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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Special Meeting – Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

**ATTENDEES:**

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| Chairman Marc Komorsky       | Commissioner Jeff Kaiser                          |
| Commissioner Robert Taft     | Commissioner Anthony Pignataro <i>(via Teams)</i> |
| Commissioner Vincent Tierney | Chief Anthony Champion (late)                     |
| Deputy Chief Scott Merritt   | Deputy Chief Bryan Zittel (late)                  |
| Treasurer Mark Pozniak       | Secretary Bria Le                                 |

At 3:36 PM, Chairman Marc Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners' Special Meeting to order for Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, and let the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for coming and said they were going to discuss the Station 1 progress.

**STATION 1 DISCUSSION:**

Commissioner Vince Tierney introduced the guests from MJ Engineering - Elisabeth Johnson and Nick Cruden - to everyone present and said that as phase 1 for Station 1 is coming to a conclusion, they need to move into the next phase. He said that they need to understand the scope of work that they think they want to do and want MJ's guidance. Commissioner Jeff Kaiser asked about their experience specifically with firehouses and Mr. Cruden reviewed several projects that MJ Engineering has done. Commissioner Tierney said they would like to talk about what they should do, what they shouldn't do, and what ideas MJ might have. He said that a lot of them were not happy with phase 1 and the results so now they would like to have a comprehensive plan and understanding of what they would like to do with the rest of the firehouse. Chairman Komorsky said that it was a growing town, a growing county, a growing fire department. He said it was hard to have a lot of forethought on what could be or what should be and that they were talking about finishing the footprint of what they have, he said it was important to prepare now for whatever the future is for the building. Commissioner Kaiser said that he asked for this meeting and said that, for the sake of not spending more money, they should do an overall plan for everything and then make sure everything is going to work together in the future. Lengthy discussion held on the anticipated growth of the town, the District's immediate and future needs for Station 1 factoring in the growth, and the budget for the immediate work and high level numbers for typical construction. The Board was in agreement that they wanted to move forward with, at the bare minimum, the day room, the kitchen, the entry, the office, the bath, and the decon room squared away. Mr. Cruden clarified that that, in parallel with the master concept site plan, the Board has an urgent need to get the kitchen, entry, and ready room moving, so they would like him to be running those two things in parallel. Discussion followed regarding future needs for the building, feasible layout options, and the expected design timeline.

At 5:04 PM, Chief Champion joined the meeting.

Ms. Johnson reiterated to the board that the designs they were discussing were not set in stone and wanted everyone to understand that there is a lot of analysis that needs to be done before they get to that point.

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At 5:09 PM, Deputy Chief Bryan Zittel joined the meeting.

Additional discussion held about potential design aspects of the building.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 5:22 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **OPEN SESSION & ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:06 PM the Board resumed Open Session.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Kaiser, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Kaiser – Aye, Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

***Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 2/24/26***

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