

CITY OF LOCKPORT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING – OFFICIAL RECORD

Conference call on gotomeeting.com

Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 – 5pm

Present: Commissioners R. Bates, K. Fogle, L. Kantor, C. Morello, and J. Schratz. Also present, Chief P. Brady, Firefighter L. Quagliano, Deputy Corporation Counsel P. McGrath, Mayor M. Roman, City Clerk P. Oates, Reporter C. Hoffman

5:14pm – Meeting called to order.

5:15pm – Chief Brady provided a COVID-19 update. They're working through the department's response policy, and, sanitization policy for equipment and gear. Firefighters are following COVID-19 policy and using PPE on calls. The department is doing well with regard to supplies, including surgical masks, but lacking isolation gowns. More of these are on order.

5:24pm – Brady noted that half the manpower on each shift is allocated with Engine 7 at South Lockport fire hall, and that the arrangement has gone smoothly.

5:27pm – Brady discussed paramedic education for firefighters. Applications are being submitted, and seven firefighters should be going in.

5:28pm – Brady said AFG grants were submitted March 14, 2020, one for defibrillators and one for another piece of apparatus with a 75-foot ladder.

5:35pm – Brady noted that the SAFER grant period opened April 13, 2020 and that he is currently working on it. It will be written for the starting salaries for 12 new firefighters.

5:41pm – Brady indicated the firefighters civil service exam for April 25, 2020 has been postponed. Nine applicants are currently available to the fire board. There were three retirements in March.

5:45pm – Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel by K. Fogle, seconded by R. Bates. At this time, C. Hoffman left the meeting. L. Quagliano was also requested to leave the meeting, which he did.

6:23pm – Motion to adjourn executive session by C. Morello, seconded by J. Schratz.

6:24pm – Motion by C. Morello to take firefighter L. Quagliano out of his MTO position and promote him to the rank of captain. Seconded by R. Bates. Motion passed, 5-0.

Motion by J. Schratz to move firefighter J. Keleher into the MTO position. Seconded by K. Fogle. Motion passed, 5-0.

Motion by J. Schratz to make two temporary assistant chief positions permanent. Seconded by L. Kantor. Motion failed, 3-2. 'No' votes by K. Fogle, C. Morello, and R. Bates.

6:28pm – Motion by K. Fogle for reports received, seconded by C. Morello. Motion passed, 5-0.

Motion by J. Schratz for reports accepted, seconded by L. Kantor. Motion passed, 5-0.

Motion by R. Bates to accept minutes, seconded by C. Morello. Motion passed, 5-0.

Next meeting will be May 12, 2020 at 5pm.

6:30pm – Motion to adjourn by J. Schratz, seconded by L. Kantor.