

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

Site: M-24

Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 5:30pm

Present: Commissioners Bates, Fogle, Marren, Michel, Morello. Also present, Provisional Chief Quagliano, Asst. Chief Haley, Asst. Chief Prica, Mayor Roman, DCC McGrath, reporter Ben Joe, City Clerk Oates

Comm. Morello called the meeting to order at 5:28pm

**I. Reports Received**

- Motion by Comm. Fogle, seconded by Comm. Bates for reports received. Ayes 5

**II. Reports Accepted**

- Motion by Comm. Bates, seconded by Comm. Morello for reports accepted. Ayes 5

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- Motion by Comm. Bates, seconded by Comm. Morello to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Ayes 5

-Comm. Morello and Mayor Roman welcomed and introduced new commissioners, Sienna Marren and Alderman Kitty Fogle.

-Motion by Comm. Bates to nominate Comm. Morello board president for 2022. Seconded by Comm. Fogle. Ayes 5

-Comm. Morello extended thanks to former commissioners, Dr. Jeffrey Schratz and Alderman Luke Kantor, for their service as board members.

-Comm. Morello extended thanks and congratulations to former Chief Patrick Brady, who retired from LFD on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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

- Exceptional response: On Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon Firefighters Eric Weber and Bradley Mahnke, under the direction of Capt. Timothy Loucks, answered a medical alarm call. While attending to the medical situation, they became aware of a natural gas

leak. They contacted NYSEG and the City Building Inspection Department to rectify the issue, and render the building safe.

- **Structure fires:** On Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the department answered a call to 119 Spalding Street for a structure fire. Under the direction of Asst. Chief Haley, the fire was contained to one room in the house. Damages estimated at \$35,000. On Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, LFD was summoned to a structure fire at 225 Grand Street. It is a long time vacant property and was a total loss. The same address was the scene of a fire call in 2016. An emergency demolition was ordered, which Mayor Roman indicated would be completed by the end of the week. Firefighters experienced a problem with low water pressure, but a water supply was eventually established
- **SAFER grant open:** A grant writer will handle the application. The grant has a 100% share from the federal government. This grant would be utilized to add jobs. Mayor Roman said the city would be applying for a minimum of four positions. The grant closes Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- **Submission of AFG for ladder truck:** The deadline has been extended to the end of January. Application will be submitted next week, with LFD requesting \$1.2 million. The federal/local split is 90/10
- **Firefighter exam announcement for 2022:** Chief Quagliano is recommending the call for a new exam in May
- **Work rules update:** The rules governing the fire department have been updated to add two driver rules regarding the securing of passengers and equipment, as well as one general heading rule regarding email accounts.

-Motion by Comm. Morello, seconded by Comm. Bates, to approve the Rules Governing the Fire Department, as updated. Ayes 5

- **Used ambulance:** Chief Quagliano spoke with Mayor Roman regarding the department's interest in obtaining a used ambulance at a \$5,000 cost to the city. Chief Quagliano will look over the vehicle soon, which could serve the department in several ways. Mayor Roman added that it could be used to respond to some calls

**V. Executive Session**

- **Motion at 5:54pm by Comm. Michel to enter into executive session to discuss personnel; seconded by Comm. Bates. Ayes 5**

**VI. End of Executive Session**

- **Motion at 7:35 pm by Comm. Fogle to exit executive session, seconded by Comm. Bates. Ayes 5**

**-Motion by Comm. Bates, seconded by Comm. Fogle, to appoint Firefighter James Pytlik to a contingent permanent appointment as Lieutenant. Ayes 5. Said appointment effective Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**-Motion by Comm. Bates, seconded by Comm. Marren, to authorize Chief Quagliano to extend offers to six candidates on the Civil Service list, to commence employment no later than Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Ayes 5**

**VII. At 7:40pm Comm. Michel moved that the Board be adjourned, seconded by Comm. Marren. Ayes 5**

**The next regular meeting of the Fire Board will be held on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:30pm.**

**Respectfully,**

**Paul K. Oates**

**City Clerk**

**CC: Fire Board, Provisional Chief Quagliano, Mayor Roman, Common Council, and Corporation Counsel**