



LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

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MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting Tuesday June 23, 2026

ATTENDEES: Commissioner Marc Komorsky
Commissioner Robert Taft
Chief Anthony Champion
Treasurer Mark Pozniak (via Teams)
Secretary Bria Le
Commissioner Vincent Tierney
Commissioner Jeff Kaiser
Deputy Chief Scott Merritt
Attorney Michael Hekle (via Teams)
Bookkeeper Jen Kaiser

At 6:06 PM, Chairman Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting to order for Tuesday June 23rd, 2026, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated they would be starting out with the Lieutenant promotion.

Chief Champion stated they have a new promotion. It is for Joseph Zaluski to the position of Contingent Permanent Lieutenant.

Upon a MOTION made by Chairman Komorsky and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the promotion of Joseph Zaluski to the position of Contingent Permanent Lieutenant. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Secretary Le administered the oath of office. He was presented his badge and congratulated by the Board and officers present.

At 6:09 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Kaiser, the Board RESOLVED to approve a 15-minute recess. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

At 6:25 PM, the Board resumed the meeting.

MINUTES: - 6/09/26 Regular Meeting

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the 6/09/26 Regular Meeting minutes. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE: -

- A check from NYS DOH for paramedic recertification was received in the amount of \$500.00.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve depositing the \$500.00 check from NYS DOH into the General Fund. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

ROOM USE REQUESTS:

- There is a room request for Station 3 from Greg Heneka for July 11th and July 26th in the afternoons. This was cleared through Scott Price. Commissioner Kaiser stated this is a ladies group that meets from the hospital that get together. Some of them are retirees and they are

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from all over the area. They moved from county to county and they know Greg from the hospital and asked if they could use the firehouse.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Kaiser, the Board RESOLVED to approve allowing Greg Heneka to use Station 3 on July 11th and July 26th in the afternoons. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS/UNRESOLVED ITEMS:

- Station 1 Building Update – Commissioner Tierney stated they met with CPL and he and Commissioner Kaiser walked them through a number of things. He sent them a letter summarizing some information that will be discussed in an executive session. Chairman Komorsky stated there has been a lot of correspondence back and forth and he appreciates Commissioner Tierney keeping them all up to date on it. He asked Attorney Hekle if he had been keeping up on all of the correspondence as well and Attorney Hekle said yes. Commissioner Tierney received some financial numbers today. He stated they are holding back \$96,609 from the trades. The plumbers are working on the bathroom, so they are holding back from Ashley Mechanical ERV, Meyers, and CPL. CPL is \$12,000, Meyers is \$12,000, Ashley Mechanical is \$27,000 and the plumber is \$40,000. He does want to go and pay the electric off tonight as part of their contract. Chairman Komorsky asked Attorney Hekle if they were at the point where the electrician could get paid off and he said yes. Commissioner Kaiser stated the new light was in.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Kaiser, the Board RESOLVED to approve payment to the electrician in the amount of \$27,564.49. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Tierney stated to date they have paid CPL \$194,000. He stated the only other thing is that Meyers sent them a modified bill. He would like to hold it all back until they discuss it with Attorney Hekle. He would like to pay the one dumpster bill because they had to bring in an extra dumpster because it was filled up with yard waste and other people's trash. Chairman Komorsky stated they have cameras on that building and in the past had found some people who had dumped into that dumpster. He asked if they had anything current. Commissioner Tierney stated he did not believe they looked back then. This was for the construction dumpster. Chief Champion stated initially, when there were reports of other people dumping items into that construction dumpster it was district members. They were spoken to and it was corrected. The latter issue of it filling up with other stuff was tied to one of the trade company's personnel. That was the second instance of household or other garbage that was not district garbage being put into the dumpster. It was looked into and he does believe that the lead trade did speak to that individual. Chairman Komorsky asked if that individual should be paying a portion of the bill. It can be further discussed during executive session. Commissioner Tierney stated the cost for that one dumpster is \$567.66. Chairman Komorsky stated they would discuss that further in executive session.

- Station 1 Phase 2 Update – Commissioner Taft stated he met with a contractor Friday morning and they're going to get back to him with questions. Then they can make some decisions after that. They do have conceptual photos of the kitchen for the Board to review. Chairman Komorsky

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asked if the vendor had been shown the oven that was in the storage locker and Commissioner Taft said yes.

- Station 2 Septic - Commissioner Kaiser stated the good news is that the system is up and running. They did have a glitch in the system with the alarm going off. It was a false alarm and everything was working OK. They still need a meeting with MJ just to go over the ins and outs of the systems and what they need to do to take care of it. They have to look at the dirt now that they have had so much rain to see how it has settled. They might have to bring in some more soil which would just be normal settling of the dirt. They do have a small issue with the black top so they do need to speak with him about that. They also need to talk to MJ about the design on the backside of the parking area. Water is washing across the new driveway so they have to figure something out. Chairman Komorsky stated he spoke to Denise and she will be sending a video and schematic on what they need to do as far as maintenance on the system. There is a filtration system in there and there will be written instructions and a video on how to deal with it. That portion should have annual maintenance on it. He also sent her a text this evening regarding the drainage and erosion and the puddling in the handicapped spot. She will call him back tomorrow so they can discuss it and get some corrections made. In regard to the erosion, John from JC Land is coming back to do some additional grading and provide some additional fill. It will also be doing a signage for the handicap spots. Commissioner Tierney asked if it would be reseeded and Chairman Komorsky stated it would probably not be. They will just build it back up again. They did seed it and hay it already once but the rain washing it out is not his fault. Chairman Komorsky stated the nicest part is no more pumping every week. Secretary Le asked if they needed to do a change approval for Directive 21. Chairman Komorsky stated they could but they are withholding those funds right now until everything is corrected from both MJ and JC Land before they submit full payment. Change directive #20 is for the contractor to repaint the pavement markings for the four parking spots. Chairman Komorsky stated they were not going to do that right now, so Secretary Le will inform the contractor.
- Station 2 Brick & Roof Repair – Chairman Komorsky stated he and Commissioner Tierney met out front before the meeting started. Commissioner Tierney stated they have engaged engineering and the mason to take a look at the brick crack in the front facade over the tanker and utility truck bay. They've removed bricks and found a number of things but the most serious issue is there is a lintel welded to the bottom of the I-beam that has deteriorated. They will be back tomorrow and they will have to remove some more brick. They will have to take some supporting block wall out. The engineer wants to see the condition of the mantle and the bottom of the I-beams. Hopefully they can do a repair and weld something in place. It is a structural member so they need to see what the engineer says. They will hopefully be able to get it fixed quickly. Chairman Komorsky stated it happened due to many years of water and ice buildup. Commissioner Kaiser stated that the I-beam runs across part of the firehouse. The mantel piece is welded to the I-beam. When you look up, the mantel piece has a bow in it. Part of the I-beam is filled with half of a cinder block and insulation is on the whole face of the building. There are tabs that stick out and then the brick gets put on and the tabs hold the brick up against the building. The lintel piece is bowed. The brick is not bowing. The mason said the brick is attached to the building fine. It is all interweaved and not sagging. He just does not understand why that piece is bowed. It could be ice or possibly heat of the day makes the metal expand. He is just not sure why it did that. The good thing is that it does not hold the brick up on the wall. The mason

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will look into it. Where they connect together is where the rust is. They are just concerned about the rust area. The mason stated he does not know why there were not expansion seams put in on the back of the building and that could be part of the problem as to why they are cracking on the corners. There is a tab missing that holds the brick and the mason said he is not worried about that. He stated the corners are the strongest part. He stated it does not need a tab there. They can cut expansion joints in the building and that is what MJ had suggested as well. Then they will have to figure out how to fix that mantel piece. That is the easy way out. The I-beam is fine. Even the engineers can't figure out why it's starting to bow like that. It is not very thick metal that it should be straight across. He stated it has about an inch gap. Chief Champion asked if the mason would be up for using a scissor lift instead of the scaffolding. Commissioner Kaiser stated it will depend on what he finds tomorrow. He has to take from the main support post in the middle all the way out to the corner where he will be removing brick. Chief Champion stated he is fine with one of them but it sounds like it will expand beyond and take longer. Chairman Komorsky stated they should wait until they hear what is going on with what he finds tomorrow first. Maybe it is something that can get wheeled back and forth. Once he takes the blocks out he has to figure out a way to support it.

- Station 2 Emergency Generator Assessment - Chairman Komorsky stated they are waiting for Nick Cruden from MJ to come back with a letter. He has been reviewing all of the different proposals. He will review the Caterpillar one and then get the Board a letter. Chief Champion asked if he was looking at Source Well and Chairman Komorsky said yes.
- Stations 1 & 3 Water Testing – Commissioner Kaiser stated the water testing was completed. There was E coli Chloroform in the water at Station 1 and Station 3. Redemption shocked the wells a few weeks ago and they have come back today to retest. The Board will get copies of those results. With that being said there are a lot of concerns in all of the communities now about water safety. A lot of public buildings are having it recommended that a UV light gets put on the water system. With that being said a UV light does not work well with hard water so they would also have to install some water softeners in each station as well as the UV light. If you have hard water the E coli sticks and get surrounded by the hard water and the UV light will not be able to kill it. You have to have soft water so the contaminant doesn't stick to the hard water. They did get the reports back with the full analysis on the metals and there are copies in the Board members' packets. One of the stations definitely has hard water. All the other results are within the standards where they should be. The hard water at the station will be taken care of with a water softener and they will get the UV lights as well as water filtration at the firehouses. They do have quotes. Commissioner Taft asked where the funds would be coming from and Commissioner Tierney stated the water has E coli in it and he doesn't think anyone will want to drink it. It was clarified that they are asking what budget line item the money would be coming from. Commissioner Kaiser stated they would only need this at Stations 1 and 3 because Station 2 is on Town water. Chairman Komorsky asked Treasurer Pozniak where these funds should be allocated from. There were issues with the Board hearing Treasurer Pozniak, so he texted in that there are funds in the budget lines for repairs but it might mean they need to do a budget transfer later in the year.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by
Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to approve the Redemption
Mechanical proposals to install 48,000 grain water softeners and point of entry

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UV lights at Station 1 and Station 3 at a cost of \$5700 for each station. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- Staffing Community Events – Chief Champion stated The Knights of Columbus carnival starts tomorrow night. They do have a staffed ambulance for the duration. He has received 2 interested individuals but no commitment for volunteer membership to assist with the standby as of yet. There was one volunteer that reached out during the car fire asking if volunteers were needed for standby at the carnival. That member stated he and one other volunteer could put some hours towards it. Chief Champion asked them to send him an e-mail but he has not seen anything from them thus far. Chairman Komorsky asked if every volunteer was notified and Chief Champion stated it was put out in bulletin. Chairman Komorsky stated he wanted to make sure for the record that the volunteers were all told. Chief Champion stated they do have a few “Touch a Truck” events coming up on the 7th and 8th of July. They are going over and doing outreach at Noxon and Titusville schools tomorrow as it is the last day of school. The kids will be in appropriate attire to get wet and they will mist them to cool them off and to celebrate the start of their summer. Commissioner Tierney asked if the water in the tank was from a hydrant and Chief Champion stated yes. Chief Champion stated the last Saturday in October is the tentative date for a Safety Day here at LaGrange.
- Lexipol Policy Updates – Chief Champion stated he was going to speak to Commissioner Tierney and anyone else who would like to join in on the discussions regarding the policies. He will put out an e-mail for some dates in July to them and to the list of names provided from the Union President so they can start reviewing these. Commissioner Tierney stated he cannot join the meeting again.
- Grant Update – Chief Champion stated the AFG Grant was submitted. He is waiting to hear back from the grant writer on the appropriate message to be shared with political parties. Once he has that it will be given to the Board so they can move forward with that. He does appreciate the assistance very much. This is a very sought after grant so the more people that they can reach out to the better. Chief Champion did receive communication back from FEMA on the safer grant. Unfortunately, they did not accept his resubmittal prior to the last closeout. The window that they gave him to resubmit was from 4:00 PM to 4:00 AM the next day and he did not see the e-mail until 7:00 AM the next morning so he missed that window by three hours. They do have another avenue to try to recover those funds, so it is not a huge concern but it is a little extra work. He did give the green light to start the closeout paperwork and process and he has 90 days for that so he will be reaching out to Treasurer Pozniak for his assistance.
- Grant Writing Update – Chief Champion stated they are taking part of what they just submitted and modifying it for a grant that is coming up within the next few weeks. He stated that Deputy Chief Zittel is looking for the Firehouse Subs Grant so they will see where they go with that. Commissioner Taft stated he spoke with someone who is involved with the veterans, and she told him that the Gary Sinise Foundation is very active in giving grants to fire departments as well. He thinks they should look into that as well. He will provide his contact information to the Chief. Commissioner Kaiser stated that the Leary Foundation does as well.

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- Town of LaGrange Board Meeting Update - Chairman Komorsky stated the Chief and he attended the last Planning Board meeting to listen to the various applications. The chief did go up and make a comment regarding an item on 44 Route 55 amended site plan. They voiced concerns when they heard the Valero gas station was looking to put in charging stations. They also noted that if this gets approved there will be charging stations in just about every gas station in Town. This is something to consider when there are 15,000 to 20,000 gallons of gasoline in the ground and another fire hazard 10 to 15 feet away with another flammable item. Commissioner Kaiser asked if Chairman Komorsky knew the code for the distance between a charging station and another building and Chairman Komorsky stated they don't have a code for it yet. It could be put right up against the building. Where they want to put these charging stations is right next to the filler tanks. Commissioner Kaiser stated he would also be worried if they were put right up against the buildings. Chief Champion stated the Planning Board stated there is a website that has all of the information and every project that is coming up in the Town of LaGrange. On the plans the person pulled up, they have the charging stations in the grass area between Valero and the Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union. There is also a gas station up the road with the Avocado restaurant in it and it has its charging stations on the east side of the building between the building and the Apple Valley Plaza. Chairman Komorsky stated this one was particularly interesting to him because they also want to put it next to the container that has the propane tanks in it as well. These are issues they need to bring to the Planning Board's attention regarding some things that will need to change. Commissioner Kaiser stated they have been reaching out and the Town understands they have concerns and that the fire department would like to be involved in this process. It just seems that they are not being included. He was disappointed that there were two to 300 people at the town meeting for Town Center. The school cafeteria was packed and people did ask questions and they were told all of the questions would be answered. It came out at the Planning Board meeting that all of the answers are online on some site. Nobody knew that the questions were answered or where to find the answers. The Town knows the Fire District is trying to work with them on this but they're not even telling them where these answers are. He does believe this is poor communication on their part. Chairman Komorsky stated that at the Town Planning Board meeting the Town Center was on the agenda. They showed buildings that were 70 plus feet long. Chairman Komorsky said he asked Steve Rieger if there are firewalls in between, and his response was to ask what a firewall was. Once it was explained, Chairman Komorsky was told that it is wide open. There are hallways that go the whole length of the building which is also a concern. It will be a tinderbox. One of the most disappointing things was that they had a 65 page report that they had received with the answers from the applicant from all of the concerns and he personally found the answers very dismissive. The only one on the Planning Board who said that he read the information was the Chairman. No one else said a word about the 65 page report. The Chairman did make it a point of saying 3 or 4 times that he had no issues and no problems with the answers that were provided which means all of their concerns were basically dismissed. Out of three hours' worth of questions from townspeople and the Fire District, not one change has been made so this will be going through the way that it is. This will affect the Fire District in a big way. Additional items on the agenda was discovering that there are many homes with accessory apartments that are not listed. When he was on the Planning Board he tried to get every accessory apartment on county mapping with signage so crews know where to go in case of an emergency. There will be a three story building with an elevator going in at the old Kelly's Steakhouse. It will be mixed-use. And there

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will be more apartments than were originally proposed on the second and third floors. The second floor will be all one bedroom studio apartments and the third floor will be two-bedroom apartments. They did ask for a Stryker sized elevator to get people out during an EMS emergency. Chairman Komorsky stated there is another one called Coleman where they are putting up a house with an exceptionally long driveway. No comments were made like they used to ask for turn offs for the ambulance halfway up the driveways. There should be an opportunity when it is scheduled for hearing. There were no comments made from anybody on the Board. They were all into just approving all of these applications. Chairman Komorsky stated it is important that Board members and Chief Staff go to these meetings versus just looking at the agendas because things come out that are not listed on the agenda documentation. Commissioner Kaiser asked if they had heard back from the Town Board in regard to getting together to discuss these issues. Chairman Komorsky stated they did make a request in writing for the Board of Fire Commissioners to meet with the entire Town Board. The response came back that only the Supervisor will meet with them. Secretary Le stated the Supervisor has said that he is willing to meet and the rest of the Town Board members have not responded. She did speak to the Town Clerk and she wanted to let them know that it would be a full regular meeting and Secretary Le stated they were aware of that, and the Fire District is willing to come to the Town Board and it can be done during the day if that is more convenient. She still has not heard anything back from the Town. Chairman Komorsky stated they want to meet with the whole Board because they don't want anything getting lost in translation. They want the whole Board to hear their concerns from the Fire District's whole Board and Chiefs. He feels they have gotten nowhere and they have reached out in writing and verbally. Commissioner Taft asked how long ago they sent out the correspondence and Secretary Le stated it was sent out initially before the last Board meeting and that is when the Supervisor wanted to meet. The last time she spoke to the Town Clerk was on Wednesday of last week. Chairman Komorsky stated they will hold tight and keep requesting meetings with the whole Board and hopefully they will agree to that. Chief Champion stated he does urge them to continue to do that. He stated that he and the Deputy Chiefs are not held to the same meeting standards. They have met with the Town Supervisor, a representative from the Building Department and a representative from CPL regarding the water aspects in regard to ISO. The survey is coming out on the 15th of next month so they did have a preliminary meeting on that, talking about various information. Chairman Komorsky stated that is separate issues. Chief Champion said that was correct. He also got a request to get some flow testing done on hydrants so that information has been passed off. They are looking to get together again to discuss other aspects and in that some of the other aspects are helping to form a committee to get the highway consultants, the Fire District, and the Building Department together to help improve policies or codes within the Town. They are also looking to have a meeting between our Town, Fire District, East Fishkill Town, and their Fire District because we have Kimberly Corners Plaza on Route 82. LaGrange has Acorns to Oaks on the north side and half of the Italian bakery. The rest of that building is in East Fishkill. Once the alarm goes off, it has just been LaGrange going to that facility, so we are trying to get East Fishkill involved either responding out or formalizing some sort of agreement, because there is a high life hazard there with the kids in Acorns to Oaks, the restaurant, and a few other small businesses and Post Office that is staffed 24/7. There are some aspects of coordination with the Town that are working but he continues to urge the Commissioners to reach out to meet with the Town face to face. Chairman Komorsky stated he would like to be part of that committee from a planning

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standpoint because he believes he can add something to the equation if the Board approves of that. Commissioner Kaiser stated he believes the chiefs are doing a great job doing what they are doing and he does not believe they need to be involved in the day-to-day operations. Chief Champion stated it would be a coalition aspect. They can bring back any information and move forward with the proposal as is. Commissioner Kaiser stated he does appreciate what the Chiefs are doing but for the record he would still like to meet with the Town Board so they understand where the Fire District is coming from. He feels they need to be informed of what the Fire District is doing, what their financial state is, and what things cost. He does not believe the general public understands what it takes to run this fire department. If they can get that across to the Board and his huge concern is running things safely for the staff. He has great respect for Ken McLaughlin who is doing a great job by himself but he cannot handle everything going on within the town. Building inspections are not being done and he would like the Town Board members to know that the Fire District would greatly appreciate more staff being hired to help Ken because he needs help. Things are not getting done in the Town that have to be done. If they go to a building that's on fire that hasn't been inspected by the Town, it's putting the firefighters at risk. They need to support their building department because that helps the Fire District. Chief Champion stated they are trying to have a multi fund plan and getting involved within the town. Internally they are increasing their walkthroughs and familiarizations so that a lot of the newer staff understand what's going on with the Town building. Even if the Town doesn't support Ken and don't move forward with the hiring additional people, the chief is taking it on as their responsibility to better understand their response area and that is something that is taught in fire school.

- Building Repairs/Repair Requests – Chairman Komorsky asked if there were any issues that had not yet been discussed. Captain Rancourt asked if there has ever been any talk about doing a Fire Advisory Committee. Chairman Komorsky stated it has been brought up before. He stated that the supervisor has mentioned it as well. There has been no follow up since then though. Commissioner Kaiser stated he spoke with Jeff Cady from Pleasant Valley and he said it works great in Pleasant Valley. He stated he did bring it up here at a meeting and they just need to move forward to do something about it. Captain Rancourt stated that his concern with being a public representative for the Fire District in the public is that if the Fire District is constantly the one saying that there are safety hazards or issues with businesses it looks like the Fire District is going after the businesses. As the Fire Advisory Board they could come out with recommendations that takes some of the negative public impression from being on the Fire District. There would still be Fire District representation on the Advisory Board. Chairman Komorsky stated they did bring that up to the supervisor. Chairman Komorsky stated they could probably create their own Board with people from the public if that is something they would feel could work. Captain Rancourt stated it would have to go through the Town and involved with the Planning Board. That way anything going through the Planning Board goes to the advisory committee for comments. Chairman Komorsky stated the Fire District may have to take the lead on it to get it moving. He stated they will talk to the Chief Staff about this, seeing as it seems to be falling on deaf ears at a Town level. Commissioner Kaiser stated that there is a code for Pleasant Valley they've been able to get enacted that if the driveway is X amount of feet long it requires an area for an engine to park if they have to drop a line. They have been able to get codes enacted for driveway access. Chairman Komorsky stated that is where the Planning Board members need to be involved where they have been in the past and

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are no longer. The new Board is not doing any of that. That is why he offered to be on the committee with the chief because he is familiar with that from his past involvement in the Planning Board. It would be totally up to the chief if he needs or wants any additional assistance. Chief Champion thanked him for the offer.

Chief Champion stated a while ago they looked at making some alterations to the bay at Station 3. There was another vendor that was asked to provide a quote which the chief passed out to the Board. Chief Champion stated he does not want to give out money values at this point. They have reached out to three different vendors for prices. One copy is from a vendor they presently use. It is a sole provider that has done work for them in the past. The other is a vendor they currently use for mechanical items and the third for the electric and the pricing is very wide ranging. The project was to take the bay along the outside wall, cut the bench in half, move it and the compressor to the back wall, run new airlines for the drop downs, and clean up some of the electrical that will be left over. It would enable them to park a second engine down there once the new one comes in. That way they can also transfer the equipment over before something needs to be put in service. The Redemption Mechanical proposal was the lowest estimate.

Upon a MOTION made by Chairman Komorsky and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the work at Station 3 for moving the air compressor to the back wall of the last bay, run new piping and electrical from existing location to new, make appropriate connections, remove workbench and cut it in half and reinstall it back wall over compressor, and piping at a cost of \$4800 from Redemption Mechanical. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chief Champion said the next thing in their packet should be the summary from Doyle Security from their annual testing at Stations 2 and 3. They did come back with some recommendations for additional biannual sensitivity testing. They haven't done that in several years so the Chief's recommendation would be to go ahead and get that started. The Chief does have to review it before he makes a recommendation about replacing any aged out parts. He will leave the report for the Board to review and they can discuss it further at the next meeting. There is nothing that requires action tonight.

Chief Champion stated that there was information regarding the transfer switch at Station 1. Back in January there was a problem with it and they called Giaimo. Giaimo came out and they said that a switch was bad and needed to be replaced. They were paid for their services to come out and diagnosis that. Since then, there have been emails back and forth. The first option that they have presented is for a lesser amount to come out, remove the transfer switch, take it to a facility, attempt to repair it, there is no guarantee that it could be repaired, bring it back, and reinstall it. The second page is option 2 which is where they can get a new unit, not in the original packaging. They did leave a note that states this part is no longer in production by the manufacturer. They have a part on the wall that is no longer manufactured and it is broken. Finding replacement parts is a challenge. There is a new one that is open sitting on a crate that they are willing to come out and sell to the district and install for a slightly increased amount. That is the last page, which is for a new transfer switch to be put out there for \$6700. That is a current one in production. He has not received any warranty information on anything. He was told that this is a company that is in the area and it is where everyone else goes to get these type of parts. They have been without a transfer switch at

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Station 1. If they reoccupy the building and power goes out it will stay out because it will not automatically switch over. Before getting crews back over there one of the things you will need to take care of is addressing the transfer switch. If the Board would like more time, they could look into some other avenues to get a new transfer switch to go in line with the current system without revamping the whole thing then the Chief can try to do that. Chairman Komorsky asked for the Board's opinions. Commissioner Taft stated he does not want to dump a lot of money into Station 1 because he would like to see that one station out and build a new firehouse. He asked about warranties and Chief Champion stated he has nothing on any of them yet. Commissioner Taft stated if the middle of the road one will fix their problem and it's a brand new part they should do that. Commissioner Tierney stated he does not see a new Firehouse within the next 10 years. He has been out there when the transfer switch has failed and it is not a good situation. His opinion is to go for the new replacement unit. Commissioner Taft stated they are going to outgrow that station whether they like it or not. They need to put a ladder truck bay in there and that's not going to change. That is going to be a major hurdle for that building. If they get a new ladder truck they will have to hire a lot more staff with no place to put them. He feels that station is a money pit. The future is not bright for that sight. Commissioner Tierney stated he is not in favor of option 2 because you cannot get the parts. Chairman Komorsky stated he is not in favor of option number one. Commissioner Kaiser stated option 2 is a brand new part. The vendor has a brand new transfer switch, it is just out of the package. Chief Champion stated that they have one sitting on a crate that seemingly could be put right in, in place of what was there. His concern is that if this one broke what's the possibility? Commissioner Kaiser stated that people buy used cars. If you buy a used car you can still go get parts for it. Chairman Komorsky asked Chief Champion to ask the vendor the questions that they have just asked and bring back the answers and they can address this at the next meeting. Commissioner Kaiser stated he is in favor of option #2 if the parts are available. He does understand it is an open box and they are not making it anymore but that doesn't mean that if that part breaks they can't get parts for that part.

Chairman Komorsky stated that they have some food and his recommendation is to take a recess so they can eat while it was still somewhat warm.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft the Board RESOLVED to approve a recess at 7:20 PM. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

The Board resumed the meeting at 7:47 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS: (by officers present)

- **Treasurer Pozniak**
Treasurer Pozniak stated there was no report.
- **Chief Anthony Champion**
 - **Civil Service** - Chief Champion stated the FPAT Is scheduled for tomorrow and the 25th. They have 130 potential candidates that were canvassed. 64 replied back to be

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tested. At best they can get an eligible list for the Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic by the 26th and they can have canvas letters out by Tuesday of next week, which is the 30th. Then they can post for interviews on the 8th and the 9th depending on who gets back to them and who passes the FPAT. This can be discussed further in executive session if the Board so chooses.

- **Training** - Chief Champion stated there was a swift water exercise this past Monday. Everything went swimmingly.
- **Out of County Training** - Chief Champion stated he has an out-of-county training request from Firefighter Cummings to attend an ICS 400 class. He is currently involved in taking other ICS classes and is on the Technical Rescue Operations on a few of the teams. For the success of their New York State credentialing, they are asking for members to be active on the teams and have this ICS training. It is in Saratoga. He would need coverage for the night shift and his time in class period the cost of the class is free at this time. It is a three-day class. It is 10/14/26 – 10/15/26. He would have to go up for the class the day before for an 8:00 AM start. He will take the school car.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Kaiser and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve Firefighter Cummings to attend an ICS 400 class in Saratoga NY to include from October 14th through the 15th. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chief Champion stated he had previously come to the Board asking for four members to attend First Due's conference in Nashville from September 22nd through the 26th. He would like to increase that number by 1 to have it for five attendees. It will be himself, Deputy Chief Zittel, Secretary Le, Bookkeeper Kaiser, and potentially the Captain in charge of IT. He stated they were woefully behind understanding the new changes going on with the software and this opportunity will provide them with one-on-one training with their system and how it is set up for them to get them better answers. The lag time between replies and information is a bit of a hindrance right now. With bringing 5 people it allows them to sit individually with five First Due staff members so they will get one-on-one training and work on personnel, training, scheduling, and all the different areas that they are trying to hone in on. This will be much easier than going through their training models which have not been updated, and they also allow questions right away.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to approve the addition of 1 person to go to the First Due training in Nashville from September 22nd through September 26th bringing the total number of attendees to five. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- **Executive Session** - Chief Champion stated he does have an item for executive session relating to mutual aid, so he believes it will fall under contractual. He has four

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additional items for contractual, three items for personnel, and one legal item all for executive session.

- **Deputy Chief Bryan Zittel**

- There was no report in Deputy Chief Zittel's absence.

- **Deputy Chief Scott Merritt**

- **Incidents** –Deputy Chief Merritt stated they did the agencies very first RSI. They brought the RSI procedure into the Firehouse in March. They rolled out training in March and April. They went live on April 20th and they did the first RSI this month. They had a patient with life threatening injuries they performed RSI on the patient. They operated the way they were trained to and carried out the procedure exceptionally well. For this call they were able to send 6 paramedics and two EMT's to this incident. 5 paramedics were RSI certified, which is unheard of for one of these high-risk calls. It was Paramedics Cummings, Pierson, Dawson, Hatfield, and Wern and EMTs Mendez and Wells and they all performed exceptionally. Chairman Komorsky asked if the Deputy Chief ran the call and he stated he was not present at this call. Captain Wern was the officer in charge. Paramedic Cummings was the lead paramedic. Chairman Komorsky asked on behalf of the Board to please send their compliments to the crew for a job well done. Deputy Chief Merritt stated the whole crew worked as a team following all the high-risk procedures. Commissioner Tierney asked if it was the first time they had used the RSI and Deputy Chief Merritt said yes. Commissioner Taft asked if they should have something in their personnel files and Deputy Chief Merritt stated he is working on writing something up. Someone from the audience asked what RSI is and Deputy Chief Merritt stated it is rapid sequence intubation. It is a high-risk procedure where paramedics will administer a sedative and paralytic that will put the patient unconscious and paralyzed and then they can effect an intubation. It is basically a temporary medically induced coma so they can get the airway tube placed efficiently and correctly. It is not a procedure that all paramedics can do. They brought in the training for this two months ago. They started their training in March. Commissioner Kaiser stated that they should also recognize they had another trauma incident where they called for a helicopter. Deputy Chief Merritt stated that was the same call. Commissioner Kaiser stated that is great and he thinks people need to know that within the last month or two they have called in a helicopter to do a transport and that the rescue OPS team went special OPS to the city of Poughkeepsie to stabilize a house. That was the same night as the helicopter call and the staff has been very busy doing great work and it is appreciated. Chairman Komorsky stated it goes to the point that the leadership is very dedicated and the staff is very dedicated and, in turn, it turns into lifesaving events, which is wonderful that they are as skilled as they are. That's what we do it for. Commissioner Kaiser stated he does not believe the public realizes how often the special OPS team, with all of their training and abilities, get used. There is a lot of incidents inside and outside of the county that they are called to. Deputy Chief Merritt stated there are not a lot of people within the county that can do some of these jobs. Chairperson asked if he was going to discuss the incident on Church Street. Deputy Chief Merritt stated that is the structural collapse call that was the same night. Commissioner Tierney stated that the helicopter that

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was called in at the beginning of the spring for the patient who got hit by the tree, the patient is now home. It goes to show what quick intervention and getting to the right trauma center does.

- **Training** - Deputy Chief Merritt stated he has one member that has requested to go to a medical management class. It is Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive events course. This class focuses heavily on casualties in high-risk situations. It does teach them about chemical agents and explosions and care for patients. It is a 2-day class on 10/28 and 10/29. There is no cost for the class the only cost would be for backfill and overtime. He believes it is in New York City. He would like to send one member for that. He does believe the training request has them taking their own car.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to approve the attendance of one member to a CBRNE class in New York City on October 28th and 29th. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Deputy Chief Merritt stated The Center for Emergency Medicine is hosting an Emergency Casualty Care Force in Westchester. It is a 24-hour CME that follows the rescue task force model we have been doing. We are trying to get everybody trained up to the standard. The course is normally \$525 per student however Dutchess County is paying for the course so all they need to pay for is whatever time is associated with it. It is a three-day class from July 28th through the 30th. Nobody has requested to go yet but he would like to get at least two people to attend.

Upon a MOTION made by Chairman Komorsky and SECONDED by Commissioner Kaiser, the Board RESOLVED to approve up to two members attending the Emergency Casualty Care Force in Westchester from July 28th through July 30th. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

- **Controlled Substance** - Deputy Chief Merritt stated the locks on the controlled substance cabinets are all between 10 and 12 years old and they have been running into some problems with them. They've had some ongoing issues. They have had some boxes which have a hard time fitting where they need them so he has ordered some new boxes that will fit better. They had some batteries die without warning. Normally he would get a warning through e-mail and he's not getting those alerts right now. He did have a few of the safes lose power and they are electric key fobs with an electronic mechanism that they use the key fob to put a pin number in and then the door unlocks for them. They have had a few issues with them failing and there has been a loss of communication between the locks and his computer. At the moment everything appears to be working as normal except for 47-11, which he is working with Jeff and tech support to fix. If they have to replace all of them it will be 7 for the vehicles and two for the stations so it would be a total of nine. They are probably around \$2000 each. He does not feel that they are at that point yet but if a safe fails while they're on a call it's going to be an issue. Chairman Komorsky asked him to find out what the cost would be and bring it back for the next meeting. Deputy Chief Merritt stated that he is

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chasing ghosts in the machine right now to see if he can make it work and if not he will have some ideas and prices for the next meeting. Commissioner Tierney stated he would not take the chance. He does not want to see them not be able to get into the cabinets when they need to. Deputy Chief Merritt stated this has been on his radar but now it is coming to a head. Commissioner Taft stated it sounds like they will need to be replaced sometime soon so maybe they can put it in the budget and start heading in that direction now. Deputy Chief Merritt stated he just wanted the Board to be aware before he dumped a \$20,000 bill on them for something that would need to be replaced immediately.

- **Department** – Commissioner Kaiser stated they had a department meeting last week. Not much was discussed. They did go over some procedures and policies and gave everyone an update in regard to the buildings and maintenance that's going on. The department is going to purchase some T-shirts that will come out of each company's money. Each company will get the same shirt. Each company will pay for them so he has a list for that. They will hold another department meeting in the Fall time frame.
- **Union** – No one was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At 8:05 PM, Chairman Komorsky opened the meeting to public comments. Mr. Peter Turoff asked if they had a date for Safety Day in October. Chief Champion stated at this point they are looking towards October 24th. The last Saturday in October is Halloween and they don't think they want to be doing something on Halloween. Mr. Turoff stated they would be happy to tether their balloon for the day but it is always weather depending. He asked what location it would be in and stated if it is not too windy they could do it. Chief Champion stated it is always off of the back parking lot and they park people up on the hill. Mr. Turoff stated once they have a definitive date he will walk the location with someone and they can work on the details. He stated it is a two burner system and each tank holds 20 gallons of propane. Each burner is rated at 12 million BTUs. The newer ones are much hotter. Chairman Komorsky asked that the chief have the staff member who handles that coordinate this with Mr. Turoff. Mr. Turoff stated as it gets closer to the date they will make sure that the District gets copies of their insurance.

ABSTRACT: \$209,971.70

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to pay the bills for the end of June 2026, as per the abstract in the amount of \$209,971.70. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:09 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Kaiser and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to discuss one contractual item for Station 1 and one item regarding legal dumping from Commissioner Tierney, one contractual item regarding mutual aid, four other contractual items, three personnel issues, and one legal item from Chief Champion,

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and one Station 1 contractual item from Commissioner Taft. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

OPEN SESSION:

At 10:33 PM, the Board resumed Open Session.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Kaiser, the Board RESOLVED to approve the Revocable License Agreement between the County of Dutchess and the LaGrange Fire District for Hosting a Drone as First Responder DFR Docking Station (full agreement attached). Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Kaiser and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to increase the payroll of three employees by 3% effective immediately for the Chief and Deputy Chief staff. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky asked Chief Champion if he had found out anything on the mechanics salary. Chief Champion stated the ask is a little higher than they are starting out at but the other organization also provides additional percentages above the Firefighter, Lieutenant, and EMS training and two extra hours per week. Chairman Komorsky asked if the Board was in favor of adding on the mechanic position for the salary stated in the letter. Chairman Komorsky stated it is about the same with all of the other things. Commissioner Taft asked a question regarding an agreement about tools.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Kaiser, the Board RESOLVED to approve the mechanics position with the salary designated in the letter. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Komorsky stated they will need the Secretary's assistance in approving the part-time position to assist the office staff. He asked her to find out the market salary and to start the process of advertising. She will get assistance on helping to determine that salary.

Upon a MOTION Commissioner Taft made by and SECONDED by Commissioner Kaiser, the Board RESOLVED to approve the new academy rate of \$54,500 for the new hires. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Chairman Komorsky, the Board RESOLVED to close out the Meyers account for Station 1 with a payment of \$4304.75 as per the recommendation of the attorney. Kaiser – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Aye, Komorsky - Aye. **Motion Carried.**

PREPARE 7/14/26 MEETING AND WORKSHOP AGENDA: Secretary Le will prepare this.

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:40 PM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Tierney and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.
Kaiser – 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 7/14/26

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Estimate



ADDRESS
Lagrange Fire District LaGrange Fire District 504 Freedom Plains Rd Poughkeepsie NY 12603

ESTIMATE #	DATE	
3141	06/22/2026	

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Notes Station 1 water treatment		0.00	0.00
	48,000 Grain water Softener Digital metered control valve with integrated bypass valve. Includes all necessary piping and drain connections, labor and full brine tank. includes sediment filter.	1	3,500.00	3,500.00
	Point of entry UV light 12 GPM point of entry Ultraviolet water sterilizer. Includes extra bulb and sleeve	1	2,200.00	2,200.00

SUBTOTAL	5,700.00
TAX	0.00
TOTAL	\$5,700.00

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ESTIMATE #	DATE	
3142	06/22/2026	

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Notes Station 3 water treatment	1	0.00	0.00
	48,000 Grain water Softener Digital metered control valve with integrated bypass valve. Includes all necessary piping and drain connections, labor and full brine tank. includes sediment filter.	1	3,500.00	3,500.00
	Point of entry UV light 12 GPM point of entry Ultraviolet water sterilizer. Includes extra bulb and sleeve	1	2,200.00	2,200.00

SUBTOTAL	5,700.00
TAX	0.00
TOTAL	\$5,700.00

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ESTIMATE #	DATE	
3143	06/22/2026	

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Miscellaneous Station 3 Move air compressor to back wall of last bay. Run new piping and electrical from existing location to new. Make all appropriate connections. Remove work bench and cut in half and reinstall at back wall over compressor. Includes all labor and material to complete.	1	4,800.00	4,800.00T

SUBTOTAL	4,800.00
TAX	0.00
TOTAL	\$4,800.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

VENDOR	Amount Due	PO #	6/23/2026
AMAZON BUSINESS ✓	\$ 462.92	15519	EMS & FIRE EQUIPMENT
AMERICAN 3B SCIENTIFIC ✓	\$ 2,088.00	15125	EMS SUPPLIES (B/O ITEMS RECVD)
AMERITAS ✓	\$ 1,245.88	15553	DENTAL INSURANCE-CAREER
BOTTINI ✓	\$ 2,361.72	15532	STATION 2 DIESEL FUEL
BRANDL'S TOWING ✓	\$ 707.50	15502	47-11 TOW
BRANDL'S TOWING ✓	\$ 150.00	15503	40' CONTAINER MOVED ON SITE
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ 2,346.26	15537	STATION 2 ELECTRIC/GAS/AREA LIGHT
CENTRAL HUDSON ✓	\$ 819.94	15543	STATION 3 ELECTRIC/AREA LIGHT
COMMAND CONSULTING ✓	\$ 300.00	15544	LEGACY RADIO PROGRAMMING CLASS
DOYLE SECURITY ✓	\$ 1,200.75	15536	STATION 2 HEAT DETECTOR INSPECT
DOYLE SECURITY ✓	\$ 443.78	15554	STATION 3 GENERATOR INSPECT
DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ✓ Hold for invoice	\$ 520.00	5735	BLS CPR REFRESHER
DUTCHESS TIRE ✓	\$ 1,874.40	15540	47-13 TIRES
FUSIONSITE NY (PORTABLE JOHNS) ✓	\$ 4,485.00	15520	STATION 1 PORTABLE JOHNS RENTAL
HO PENN ✓	\$ 2,712.00	15552	GENERATOR SERVICE ALL STATIONS
JC LAND SITE & DEVELOPMENT Hold	\$ 127,916.27	15550	STATION 2 SEPTIC WORK
JULIE BEYER ✓ per board	\$ 210.00	2026BLE	OFFICE WORK FOR MEETING NOTES TRANSCRIPTION
LB LANDSCAPING ✓	\$ 280.00	15533	STATION 3 LAWN MAINT
M&O SANITATION ✓	\$ 450.00	15516	STATION 2 PUMP SEPTIC
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE	\$ 543.43	2026SM	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE	\$ 1,035.57	2026SM	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ✓	\$ 2,025.56	2026SM	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE	\$ 3,316.06	2026SM	EMS SUPPLIES
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE	\$ 396.82	2026SM	EMS SUPPLIES
MES SERVICE CO	\$ 142.00	15493	UNIFORM-CHIEF STAFF (B/O ITEM RECVD)
MES SERVICE CO	\$ 500.71	15368	SUPPLIES FOR RESCUE ITEMS & SHOP EQUIP
MES SERVICE CO	\$ 172.46	15529	LITHIUM BATTERY FOR VULCAN
MES SERVICE CO ✓	\$ 276.00	15435	UNIFORM-CAREER
MES SERVICE CO	\$ 63.00	15438	UNIFORM-CAREER (B/O ITEMS RECVD)
MES SERVICE CO	\$ 1,420.00	5701	RESCUE CARRY EQUIPMENT
MES SERVICE CO	\$ 124.58	15515	SCBA FLOW TEST
MES SERVICE CO	\$ 54.00	15390	UNIFORM-MECHANIC
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 118.41	15527	STATION 2 CABLE
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 245.68	15525	STATION 3 CABLE/INTERNET
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 360.86	15526	STATION 1 CABLE/INTERNET
OPTIMUM ✓	\$ 195.72	15541	STATION 2 INTERNET
PROCLAIM ✓	\$ 7,940.83	15522	MEDICAL TRANSPORT CLAIMS
RUGE'S FORD ✓	\$ 485.91	15523	SHOP SUPPLIES-VEHICLES
SALEMSYS ✓	\$ 8,700.00	15538	STATION 2 SURVEILLANCE SYST UPGRADE
SECURITY MUTUAL LIFE INS ✓	\$ 1,177.25	15534	LIFE INS-CAREER
SETH PIERSON ✓	\$ 46.12	VCHER	REIMBURSEMENT FOR BLS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING
TEIXEIRA'S POLARIS ✓	\$ 121.94	15500	47-97 PARTS
VAN DEWATER AND VAN DEWATER ✓	\$ 920.00	15518	SERVICES FOR TOWN CENTER
VERIZON ✓	\$ 149.00	15548	STATION 2 INTERNET SVC
VERIZON	\$ 1,050.71	15535	APPARATUS & SMARTPHONE SVC
VERIZON WIRELESS ✓	\$ 123.28	15547	MODEM CHARGES
VESO LIFE ✓	\$ 126.89	15539	VOLUNTEER LIFE INS.
TOTAL SUBMITTED \$ 182,407.21			Commissioner Signatures:
✓ O & D Electric changes listed: 27,564.99 ✓ 209,971.70			Marc Komersky
			Robert Taft
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 209,971.70			Jeff Kaiser
KEY:			Vince Tierney
pre-paid:			
Paid:			

**REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS AND THE
LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT FOR HOSTING OF A DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER (DFR) DOCKING
STATION**

This **REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, having offices at 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601 (hereinafter referred to as “Licensee”), and the LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, having offices at Station 2, 504 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12540 (hereinafter referred to as “Licensor”). Collectively, the County and the Town are referred to as the “Parties.”

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Licensee, through the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office (“DCSO”), is implementing a Drone as First Responder (“DFR”) program designed to improve emergency response efficiency, situational awareness, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee seeks to install a DFR docking station and associated equipment on Licensee owned property in order to establish an operational flight location within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Licensor is willing to grant the Licensee a license for use of a portion of Licensor-owned property for installation, operation, and maintenance of the DFR docking station; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to set forth the terms and conditions of this licensing arrangement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the Licensor hereby allows the Licensee, for the period set forth herein, the right to ingress and egress over the Licensor’s subject property pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms under which the Licensor grants the Licensee a license to install, operate and maintain a DFR docking station and related equipment on Licensor-owned property.

2. LICENSED PREMISES.

- a. The docking station will be located at Lagrange Fire District, Station 2, 504 Freedom Plains Road, Lagrangeville, New York (“Licensed Premises”).
- b. The Licensor hereby grants to the Licensee a license to enter upon and use the Licensed Premises for installation, operation, maintenance, repair, and removal of the DFR docking station and related infrastructure.

- c. The Licensor shall provide reasonable access to the Licensed Premises for the Licensee and its authorized personnel.

3. TERM.

This Agreement shall be effective June 1, 2026, and shall terminate on May 31, 2027, unless otherwise terminated as set forth herein.

4. EXTENSION.

This Agreement may be extended for up to five (5) one-year periods, not exceeding in total six (6) years from the original Agreement date, upon written agreement of both Parties executed with the same formalities as this Agreement. The Agreement shall terminate automatically upon the end of the respective term absent the Parties' execution of a written extension agreement.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LICENSEE.

The Licensee shall:

- a. Procure, install, operate, and maintain the drone, docking station, related equipment, and software.
- b. Ensure that all drone operations comply with applicable federal regulations (including but not limited to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)), applicable state law, and applicable local law and DCSO policies.
- c. Conduct all DFR missions and flight operations.
- d. Provide personnel necessary for deployment, monitoring, and retrieval of the drone.
- e. Be responsible for all costs associated with equipment, insurance, installation, maintenance, and operation unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- f. Upon termination, expiration or removal to an alternate site, remove the Dock and restore the site to substantially similar condition upon termination of this Agreement, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LICENSOR.

The Licensor shall:

- a. Provide adequate space on Licensor-owned property for installation and operation of the Dock at no cost to the Licensee and ensure that the designated operational area remains free from obstructions, vegetation, structures, equipment, or activities that could impede, interfere with, or otherwise affect the safe and effective operation of the Licensee's DFR equipment. The Licensor shall reasonably maintain the area in a condition suitable for continuous operation and shall promptly remove or remedy any obstruction or condition that may compromise the Licensee's equipment performance, safety, or accessibility.

Any failure by the Licensor to maintain such an unobstructed operational area, or any resulting damage, interference, or operational impact to the Licensee's equipment, shall be subject to the Licensor's indemnification and defense obligations set forth in Paragraph 7.

- b. Grant the Licensee the authority to install, operate, and maintain all required DFR docking station components and supporting infrastructure at the designated site, including but not limited to:
 - drone docking hardware
 - communications systems
 - mounting pads or poles
 - network equipment
 - security devices
 - and all other necessary or incidental appurtenances associated therewith.
- c. Provide reasonable access for installation, operation, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades upon reasonable notice from Licensee.
- d. Assist, as needed, in facilitating local permits or zoning approvals, without guaranteeing their issuance. Licensors shall not be primarily responsible for Licensee's receipt of or application for any local permit or zoning approval unless necessary and required by law.
- e. Notify the Licensee of any known site conditions, planned activities, or of any work to be conducted on the subject property that involve hired/retained contractors and/or subcontractors, prior to the commencement of any such work that could impact operation or safety of, or require access to, any equipment installed by the Licensee. In the event of any contractor, vendor, or subcontractor engaged by the Licensors damages the Licensee's equipment or infrastructure, the Licensors shall ensure that the Licensee is made whole for all resulting losses, including repair or replacement costs consistent with the terms set forth in Paragraph 7 below.
- f. Provide and maintain electrical service necessary for operation of the Dock, including all utility costs associated therewith. Licensors shall not be held responsible for unforeseeable disruptions in electrical service outside the control of Licensors.
- g. Provide and maintain internet connectivity and related communications infrastructure necessary for operation of the Dock, including all installation costs, monthly service charges, and related maintenance expenses. Licensors shall not be held responsible for unforeseeable disruptions in internet connectivity and related communications infrastructure outside the control of Licensors.
- h. Internet Capacity Minimum Requirements and Adjustments. Notwithstanding Section 5(e), if at any time the internet bandwidth or connectivity available at the Licensors's point of service is insufficient to meet the operational needs of the Licensee's DFR docking station, the Licensors, as the property owner and service account holder, shall, upon the Licensee's request, contact the internet service provider to seek an increase in available capacity, at Licensors's sole expense and no cost to the Licensee. The Licensors shall ensure that the

internet service provided to the Licensed Premises meets or exceeds the following minimum performance levels:

- Upload speed: recommended 20 Mbps; absolute minimum 10 Mbps
- Download speed: recommended 80 Mbps; absolute minimum 20 Mbps

The Licensor shall take all necessary steps, at its sole expense, to maintain internet service at or above these minimum thresholds so as not to impair the Licensee's operational use of the DFR equipment.

- i. Electrical Service Capacity. Notwithstanding Section 5(e), the Licensor shall provide a dedicated 220-amp electrical service for the DFR docking station, at the Licensor's sole cost and expense, and shall ensure that all necessary electrical work and connections required to supply such service are completed at no cost to the Licensee.

7. INDEMNIFICATION, DUTY TO DEFEND, ADDITIONAL INSURED, SURVIVAL.

The Licensee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Licensor, its officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against any and all claims, liens, demands, causes of action, damages, losses, judgments, penalties, interest, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees arising out of or relating to any claim and/or allegation of negligent acts or omissions by the Licensee, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, or representatives in connection with or arising out of this Agreement. The Licensee's duty to defend shall arise immediately upon the assertion of any such claim or allegation, whether or not negligence has been finally determined, and the obligation to indemnify shall apply to the extent such negligence is ultimately attributed to the Licensee. The Licensee shall name the Licensor as an additional insured on all insurance policies required under this Agreement.

Likewise, the Licensor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Licensee, its officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against any and all claims, liens, demands, causes of action, damages, losses, judgments, penalties, interest, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees arising out of or relating to any claim and/or allegation of negligent acts or omissions by the Licensor, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, or representatives in connection with or arising out of this Agreement. The Licensor's duty to defend shall arise immediately upon the assertion of any such claim or allegation, whether or not negligence has been finally determined, and the obligation to indemnify shall apply to the extent such negligence is ultimately attributed to the Licensor. The Licensor shall name the Licensee as an additional insured on all insurance policies required under this Agreement.

8. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

A. At all times during this Agreement, the Licensee shall maintain, at its own cost the following insurance and shall provide proof thereof to the Licensor in the form of a Certificate of Insurance prior to commencing services under this Agreement, and shall name the LaGrange Fire District as an additional insured:

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage including blanket contractual coverage for the operation of the program under this Agreement with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. This insurance shall be

written on an occurrence coverage form and include bodily injury and property damage liability. The additional insured endorsement for the Commercial General Liability insurance required above shall not contain any exclusion for bodily injury or property damage arising from completed operations.

2. Excess/Umbrella Liability, if required, with limits not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence with a \$5,000,000 aggregate.
- B. At all times during this Agreement, Licensors shall maintain, at its own cost, the following insurance and shall provide proof thereof to the Licensee in the form of a Certificate of Insurance prior to commencing services under this Agreement, and shall name the Licensee as an additional insured:
1. **Commercial General Liability Insurance** coverage including blanket contractual coverage for the operation of the program under this Agreement with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. This insurance shall be written on an occurrence coverage form and include bodily injury and property damage liability. The County of Dutchess (the "County") must be listed as additional insured. The additional insured endorsement for the Commercial General Liability insurance required above shall not contain any exclusion for bodily injury or property damage arising from completed operations.
 2. **Excess/Umbrella Liability**, if required, with limits not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence with a \$5,000,000 aggregate. The County must be included as additional insured.

The Acord form certificate of insurance must contain the following provisions:

- (A) The County of Dutchess must be listed as certificate holder and additional insured on the commercial general and umbrella/excess liability policies. In addition, the commercial general liability policy must include the additional insured endorsement forms cg 2037 July 2004 edition and the cg 2010 April 2013 edition or their equivalent.
- (B) The commercial general liability policy is primary and noncontributory.
- (C) Commercial general liability policies must contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County of Dutchess.
- (D) The umbrella/excess policy is primary and noncontributory and must contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County of Dutchess.

Prior to Licensors' cancellation or material change in any policy, thirty (30) day notice shall be given to the Dutchess County Attorney at the address listed below:

Dutchess County Attorney

County Office Building
22 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

On receipt of such notice, the Licensee shall have the option to cancel this Agreement without further expense or liability to the Licensee, or, to require Licensor to replace the cancelled insurance policy, or, require Licensor to rectify any material change in the policy, so that the insurance coverage required by this paragraph is maintained continuously throughout the term of this Agreement in form and substance acceptable to the Licensee. Failure of Licensor to take out or to maintain, or the taking out or the maintenance of any required insurance, shall not relieve Licensor from any liability under this Agreement nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with or to limit the obligations of Licensor concerning indemnification.

All policies of insurance referred to above shall be underwritten by companies authorized to do business in the State of New York with an A.M. Best financial strength rating of A- or better. In the alternative, the policies of insurance referred to above may be underwritten by non-Admitted companies with an A.M. Best financial strength rating of A+ or higher. In addition, every policy required above shall be primary and noncontributory. Any insurance carried by the Licensee, its officers, or its employees shall be excess and noncontributory insurance to that provided by Licensor. Licensor and its sub-contractor(s), if any, shall be solely responsible for any deductible losses under each of the policies required above.

All losses of Licensee's property shall be adjusted with and made payable directly to the County.

All Certificates of Insurance shall be approved by the Licensee's Director of Risk Management or designee prior to commencement of any work under this Agreement.

9. TERMINATION.

(a) Without cause.

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other of its intent to terminate without cause.

(b) With cause.

Either party may terminate this Agreement effective immediately, upon written notice if the other Party materially breaches any term of this Agreement.

(c) Effect of Termination; Removal of Equipment.

Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason:

1. The Licensee shall, within ninety (90) days, remove all equipment, hardware, and infrastructure it installed on the Licensed Premises at the sole cost and expense of the Licensee.

2. The Licensee shall restore the Licensed Premises to substantially the same condition that existed immediately prior to installation, reasonable wear and tear excepted, at the sole cost and expense of Licensee.
3. The Licensors shall allow reasonable access for removal and restoration activities during the wind-down period upon reasonable notice of such activities.

10. NOTICE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, notice required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be made in writing, sent via certified mail to Licensors and Licensees and addressed to the following or such other person as the parties may designate:

For the Licensee: Dutchess County Sheriff's Office
108 Parker Avenue
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

With a copy to: Dutchess County Department of Law
22 Market Street, 5th Floor
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

For the Licensee: Chairman, Board of Fire Commissioners
Lagrange Fire District
504 Freedom Plains Road
Lagrangeville, New York 12540

11. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Agreement shall be held unenforceable, the rest of the Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

12. CHOICE OF LAW/VENUE.

Any dispute arising directly or indirectly out of this Agreement shall be determined pursuant to the laws of the State of New York. The parties hereby choose the New York State Supreme Court, Dutchess County as the forum for any such dispute.

13. NO ARBITRATION.

Disputes involving this contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration but must instead be heard in accordance with the Paragraph above entitled "Choice of Law, Venue."

14. SERVICE OF PROCESS.

In addition to the methods of service allowed by the New York State Civil Practice Law & Rules ("CPLR"), the Licensors hereby consent to service of process on it by Certified mail with return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon the Licensors' execution of the return receipt. The Licensors must promptly notify the Licensee, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the Licensee to the last

known address shall be sufficient. The Licensor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service is complete in which to respond.

15. CAPTIONS.

The captions are inserted only as a matter of convenience and reference, and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of this Agreement nor in any way affect the terms hereof.

16. GENDER.

Words of the masculine or feminine gender in this Agreement, unless the meaning of the sentence indicates otherwise, shall be deemed to refer to either male or female persons.

17. WAIVER.

A waiver of enforcement of a particular violation of this License Agreement by Licensees shall not be considered a waiver of this License Agreement and/or the County/Licensor's rights to act pursuant to this License Agreement.

18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

The terms of this Agreement, including its attachments and exhibits, represent the final intent of the parties. Any modification, rescission or waiver of the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and executed and acknowledged by the parties with the same formalities accorded this basic Agreement.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ACCEPTED: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

TRACY J. LINDAUER
SENIOR ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

BY: _____
SUSAN J. SERINO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

ACCEPTED: LICENSOR

KIRK A. IMPERATI, SHERIFF MARK KOMORSKY, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS