

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

M-24 at City Hall & gotomeeting.com

Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 – 5:30pm

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

Comm. Bates called the meeting to order at 5:33pm

I. Reports Received

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

II. Reports Accepted

- **Motion by Comm. Bates, seconded by Comm. Michel for reports accepted. Ayes 3 (Arrival of Comm. Kantor)**

III. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion by Comm. Bates, seconded by Comm. Kantor to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9th, 2021, and the special meetings of February 16th, 19th, and 20th, 2021. Ayes 4**

IV. Review the Chief's Agenda

- **LFD Personnel Attending Paramedic Classes: Personnel are now beginning the clinical portion of their work. Attendees include a new addition with probationary Firefighter Daigler, who will be in class with the others three days a week. Daigler will finish his schooling before attending the academy.**
- **COVID-19 Update: In February, only 10 COVID-related calls were received, compared to 38 in January. There have been none so far in March. Mayor Roman asked if consideration had been given to bringing the entire department back to city hall. Chief Brady said he is considering doing so on March 16th. Also, the new firefighters are interested in receiving vaccinations.**

- **Card Renewals: ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) was done last Wednesday and everything went smoothly. PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) will take place in early April.**

-Comm. Schratz arrived at 6:06pm

- **SAFER Grant Period: The grant is due Friday, March 12th. We are hoping for a better selection process than last year when Yonkers was the primary recipient of the grant in NYS.**
- **Assistant Chief Test 3-6-21: All three candidates who were eligible took the test. Results are expected in June or July.**
- **Vehicle Repairs: Talks have taken place between Chief Brady and the NF fire chief about shared services for vehicle repairs. NF will be able to handle Lockport's general maintenance, as well as most specialized repairs (with the exception of springs). Comm. Morello, who suggested the idea, credited Mayor Roman for working with NF Mayor Restaino on the plan. Mayor Roman indicated that AFSCME does not object to this shared service arrangement. Comm. Kantor said he would like to have that in writing from the union.**
- **EPCR: NYS Department of Health has mandated that, as of January 1, 2022, all reporting will be done electronically. LFD has two tablets to run this web-based program, in conjunction with the firm, ESO. Chief Brady said that to do EMS, departments will be required to comply. He said he would have two LFD personnel at the April meeting to explain it further.**

V. Executive Session

- **Motion at 6:35pm by Comm. Kantor to enter into executive session to discuss personnel (permanent status for probationary firefighters, promotions, seconded by Comm. Bates. Ayes 5**

VI. End of Executive Session

- **Motion at 7:12pm by Comm. Schratz to exit executive session, seconded by Comm. Bates. Ayes 5**

-Motion by Comm. Morello, seconded by Comm. Bates to move Karrah Bogel to the alternate list. Ayes 2 (Morello and Bates) Nays 3. Motion failed.

-Motion by Comm. Morello, seconded by Comm. Schratz to promote Capt. Timothy Loucks and Lt. Timothy Lundquist from contingent permanent to permanent status. Ayes 5

-Motion by Comm. Schratz, seconded by Comm. Morello to promote Lt. Joshua Wolck to a provisional appointment as Captain. Ayes 5

-Motion by Comm. Schratz, seconded by Comm. Kantor to table a provisional promotion from Lieutenant to Captain until the candidates are interviewed at the April, 2021 meeting. Ayes 3 Nays 2 (Bates and Morello)

VII. At 7:22pm Comm. Schratz moved that the Board be adjourned, seconded by Comm. Morello. Ayes 5

The next regular meeting of the Fire Board will be held on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 5:30pm.

**Respectfully,
Paul K. Oates
City Clerk**

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