

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

**M-24 at City Hall and gotomeeting.com**

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 5pm**

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

**Comm. Morello called the meeting to order at 5:01pm**

**I. Reports Received**

- **Motion by Comm. Fogle, seconded by Comm. Morello for reports received. Ayes 4**

**II. Reports Accepted**

- **Motion by Comm. Morello, seconded by Comm. Fogle for reports accepted. Ayes 4**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- **Motion by Comm. Fogle, seconded by Comm. Bates to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2020 and the special meetings of July 17, 2020 and August 4, 2020. Ayes 4 (Comm. Schratz arrived at 5:06pm)**

**IV. Review the Chief's Agenda**

- **Probationary Firefighter Tanner Niezgoda is attending the RFFT Program. He began classes at the academy Aug. 10.**
- **Five LFD personnel began attending paramedic classes Aug. 11. It is a 53-week course. Graduation is August, 2021.**
- **LFD CME classes resumed Aug. 6. The classes were on hold since February because of COVID-19.**
- **FEMA AFG Grant Award. The city won an award of \$106,115.19 that will cover the cost of three (3) new defibrillator monitors. The award is \$96,468.35 in federal resources and \$9,646.84 in local resources.**

The city has until September 3rd to accept the award. We are still eligible for a FEMA grant for a piece of apparatus. No awards will likely be announced until September, 2020.

- The radio reprogramming and cut over project could not be completed in February because of COVID-19, but was done in July. New radios have been reprogrammed to a new zone, Zone 3.
- The LFD 2021 budget has been completed and submitted to the Director of Finance.
- Just past the year-to-date halfway point, the department is not doing too badly with respect to overtime.
- Assistant Fire Chief Qualifications. Comm. Morello read the following: "Due to manpower cuts in the City of Lockport Fire Dept., the pool to promote from Captain to Assistant Chief has been greatly diminished. At this time, we respectfully request that the qualifications for testing to be promoted be changed to (6) six months in the rank of Captain to qualify for testing for the Asst. Chief's position. We further request that an exam for Assistant Chief be scheduled for October, 2020. Respectfully, Lockport Board of Fire Commissioners." A motion was made by Comm. Bates, seconded by Comm. Fogle to accept the new qualifications. Ayes 5

**V. Executive Session**

- Motion at 5:40pm by Comm. Schratz to enter into executive session for personnel matters, seconded by Comm. Kantor. Ayes 5

**VI. End of Executive Session**

- Motion at 6:15pm by Comm. Fogle to exit executive session, seconded by Comm. Kantor. Ayes 5

**VII. At 6:28pm Comm. Schratz moved that the Board be adjourned until Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5pm for a regular meeting. Seconded by Comm. Bates. Ayes 5**

Respectfully,

Paul K. Oates

City Clerk

CC: Fire Board, Chief Brady, Mayor Roman, Common Council, and Corporation Counsel