

LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2009
FH 2 7:30 pm

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The 901st meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Lagrange Fire District was held on May 12m 2009 at 7:30 PM at Firehouse 2. Present were Commissioners Lantzky, Hines, Ziedan, Canero, Smith; Deputy Chief Barry Ward; EMS Administrator Michael Benenati; Legal Counsel Rod MacLeod; Secretary Holzberger and firefighters.

Hines called the meeting to order and led the salute to the flag. Hines stated that this is a meeting of the Board Fire Commissioner s in public and not a public meeting. Hines stated that we will permit public comment at least once during the meeting, perhaps twice if time permits.

Minutes-Hines tabled the approval of minutes.

Correspondence-Secretary Holzberger reported the following was received:
Letter from A Laurenzano requesting a fire truck at his son's birthday party on 5/30/09. Hines explained that is contrary to our policy and Hines will contact Mr. Laurenzano. (3 Lewis Rd.)

A check from State Insurance Fund for \$37143.33 for reimbursement of wages. Smith moved to allocate to the 2009 Personnel Services Budget, seconded by Lantzky and carried unan.

Uniform Bid Results-EMS Administrator Michael Benenati noted that the lowest price for T-shirts went to Hudson Valley Screenprinting and pants, short sleeve shirts and long sleeve shirts went to 911 Uniforms. Cost for T-shirts is \$862.50 at Hudson Valley Screenprinting and cost for pants and shirts is \$6833.50. Bid tabulation attached.

Secretary Holzberger stated that financial reports were emailed to the Board.

Planner-Secretary Holzberger reported that the draft report was received and copies were distributed to Deputy Chief Barry Ward and Commissioner Joe Ziedan. Hines asked the Secretary to make three additional copies from the Deputy Chief's copy for him, Lantzky and Smith for review.

Bills-The following bills were submitted for payment, page 4638. Smith moved to authorize payment of the bills, seconded by Lantzky and carried unan.

Boot Drop Co.3- Boot Drop Request for approval from Co.3. Smith to contact Scott Price regarding a date and location.

Firehouse Software Support Contract-\$1185 for the year. Smith moved to approve, seconded by Lantzky and carried unan.

Blood Drive-Mike Patrimonio stated that a blood drive would be held on 5/14/09 from 11-9 at ST.2. It was noted that it has been cancelled as of today.

Deputy Chief's Report-Deputy Chief Barry Ward reported the following:

Accidents/Injuries-A volunteer member sustained a bump to his nose at the Union Vale Fire and a career firefighter got glass in his eye; it was cleared at the scene with no additional medical attention needed.

EMS-Deputy Chief Barry Ward reported that 47-71 has been moved to Station 2 as part of the EMS Committee's Action Plan. This is for the month of May 2009 and will report status at the end of the month.

Training-nothing at this time.

Spending-Deputy Chief Barry Ward noted that the step pay increase was not implemented as of January 1, 2009 for career staff members.

Long Distance Learning-Deputy Chief Barry Ward reported that there is a tool that Arlington is looking into and he volunteered to participate at no cost to the District. Deputy Chief Barry Ward will report back to the Board after the meeting in Fairview.

EMT Class Tuition Reimbursement-EMS Michael Benenati has submitted to NYS. A volunteer member took the class at her own expense prior to formal membership approval. Reimbursement to member is pending response from NYS.

Extrication-Deputy Chief Barry Ward asked the Board to consider a concrete pad for training and facilitating better clean up than what occurs on the grass. Hydro carbon fuels would eat into blacktop. Smith to work with the Deputy Chief Barry Ward to obtain an estimate. Size would be 50' x50'.

Equipment-Deputy Chief Barry Ward reported that a Scott Rit Pak system should be considered for purchase. We are past due in having this on our vehicles-11, 12, 13. Cost would be \$11083.60. Hines asked how many firefighters will it service. Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated one at a time and explained that it is a comprehensive unit and the system could support two firefighters with one pak. Ziedan asked how we get the air to the down firefighter. Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that a FAST Team is utilized-Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that we need to be able to help ourselves; these can be removed from the truck. A scot pak is for a firefighter's personal use and is not designed to supply air to two people. Deputy Chief Barry Ward noted that these prices were State Contract. Hines asked if there were any other questions.

Smith stated that it is a safety issue, and moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Lantzky and when the Board was polled the vote was as follows:

Smith Aye Lantzky Aye Canero Aye Hines Aye Ziedan Nay

The motion was carried.

PETZEL-Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that we need to revise the bid for the Self Rescue System as per legal Counsel. We need a more detailed specification. Lantzky moved to re-bid the PETZEL Self Rescue System to be opened on May 26, 2009 seconded by Smith and carried unan.

TANKER-Deputy Chief Barry Ward described the scenarios regarding the placement of the new tankers in the firehouses. Tanker Spec was reviewed by tanker committee (Paul DeMilto, Jeff Frazier, Jeff Canero, Bob Olivet, John Clark, and Barry Ward). Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that he recommends Scenario #2 as detailed in the attached report. A third ambulance could be housed at FH2; it is a possible scenario. In 2010 we have a plan to replace 88 with an 89 like vehicle. Hines asked if there is room at Co.1 or 3. Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that it could not fit at Co.1 without displacing a vehicle. Hines stated that this falls under the discretion of Deputy Chief as it is operational.

The board of Fire Commissioners approved the change in the contract regarding the penalty on 4/28/09 as it was reviewed by legal counsel.

Deputy Chief state the warranty issue is closed. Hines asked for a motion. Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that we have received a bid for two tankers at \$382,285 each and this was budgeted in our budget to purchase these out of our Apparatus Reserve Account.

Canero moved to purchase the two tankers at \$382,285.00 each, seconded by Lantzky and there was discussion. Ziedan asked what they are replacing. Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that they are replacing 47-31 and 47-32. Canero stated that the thought process was to keep the better of the two tankers to replace 47-14. Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that it is a water source. Total bill for both is \$764,570. Hines polled the board and the vote was as follows:

Lantzky Aye Ziedan Nay Smith Aye Canero Aye

Hines stated that motion was carried.

Buildings/Grounds-Hines asked regarding the repair of the generators. Legal Counsel Rod MacLeod reviewed the contract and the switches were not included. Cost is \$2470 to install St.1 and cost for St 3 is \$2440 and it would be done by Deleonardis; they are familiar with the install and will work with H. O Penn. Hines asked for a motion to go forward with the install of these switches.

Lantzky moved to authorize the installation of the switches as described, seconded by Smith and there was discussion. Ziedan asked if these were in the specs. Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that that they were not in the design. Hines asked for a vote and all were in favor. The motion carried unan.

Training Building-Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that the roof is in need of repair at the building on Stringham Road. Smith stated that this facility is definitely needed for training and he is getting estimates for the repair and will report at that next meeting.

Ambulances-Smith asked regarding the diesel engines. EMS Administrator Michael Benenati reported that we are proceeding to write specifications. Hines asked if this is for one or two. Deputy Chief Barry Ward reported that the work to prepare a spec is the same for one as it is for two. At a minimum one should be purchased and think about possibly two.

Furnace at St 3-Smith stated that there was concern regarding smoke from the chimney at St.3; mostly normal maintenance is needed.

Toilet St1.-Lantzky stated that the replacement toilet at ST.1 has been purchased; unknown if it has been installed.

ST 2.-Canero reported nothing at this time.

Photo Id-Canero reported no progress as of yet. Canero stated that we are waiting on the manufacturer.

Windows-Smith reported that the windows for upstairs at ST 2 are on order.

St.3 Insulation-Smith reported there was a concern for loss of heat above ready room; we will re-insulate over the club room. Removal of contents of attic to be arranged with ST.3.

ST 2 Windows/Blinds-Canero reported no progress.

Painting-Lantzky reported that it is done. Waxing of floors is in progress.

Workshop-Hines suggested meeting next week. There was discussion. Smith moved to meet Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 6 Pm at St.2, seconded by Lantzky and carried unan.

Public Official Bond-in progress.

Public Comment-Volunteer Firefighter Greg Spaun stated that two meetings ago there was a discussion regarding health insurance for volunteers. Hines stated that we discussed with legal counsel the matter of the new legislation regarding health insurance. Legal Counsel Rod MacLeod stated that the law permits the fire districts to offer health insurance to the volunteers, however it is not required. The Board may offer it, if it so chooses. Smith stated that it would be good to offer it to the volunteers but would like more information and reasonable parameters need to be established and there should be no further cost to the District. Hines would like to avoid additional administrative duties.

Greg Spaun stated that he believes it to be a mandate. Rod Macleod stated that he would further investigate that point. Hines stated that we are currently involved in contract negotiations and will take your comments into consideration. We will table this matter to ensure we understand this completely and we are not aware of any time line or deadline.

60th Anniversary NKFD-Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that we have been invited to New Hackensack's 60th Anniversary dinner; please let the Secretary know if you will be attending. Hines stated that he will be attending. Smith stated we should have a plaque to present. Lantzky moved to authorize the expenditure of a plaque, seconded by Smith and carried unan. Deputy Chief Barry Ward stated that the Department could purchase the plaque and he will contact Scott Price.

At 8:22 Pm, Smith moved to go to executive session, seconded Lantzky and carried unan.

At 9:50pm, Hines called the meeting back to order.

There being no further business, Lantzky moved to adjourn, seconded by Ziedan and carried unan.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, Secretary/Treasurer

