

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

Council Chambers at City Hall and gotomeeting.com

Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 – 5pm

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

Comm. Morello called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

I. Reports Received

- **Motion by Comm. Morello, seconded by Comm. Bates for reports received. Ayes 3**

II. Reports Accepted

- **Motion by Comm. Fogle, seconded by Comm. Bates for reports accepted. Ayes 3**

III. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion by Comm. Morello, seconded by Comm. Fogle to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2020. Ayes 3 (Comm. Kantor arrived at 5:20pm)**

IV. Review the Chief's Agenda

- **Probationary Firefighter Tanner Niezgoda is in Week 10 of his 11-week program, and he continues to score above the class average. His graduation is tentatively set for Oct. 24th. He will be assigned to a platoon when he returns from graduation**
- **Firefighter Mackenzie achieved paramedic standing w/the NYSDOH. He is the department's 22nd paramedic**
- **LFD has five personnel currently attending paramedic classes. All are bright, willing, working hard and doing well**
- **104 people signed up to take the Firefighter Civil Service exam. 45 were scheduled on Sat. Oct. 10th (15 no-shows). 45 are scheduled**

for this Sat. Oct. 17th-others are cross filing and taking the exam elsewhere

- FLPTS for new officers is the four-week front line supervisor training program in NYC. LFD will have one attendee in the September class, and two in the November class, in 2021
- The Van De Mark walk-throughs help familiarize LFD employees with the facility. Chief Brady went through Van De Mark on Fri. Oct. 9th and the personnel at the plant did a great job
- The Sept. 12th Agility Test had four participants and they all passed. Those who proctored the test said they would be happy to work with any of the four
- Mayor Roman and Commissioner Kantor reminded the Fire Board that it can present a potential hire to the Council, despite the hiring freeze passed in September

- Motion by Commissioner Morello to bring in a candidate for an interview, seconded by Commissioner Fogle. Ayes 4. Deputy Corporation Counsel McGrath said the interview should be done at a special meeting of the Fire Board, and Chief Brady indicated he would get prospective dates for a special meeting and will notify the board of same

V. Executive Session

- Motion at 5:33pm by Comm. Bates to enter into executive session for personnel matters, seconded by Comm. Kantor. Ayes 4

VI. End of Executive Session

- Motion at 6:43pm by Comm. Kantor to exit executive session, seconded by Comm. Bates. Ayes 4

- Motion by Commissioner Morello to promote Luca Quagliano to provisional Assistant Chief position to take effect Oct. 28th, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Bates. Deputy Corporation Counsel Cafarella said the motion is premature because Quagliano does not yet have the minimum qualifications-he has not yet met his eligibility date-and the motion can be revisited at the November Fire Board meeting. Commissioner Morello rescinded the motion.

- Chief Brady said he would like to remove the language in the MTO Civil Service exam that refers to, “city of Lockport”. Motion by Commissioner Morello, seconded by Commissioner Fogle, to change the language from 10 years to 5 years as a firefighter, and eliminate the phrase, “city of Lockport”. Ayes 4

VII. At 7:09pm Comm. Kantor moved that the Board be adjourned until Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 5pm for a regular meeting. Seconded by Comm. Bates. Ayes 4

Respectfully,
Paul K. Oates
City Clerk

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