

City of Lockport Fire Department

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Fire Chief's Agenda

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

4:30 PM – M-24

Present: Commissioners Bates, Beakman, Marren, Michel, Morrelo

Also Present: Chief Quagliano, Mayor Roman, DCC McGrath

Pledge Led by

Motion for minutes – Beakman, Seconded by Michel. All in Favor.

1. Condolences to Commissioner Morello & Family

2. Fire Responses:

- a. **312 S. Transit** – “Yes Sir, Yes Ma’am” – electrical fire.
- b. **96 Locust** – they have determined that they are not going to salvage, not contest the demolition.
 - Ruled incendiary in nature
- c. **284 Prospect** – in proper disposal of smoking materials. Some smoke inhalation. Fire damage was contained to the living room, but the smoke damage throughout.
- d. **120 S. New York** – electrical current backfeed through cable line – all damage contained to single wall cavity.
- e. **30 Webb** – uncertain of ignition – started near rear porch roof.
- f. **626 East Ave** – suspected fireplace/chimney fire – no working smoke detectors – everyone is ok.

Commissioner Morello stated that he would like to commend both the Fire Chief and MTO for the skills and training provided to the LFD, as they have been unharmed and providing great service.

3. **LFD Received Red Cross Real Heroes Award – 11/02/2023** – as a result of the Caves rescue incident back in June.
4. **Niagara Gazette & Union Sun & Journal booklet** – did nice interviews/pictures with the Fire & Police Chief
5. **Karen Gavin to receive to VFW “Citizen Servant” Award** – delivery of the baby in the back of the ambulance earlier in the year.
6. **New Ambulance in service – 10/24/2023** – brand new unit, purchased from Gorman Enterprises in Elma NY, D & T Graphics installed the decaling, the unit (M62) already has 2400 miles on it.
7. **Ambulance Service Update** –
 - a. 1944 Transports
 - b. 2793 EMS Incidents
 - c. 4m 28s – average response time
 - d. 27,444.5 loaded patient miles
 - e. Since the new hospital opened, 55% of patients have been transported there, up from 20% previously
 - f. Mutual aid: given - 122 (Fire and EMS), received – 255 times (Fire and EMS)
 - g. County – will be going online with ambulance service – 2 ambulances beginning in early to mid-December.
8. **Stephanie Senn Hired – 11/13/2023** – 2 weeks with the training officer, and then she will be “filling in” until going to fire academy.
9. **Victor Aikin and Rafel Talaman- Cruz** – did great and have graduated the academy. They will be assigned to their platoons next week. Aikin set the class record for fastest CPAT time.
10. **Firefighters entrance exam** – January 13, 2024. Deadline is December 11th.

LFD Agility test for the current list will be given December 8th.

11. **Commissioner Beakman** – concerns brought to the table that he is worried about changes that may come as a result of the newly elected administration. Deeply concerned about Alderman Fogles behavior. Paul read a letter that he shared with Corp Counsel in October.
 - a. **Comments:** during a call, there was discussion related to a mental health response by LPD/LFD, Paul expressed that there was a lack of concern related to the life of someone with mental

illness by Kitty Fogle. Alderman Fogle was serving on the LFD Fire Board at the time that the comments were made.

b. **See attachment.**

Executive Session:

5:37 PM. Commissioner Michel to go in to Executive Session – seconded by Commissioner Bates. Executive Session was called to discuss personnel matters. All in Favor. Called by 5:37 PM.

6:03 PM. Commissioner Beakman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Bates_. All in favor

Motion: Made by Commisioner Beakman to extend provisional hiring offer to Michael Cornett. Seconded by Commissioner Morello. All in favor.

Mayor Roman extended gratitude and thanks to the Board for all of their volunteering and support that they have provided to

6:05 PM. Commissioner Michel called for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Marren seconded.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2023 at 3:30 PM.