

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

Site: M-24

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – 4:30pm

Present: Commissioners Bates, Fogle, Marren, Michel, Morello.

Also present, Chief Quagliano, Mayor Roman, DCC McGrath, reporter Ben Joe, City Clerk Lanzo

Comm. Morello called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm

Approval of Minutes

- Motion: Commissioner Bates made motion to accept the minutes of October 11, 2022. Seconded by Morello. Ayes 5.

Chief's Agenda:

- Bob Symes passed away, he was assistant Chief when he retired, early 90's. Obtaining information to be able to make arrangements to send flowers, sign and acknowledge and send
- LFD Personnel – Nicholas DiCarlo Academy Graduation – Thursday for Graduation.
 - Determine when he will report. He will probably get one rotation off and then cycle in. Written exams were 85 – 95%. He did very well, already completed paramedic school.
- Mutual Aid Update
 - Ambulance – June 1st - today 253 times.
 - Paramedic on someone else's 191 times. (A different company); becoming draining on the volunteer sector.
 - Twin City has removed their shift change from LMH. They may be staged at Summit and Transit – or Millersport and Transit – but they are no longer in the City of Lockport.
 - Nothing additional has been heard, just no longer have a crew change in Lockport.
 - Most calls seem to be handled by South Lockport when they are available. Some Wrights Corners. City is split in half – north and south of 31, this is the line that determines which fire department gets the call for support
 - We have been very lucky and they have been phenomenal in their support.
- Fire Apparatus Update –
 - Brighton Ladder Truck – all approvals, check cut and we are waiting for the delivery – may be here end of next week. Upon receipt of the truck, we will

- have to get the lettering done. Should have running early December which is earlier than we had anticipated.
 - Council has approved the purchase of a new engine- basic, has what we need – and didn't add additional items that would have increased the cost.
 - New Ladder Truck. Has not passed through the council. There is an increase in cost every six months, and this timeline takes place December 2022.
 - In order to order the new truck, there would need to be a bond placed to assure that payment will be made upon completion of the truck.
 - The truck takes 600 days to build and we will not be able to secure the truck until we confirm intent to purchase
 - Spec is coming in at 1.64 Million
- Civil Service Exam Changes – Residency and Reimbursement
 - Changes: Civil Service Law treats the announcement as contracts for those who apply and then move forward into employment.
 - Changes proposed:
 - Fire fighter will not gain permanent appointment until they have secured permanent residency in Niagara County.
 - When a fire fighter leaves the City of Lockport for any reason other than termination prior to sixty (60) months, details regarding how funds that have been incurred by the City of Lockport Fire Department. Prorated declining balance over five years.
 - Motion: Commissioner Bates motioned to submit the recommendations to update the Civil Service Announcement regarding residency and financial investment. Seconded by Charlie. 5 Ayes. All in favor.
- Agility Test Results – 8 out of 50 who were canvassed showed up. 7 of 8 made it. One female who showed up, did not make it.

Executive Session

- Motion: Commissioner Bates at 5:07 pm to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Morello. 5 Ayes.

End of Executive Session

- Motion: Commissioner Morello made motion at 5:34 pm to exit executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Michele. 5 Ayes.

ASLFR operating certificate is up for renewal, and will be signed and updated at the end of the day.

At 5:43 pm Commissioner Michele moved that the Board be adjourned, seconded by Comm Bates. 5 Ayes

The next regular meeting of the Fire Board will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 3 pm.

Respectfully,
Sarah K. Lanzo
City Clerk

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