

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

Site: M-24

Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 – 4:30pm

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

Comm. Morello called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

- I. Reports Received
 - Motion by Comm. Bates, seconded by Comm. Michel for reports received. Ayes 5
- II. Reports Accepted
 - Motion by Comm. Marren, seconded by Comm. Bates for reports accepted. Ayes 5
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion by Comm. Morello, seconded by Comm. Bates to accept the minutes of the special meeting of July 26th, 2022. Ayes 5

Chief's Agenda:

- **New Paramedic Class:** Six personnel just started paramedic school. They are Jonathan Fredrickson, Jeremy Allen, Baxter Sukdolak, Randall Hildebrant, Connor Evans, and Sean Fisher. The six new graduates are Tanner Niezgoda, Sergio DiCenso, John Roessler, Tyler Harrington, Justin Desabrais, and Nicholas DiCarlo.
- Probationary Firefighter Karen Gavin has passed the academy and has been assigned to the 1st Platoon. She has a great attitude, with very positive feedback on her performance.
- Probationary Firefighter Brandon Kuczmarski has been assigned to the 4th Platoon. He is doing a great job, as well.
- Firefighter DiCarlo is in his sixth week at the NYS Academy. He is getting good grades and will graduate in a couple months.
- LFD Fire Apparatus: Chief Quagliano will address the Council tomorrow (9/14) about the need to replace both the ladder truck

and one of the department's engines. Doing so would bring LFD's fleet up to par for the next 10-12 years. Chief Quagliano will ask the Council to consider the purchase of Brighton's (Tonawanda) 20-year-old ladder truck for \$150,000, as a stopgap until a new ladder truck can be ordered and received. That process takes about two years, and the current vehicle is 25 years old. As for Engine 8, there are multiple problems with it, and the manufacturer has been out of business for over a decade, so parts are increasingly hard to find.

- **Ambulance Service:** From June 9 until September 13 of this year, there have been 642 total EMS incidents. Of those, Twin City ambulance has been unavailable 81 times and mutual aid was requested. 75 times, LFD has provided a paramedic for Twin City.
- **The Civil Service Exam is scheduled for February 11, 2023. The Agility Test is set for November 1, 2022. The agility test will be held indoors in Cheektowaga, and will be for '90' scores on the current list. Potentially, 23 individuals will be eligible, providing plenty of candidates from which to hire 5 firefighters next year.**
- **Niagara County Residency on Exam Announcement:**
- **Comm. Morello made a motion, seconded by Comm. Bates, to recommend to Civil Service the inclusion of language to the exam announcement saying that Niagara County residency is a condition for coming off probation. Ayes 5.**

IV. Executive Session

- **Motion at 5:16pm by Comm. Bates to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Comm. Michel. Ayes 5**

V. End of Executive Session

- **Motion at 5:36pm by Comm. Marren to exit executive session, seconded by Comm. Bates. Ayes 5**
- **Motion by Comm. Morello, seconded by Comm. Bates to appoint probationary Firefighters Nathan Daigler, John Roessler, Tyler Harrington, Justin Desabrais, and Jonathan Fredrickson to permanent status effective September 13, 2022. Ayes 5**

-Comm. Morello commended Chief Quagliano for a well-organized and well-attended ceremony at LFD headquarters, remembering those who perished on September 11, 2001.

VI. At 5:37pm Comm. Bates 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, October 11th, 2022 at 4:30pm.

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

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