary Le. Commissioner Pignataro asked if this had something to do with indemnifying them in regard to ADA compliance. Attorney Hekle said yes. The response to that might be in this document, they just have to review it first. Secretary Le stated she would table this for this meeting and check with them to get the answers for the next meeting. Commissioner Kaiser asked Chief Champion who takes care of the website now because it seems like nothing is updated. Chief Champion stated that Secretary Le updates for the meetings. He puts press releases out. They have given the access to Tyler Edgar for updates and access and news. That is really all that they do for the website except for the initial setup. Firefighter Herring-Trott was doing other updates such as calls, but that was not reviewed with Firefighter Edgar so they can do that as it is easy enough to fix. Commissioner Kaiser stated that firefighter Edgar is doing a wonderful job in his position, but he does feel that there could be more put on the website to get more information out there. Chief Champion asked Commissioner Kaiser what he would like to see additionally on the website. Commissioner Kaiser stated like notices about incoming storms and keeping fire hydrants clear, press releases regarding some of the fires that have happened within the last few months. Chief Champion stated he has put in fire photos. What did not get put in there was during the last storm there was a rescue of a dog out of a culvert. It was on Facebook but not their page. Mr. Lenkowski stated they had been asked about traffic monitoring for the site, and they have not heard back from the vendor yet. Commissioner

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Taft stated if they have a lot of website traffic it's worth keeping up with it but if they're not getting a lot of traffic it might not be worth it. Chief Champion stated they consistently get inquiries through the website. Commissioner Pignataro thinks it is a good resource. Mr. Lenkowski stated the posts that are on Facebook are feeding into the website. Commissioner Kaiser stated he feels there is a lot going on out there and if they can get firefighter Edgar to get more involved with it that would be great. January was firefighter cancer month. They should mention the snow removal around the hydrants. There is a lot that goes on on a daily or monthly basis that could be put on there. The more you put on there the more people will look at it. If it gets stale people stop looking at it. Mr. Lenkowski stated if they are looking for community relations it all types into the website. Maybe the District should have a Facebook presence and not just the Union. Chief Champion stated the District does have a Facebook presence, but the access was removed and he is trying to get in contact with Facebook, and they are less than willing to discuss things with him. Commissioner Pignataro stated personally he sees their priorities being elsewhere. It is nice to have a public social media presence, but he feels the Chief Staff has their hands full. Commissioner Kaiser stated he is not asking the Chiefs to do it but to hand it off to someone else. If they are paying to have a website or paying someone to do public relations they should be doing some of this. Deputy Chief Zittel asked if this could be added to executive session. He is not sure if it would be considered personnel or contractual.

- Carbonite Renewal - Mr. Lenkowski stated he asked the vendor about the difference in the discounts. The response he received is that the normal price for a three-year renewal is \$3899.97. There is a built-in discount of \$390.00 which brings the price to \$3509.97. There is an additional discount of \$1001.96. If you add the two discounts together it is \$1391.96.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to accept the Carbonite renewal quote of \$4,007.86. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye.

**Motion Carried.**

- Building Repairs/Repair Requests – Chairman Komorsky asked if there were any other building or repair requests that have not yet been discussed. Commissioner Kaiser stated that at Station 3 in regard to the septic he was talking with Steve Turner and Scott Price. The cast iron grows rust and there was a baby wipe that had gotten thrown down there that clogged things up. Those toilets don't get used a whole lot and without that water flow the growth happens more. Steve stated he would go down with a snake with a chain head and flush it with the sewer jet two times. That was his recommendation to do it twice. That will open up the pipe, so things are not getting hung up there. The cost of that would be \$2000. That would be going through the handicap ladies bathroom down that drainpipe and out to the septic tank. He would chain it, flush it, chain it, and flush it again. That should keep it smooth so that things don't get hung up in there. If that doesn't work they could put in a 2-inch ball, but this should be a better solution. They may have to do this again in the future in six to eight months one more time as maintenance. As the station does not get used much this will continue to happen. Chairman Komorsky asked if they would still have to pump and Commissioner Kaiser said yes. There is just not much pitch when they redid the line there. Commissioner Kaiser said speaking with Commissioner Tierney if you go to a hospital setting they have a metal trap in the toilet to catch things and Steve said he would not recommend using those. They are great for hospital facilities, but he does not believe it would work there. We've never had this problem before. It was a one-time problem with a baby wipe. They are

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dangerous if somebody were to put their hand down the toilet because they are sharp. They are going to look into getting some signs for all the bathrooms reminding people to not flush anything but toilet paper. Commissioner Tierney asked if they should use that tool in the men's bathroom as well. Commissioner Kaiser stated that it is not giving them the problem. The lady's room is used less and there is less of a pitch there. The cast iron gets corroded.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Kaiser and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to pay \$2000 to Redemption Mechanical for preventative waste line maintenance at Station 3 to include snaking with a chain head to descale the flush line and sewer jetter, mainline snake 3 to 4 inch maintenance, waste line water jet 2 to 4 inch lines up to 100 feet in length, drain or waste line clearing with up to 4500 PSI water jetter to clear blockages and restore full flow of line. This is for a quantity of two snakes at \$425 each, the waistline water jet twice two times is \$575 each for a \$2000 total expenditure. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chief Champion asked if this was the preferred vendor for this type of work because he and the Deputy Chief have been on the phone regarding issues at Station 1 with frozen pipes in the basement and baseboard is not working. Chairman Komorsky stated that is considered emergency repairs and they do not need to get the Board's approval on those. Chief Champion asked if they have him doing an odd job that is something that is normally under his purview of what they are contracting him to do, do they have to bring that forward to the Board and Chairman Komorsky said yes they should. If it is a non-emergency they should be getting prices. Deputy Chief Zittel asked if they have a plumber that they use if they have a plumbing issue do they have to go out for additional prices or can they call their normal plumber. Commissioner Pignataro stated the Chief is asking if this is something that should have come to the Board or if it is something he could have done because it is within his spending limit. Commissioner Kaiser stated being new on the Board he wasn't sure, so he got prices. Chairman Komorsky stated day-to-day maintenance the Chief has the ability to approve it up to his spending limit. If it's something like a new bathroom or toilet it has to come before the Board. If it's frozen pipes it's an emergency call Redemption. Deputy Chief Zittel asked if there was a list of preferred vendors and Chief Champion said yes. Commissioner Kaiser stated the only other issue with Station 3 is that there is a light out on the pole and he has to go and take a look to see exactly what light it is.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- iSimulate quote – Chairman Komorsky stated a memo was provided by Deputy Chief Merritt and it was in the Board's packet. The memo stated that these meet their requirements for service and that Laerdal was unable to bring any demos for them to use or see firsthand. Total for the first one including an IV pole is \$40,565. Treasurer Pozniak stated this is something they would normally go to bid for unless this is a state contract price. Chief Champion stated that the Deputy Chief did get four separate quotes for comparable items. In his opinion the proposed quote was the preferred one to go with as it meets the majority of needs for the district. This could be held over until the next meeting until the Deputy Chief is here in person to review this with the Board. Treasurer Pozniak stated that he does appreciate the fact that the Deputy Chief got four quotes but for this amount it should be a bid, but he does not believe they will get different results. This could be something that is difficult to bid because there are not common specifications. Commissioner Tierney stated that the Board was provided with all four estimates in their packet. Chief Champion

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stated that these items would fall under training and as far as they are aware these funds have already been budgeted for these purchases. Attorney Hekle stated they should wait until Deputy Chief Merritt is present to review these. It would be helpful to have him walk them through these proposals. Chief Champion stated this was not pressing and could be held until the next meeting.

- Turnout Gear Quote - MES – Chief Champion stated this is a budget item. It is for the three people that are currently in the Academy now. The cost is \$15,465 from MES. Chief Champion stated that these people will be graduating on Friday.
- Retirement Resolution – Treasurer Pozniak stated they offer a retirement plan. The default is the 384 D plan, but their contract says 384 E, so they need to reconcile that discrepancy. There are a few options, but they will be discussed in executive session. Chairman Komorsky stated it is a limited open time frame.
- Commissioner Tierney stated he had one additional item for new business. In the Board's packet is a letter from Frank Orlando. He, the Deputy Chief and Commissioner Pignataro had a meeting with Proclaim to discuss the charges that they billed the insurance companies. Right now, they charged the insurance companies \$1500 for BLS and \$2200 for ALS and \$3000 for ALS2. After an hour-long discussion they came back and recommended that their rates get changed to \$1960.00 for BLS \$2440 for ALS and \$3400 for ALS2 and \$52.00 for mileage. Commissioner Pignataro stated that Proclaim feels the insurance companies should have the rates raised. The reimbursement rate generally is 250% of Medicare. All insurance company rates differ but that is the generalization. They have not increased their rates since they started their relationship with Proclaim. They were discussing a 35% increase in the CPI Since they initiated their engagement. He stated you basically can't charge the true cost because they would be an outlier. There is no guarantee by increasing their cost that they will get a higher reimbursement rate. The insurance companies can basically do what they want. In order to continually put pressure as a collective they recommend these rates as being pretty much in the middle of what everyone else is charging. The Board can choose to do whatever they want but what they ultimately get reimbursed at is really not up to them. They did feel that this was a fair increase. The Board will need to decide if they want to do this and if they do then they need to let Proclaim know. Commissioner Taft asked if moving forward they could make sure that this is analyzed more frequently and Commissioner Pignataro said yes. Commissioner Pignataro stated when they initiated this they had no idea what the raw numbers were going to be and what they might actually see month to month. Chairman Komorsky asked if they discussed with Proclaim decreasing the District's contribution to them. Commissioner Tierney stated that it will be their next conversation. Commissioner Pignataro stated that they do very well compared to most municipalities in terms of successful billing and reimbursements. They are in the 95 to 96 percentile. Chairman Komorsky stated that also means that the staff is doing an excellent job getting information for the reporting. Commissioner Tierney stated that for the record the reason they do this is that they charged the insurance company which then helps keep the tax increase to the taxpayer a little less. They don't go after anyone for balances. Commissioner Pignataro stated that other municipalities do go after people for the balances. He stated that there is 5% of the population that does not have insurance. They do get solicitations from outside companies offering to go after that 5% to get money. That is illegal in New York.

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Upon a MOTION made by Chairman Komorsky and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to approve the increase in billing rates per Proclains proposal. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky requested that they make a phone call to Proclaim to discuss a reduction in billing charges to the District.

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

- **Treasurer Pozniak**

Treasurer Pozniak stated his entire report is in the executive session.

- **Chief Anthony Champion**

- **Executive Session** – Chief Champion has 7 personnel items and one contractual item for executive session.
- **Membership** – Chief Champion stated he would be reaching out in the next week or so to the membership committee to refresh on the requirements of the various positions that they have on the volunteer side. He will be reaching out to Chris Cassidy to touch base with him on recruitment and retention and what additional things they need to get together on to move forward in updating that. Chairman Komorsky asked if Commissioner Kaiser was still involved in the membership. Chief Champion stated that it would be up to the attorney to tell them if that is a conflict of interest or not. Attorney Hekle stated they could have this conversation in executive session.
- **Updates** - Chief Champion stated last Sunday, January 18th, there was a personnel that arrived at work and received an injury. It will be discussed in executive session. During the storm over the weekend one of the apparatus did incur some damage to a rear rotator light. The bay doors did incur some damage as well. The bay doors have been replaced and the rollers and safety mechanisms are back functioning properly. Dutchess Overhead Doors came in to do that today. The door has been bent back to its almost original position and the rollers were replaced. He is still waiting to hear back from Eaton on price points for removing the transfer switch for the generator with an unknown downtime and the return for that transfer switch. It will require them to go out and manually put the building on to generator. He is also waiting on a cost for a new transfer switch which he has not received yet. They have been in touch with Steve Turner from Redemption Mechanical. The water line at Station 1 has frozen at least three times in the last week and a half. That has been thawed out, and it is back in operation. There are some concerns about the cold air intake in the basement which is a contributing factor. There are concerns that since the building is not occupied they are not flushing the sinks and they feel that it is a contributing factor as well. Chairman Komorsky asked about the open door and Chief Champion stated that was a contributing factor the first time. Chairman Komorsky asked if they found out who opened it. Chief Champion stated they believe it was one of the trades that went in. That door has to be pulled shut with muscle and a gust of wind could have opened it, but the Bilko doors were closed. Chairman Komorsky asked

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if it was too much to ask the staff member on shift at the end of the day to go and look around to check for open doors. Chief Champion stated that would not be a problem. Deputy Chief Zittel stated the problem occurred with the door closed. Chairman Komorsky stated they have never had that problem in the past. Chief Champion stated they have had colder temperatures than they have had. Previously there were personnel in the building flushing toilets and washing dishes. The remedy for right now is to use a slow drip in the slop sink for the water to continue moving through. It is the same principle they use on a hose line in the wintertime. Those are the contributing factors, and he wanted to keep the Board informed as to the information they have so far.

Redemption Mechanical has been contacted due to heating issues with the baseboards. They were called today probably for the fourth time in five days because the baseboard in the front offices was not working. They did think they had found a solution but there are other issues that have been perpetuating the problem. He does have the parts on order, and he will be taking care of it as soon as he can.

- **Vehicles** – Chief Champion stated 47-12 is presently at Hendrickson getting its inspection. Before it went down it was noted that there was a white fluid on the bay floor underneath it. They found it to be the input shaft seal on the pump to the transmission leaking so that is a work in progress. They are installing a differential lock light on the rear axle. This is something they did on 47-11 so that people know that the rear differential is locked or not locked. They are also doing a chassis PM service, pump service and air drier service. 47-32 will be the next one to go down. There is a bracket for the porta tank that was cracked on the left and has been monitored for the last year. It finally broke. The port-a-tank has been removed and will be put in the Conex for the time being and there will be a cost associated with the repairs for 32 as it needs tires all around.

The mechanic came in this past Saturday just to catch up on the repair tickets that have been generated over the course of the last month. They are keeping him ferociously busy and finding that he needs more time in the day.

- **Civil Service** - Chief Champion has asked to move forward in hiring two people for the Spring Academy at the last meeting. He did reach out to civil service last week and he is waiting for the eligibility list so they can canvas individuals. This would potentially be the tightest time frame they have for turning around in regard to interviews and hiring as the academy starts on the 24th of February and it is the 27th of January. If they can't get it done in time they will have to give up the spaces in the academy and hire more people in the Fall.

- **In County training** – Chief Champion stated he would defer to Deputy Chief Zittel.

Commissioner Tierney stated they were addressing the parking lot lights not working in regard to a safety issue. Chief Champion stated they are Central Hudson owned and they are old. They did have Central Hudson come out and trace it back. He has reached out and nobody has gotten back to him. At this point his recommendation is that they have O&D come out and price out taking over those lights. He will continue to work on

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getting Central Hudson to say they have abandoned them since the district is paying for the electric anyway. Chairman Komorsky stated they need to get that in writing from Central Hudson. Chief Champion stated then they would get O&D or another electrical provider to spec out getting LED lights with new photo sensors, taking the pole out, putting a new electrical box in the ground, and running it to the building into the current panel. Commissioner Tierney asked if the Board would like him to go out and get three estimates for that electrical work to get the parking lot lights working again. Chairman Komorsky stated that can be done but they should check with Central Hudson to see what they would be willing to do as well. Chief Champion stated he will work with Commissioner Tierney on reaching out to Central Hudson. Commissioner Kaiser asked why Central Hudson is not maintaining them if they are their lights. Commissioner Tierney stated they are old lights that were put in a long time ago and the Chief cannot get a response back from Central Hudson. Chief Champion stated the only Central Hudson lights left are the ones on the pole out front on the left side and the right side. They are very dim.

Commissioner Kaiser asked if the Chiefs had considered contacting the Town to have them come in with bigger equipment to move the snowbanks back some, so they have better visibility pulling out on to Route 55. Chief Champion stated they were looking at that today and he will reach out. Deputy Chief Zittel stated it is on his list, he just did not get to it today.

- **Deputy Chief Bryan Zittel** - Deputy Chief Zittel stated most of his information was covered by the Chief. On Sunday the 25th they did have a dog stuck in a culvert at Emmetts and Noxon Road. The on-duty crew tried to dig him out, but it was too much to do by hand, so they called the Highway Department for assistance. They brought a machine over and successfully got the dog out. It was on the Union's social media account and News 12 reached out today and did a quick story, so it is on News 12 now. News 10 has also reached out and wants to do a story as well.

He stated there is some wear on the tires on 47-32 that he spoke to Captain DeMilto about today. The concern is the pressure on them when they go over the roundabouts. It is eating up the outside of the tires. Between that and the snow on the islands, he has asked the Town Highway Superintendent if they could do something and he stated this was a State issue. He said if the State does not take care of it, he will try to reach out to the State on behalf of the Fire District. Commissioner Tierney asked if they rotate tires on the fire equipment like they do on regular cars and Deputy Chief Zittel stated he would have to ask Captain DeMilto about that. There is a whole schedule they keep.

Deputy Chief Zittel stated he has one personnel and one contractual issue for executive session.

**Out of County training** – Deputy Chief Zittel Stated there is one class in July 27-30 that is filling up very quickly. It is Confined Space Awareness. It is at Montour Falls and Firefighter/Medic Seth Pierson is interested in going. There may be a \$25.00 fee and shift coverage.

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Deputy Chief Zittel stated the roof is leaking at Station 2 in the bays where the door swings. It has never leaked there before. Commissioner Tierney stated the tarp was loose. Deputy Chief Zittel will show Commissioner Tierney where it is. Commissioner Tierney will have the roof vendors come back out. They will have to remove the snow from the roof.

- **Deputy Chief Scott Merritt** - Deputy Chief Merritt was not present.
- **Department** – No one was present.
- **Union** – No one was present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

At 8:07 PM, Chairman Komorsky opened the meeting to public comments. There was no one.

### **ABSTRACT:** \$82,254.37

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Kaiser, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the month of January 2026, as per the abstract for \$82,254.37. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft– Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:08 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss 3 contractual issues and one personnel issue from Commissioner Tierney, and one contractual item from Commissioner Taft, one personnel/contractual issue from Commissioner Kaiser, two personnel and two contractual issues from Treasurer Pozniak, one contractual issue from Deputy Chief Zittel, seven personnel and one contractual issue from Chief Champion, and one issue DOT, one audit item, one professional services, one contractual and one personnel issue from Chairman Komorsky. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft– Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **OPEN SESSION:**

At 11:06 PM the Board resumed Open Session.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Chairman Komorsky, the Board RESOLVED to increase the pay for Jen Kaiser retroactive to January 1, 2026, to \$27.06 per hour by resolution of the four Board members in the meeting at that point. Kaiser – recused, Pignataro – Aye, Taft– Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Kaiser, the Board RESOLVED to approve a 207A to an individual injured on January 18, 2026. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft– Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

**PREPARE 2/10/26 MEETING AGENDA:** Secretary Le will prepare this.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11:07 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Pignataro and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

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

***Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 2/12/26***

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January 22, 2026

Mr. Marc Komorsky, Chairman  
LaGrange Fire District  
504 Freedom Plains Road  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

re: LaGrange Fire District Station No. 2 Site Improvements  
Bid Review / Recommendation of Award  
Contract 1- General Construction  
MJ Project No. 1878.01

Dear Mr. Komorsky:

Bids for the LaGrange Fire District Station No 2 Site Improvements project were received by the District on January 16, 2026. A summary of the bid results is provided below:

<b>Contractor Name</b>	<b>Base Bid Amount</b>	<b>Add Alt 1 Amount</b>	<b>Add Alt 2 Amount</b>	<b>Allowance</b>	<b>Total</b>
JC Land & Site Development 29 Havell St Ossining NY 10562	\$ 236,872.10	\$ 47,648	\$ 15,702	\$ 15,000	\$ 315,222.10
Blacktop Maintenance Corp 27 Commerce Street. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	\$ 294,824.58	\$ 23,994.68	\$ 9,122.76	\$ 15,000	\$ 342,942.02
Rustic Roots Farm Inc 1791 Berme Rd Kerhonkson NY 12446	\$ 301,800	\$ 25,550	\$ 11,200	\$ 15,000	\$ 353,550
Sun Up Construction Corp 85 Airport Drive Wappingers Falls NY	\$ 310,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 15,650	\$ 15,000	\$ 393,650
Ben Ciccone, Inc. 151 Daley Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	\$ 369,892	\$ 29,000	\$ 9,600	\$ 15,000	\$ 423,492
Schmitt Excavating 790 old Quaker Hill Rd Pawling NY	\$ 340,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 425,000
Rudna Construction Inc 17 Clyde Road, Suite 202, Somerset, NJ 08873	\$ 463,035	\$ 83,275	\$ 12,850	\$ 15,000	\$ 574,160
Legacy Supply, LLC 14 Railroad Avenue, Valhalla, NY 10595	\$ 465,000	\$ 58,400	\$ 8,700	\$ 15,000	\$ 547,100
Herring Sanitation Service Inc. 146 old rt 9 Fishkill NY 12524	\$ 258,970			\$ 15,000	-

Based on the bid results, JC Land and Site Development (JC Land), located in Ossining, NY, is the apparent low bidder. M.J. Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. (MJ) has reviewed JC Land's bid in detail to assess the validity of their bid prices, experience, and



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references. MJ has contacted the references provided by JC Land and has no concerns with their qualifications, work experience, or professionalism. References contacted included Doug Hahn, Hahn Engineering, Town Engineer for the Village of Irvington and Vincent Altimari, Westchester County Department of Public Works, Construction Coordinator.

Based upon our review of JC Land's references, they have satisfactory history of overall performance, including quality of work and adherence to project schedule. MJ finds JC Land to be a responsible and responsive bidder and therefore would recommend award of the contract in the amount of \$251,872.10, which is inclusive of a \$15,000 field order allowance. The District will need to decide whether either of the Add Alternates would be accepted. If they are, then that should be included in any formal Commissioner's Resolution. Upon notification from the District of the award, MJ will prepare a draft contract for execution by the District and JC Land and Site Development.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (518) 371-0799 ext. 345.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denise Hanus'.

Denise Hanus, P.E.  
Managing Engineer

VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	1/27/2026
A-JOHN A-1 PORTABLES ✓	\$ 3,900.00	15052	STAT 1 PORTABLE JOHN RENTAL
AMAZON ✓	\$ 512.22	14984	CLEANING SUPPLIES
ANTHONY CHAMPION ✓	\$ 145.64	REIMB	REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON TRUCKS
ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DIST-DUTCHESS CTY ✓	\$ 175.00	15044	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2026
BOTTINI ✓	\$ 1,348.01	15027	DIESEL FUEL STAT 2
BOUND TREE MEDICAL ✓	\$ 515.92	5724	EMS SUPPLIES
BRYAN ZITTEL ✓	\$ 170.00	VCHER	MEALS PER DIEM 3/27-3/29 TECH RESCUE LEADERSHIP CONF
CAREER FIRE CHIEFS OF NYS ✓	\$ 200.00	15053	2026 ANNUAL DEPT DUES
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ 4,143.14	15024	STAT 2 ELECTRIC & STAT 3 ELECTRIC/LIGHT POLE
DOYLE SECURITY SYSTEMS ✓	\$ 400.44	15047	SECURITY MONITORING
ED MURRAY ✓	\$ 2,220.00	15048	DEPENDENT MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT 2025
GLOBAL AUTO REPAIR ✓	\$ 25.00	15025	NYS INSPECTION 47-61 & 68
HENDRICKSON ✓	\$ 3,049.57	15019	47-11 PREVENTATIVE MAINT
HENDRICKSON ✓	\$ 373.83	15037	47-12 PARTS
JOHN GIAIMO & SONS ✓	\$ 412.50	15051	STAT 2 REPLACE BROKEN LIGHT FIXTURE OUTSIDE
JULIE BEYER ✓	\$ 260.00	2026BLE	PERSONNEL SERVICES-TRANSCRIPTION
KOSCOHERITAGE ✓	\$ 874.84	15041	FUEL OIL STATION 3
M&O SANITATION ✓	\$ 450.00	10534	STAT 2 PUMP SEPTIC
<b>M&amp;O SANITATION</b> 4644.00 Total includes 1/13/26 900.00	<b>900.00</b>	<b>14937</b>	<b>APPROVE DIFFERENCE IN ABSTRACTS</b>
MASSMUTUAL ✓	\$ 559.75	15040	ANNUAL LIFE INS PREM-CAREER
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 36.00	15035	AAA BATTERIES
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 1,649.00	14666	EMT/PARAMEDIC/FIRE RESCUE PATCHES
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 110.87	15036	REPAIRS TO FIRE EQUIP
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 67.21	14935	REPAIRS TO DRY SUIT
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 95.72	15038	STAT 2 INTERNET SVC
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS ✓	\$ 126.98	14991	47-8 PARTS
PROCLAIM ✓	\$ 8,011.16	15013	TRANSPORT CLAIMS AMBULANCE SVC DEC 2025
PROTECTIVE POWER SYST & CONTRLS ✓	\$ 230.00	15031	STAT 1 TRANSFER SWITCH EVALUATION
SALEMSYS ✓	\$ 25,800.00	15014	2026 ANNUAL EQUIP & SOFTWARE MAINT AGREEMNT
SALEMSYS ✓	\$ 4,450.00	15015	2026 EQUIP & SOFTWARE SUPPORT MAINT AGREEMENT
SHELTERPOINT ✓	\$ 198.55	15042	VISION INSURANCE
TELEFLEX ✓	\$ 50.00	5665	EMS SUPPLIES
THE SMEDLEY CO ✓	\$ 6,100.00	15033	CRANE USED FOR PARAPET REMOVAL-STATION 2
TRAILER KING ✓	\$ 95.00	14993	LABOR '23 CHEVY 2500
VERIZON ✓	\$ 82.20	15049	INTERNET SVC STAT 3
VERIZON ✓	\$ 149.00	15050	INTERNET SVC STAT 2
VERIZON WIRELESS ✓	\$ 239.54	15039	MODEM CHARGES
VESO ✓	\$ 327.28	15023	VOLUNTEER LIFE INS
WDNY LLC ✓	\$ 6,650.00	15021	ASBESTOS ABATEMENT STATION 3 STORAGE ROOM
WDNY LLC ✓	\$ 7,050.00	15022	MOLD REMEDIATION SVCS STAT 3
<b>TOTAL SUBMITTED</b>	<b>\$ 82,254.37</b>		<b>Commissioner Signatures:</b>
<i>changes listed:</i>			Marc Komorsky 1/27/26
			Robert Tall 1/27/26
<b>TOTAL APPROVED</b>			Jeff Kaiser 1/27/26
<b>KEY:</b>			Anthony Pignataro 1/27/26
<b>pre-paid:</b>			Vince Tierney 1/27/26
<b>Paid:</b>			