

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

Site: M-24

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 4:30pm

Present: Commissioners, Craig, Michel, Morello, Nemi

Also present, Chief Quagliano, DCC Serianni, City Clerk Lanzo, Margaret Lupo, Anita Mullane, Tim Loucks; Ben Joe

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

- I. Approval of Minutes –
 - Motion by Comm. Nemi seconded by Comm. Michel to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2024. Ayes 5.
 - Comm. Morello handed out a letter that he wrote to the Mayor.
 - Concerns regarding developments pertaining to the LFD – Emergency Services
 - Meeting was held recently that was not communicated to the public meetings, specifically one pertaining to the provision of ambulance services and associated costs
 - Discussion regarding the letter and meeting took place
 - Nemi – review of last provided MedEx Numbers, asked by common council president to attend
 - Attended a meeting, for information
 - President Comm. Morello clarified, that if there are questions, they should be brought to a Lockport Fire Board Meeting

Chiefs' Agenda:

- a. 2nd Alarm Incidents; VanDeMark Chemical
 - Last Monday, on scene for about an hour and a half – over heat of a line
 - Still not sure if it was a pump problem – they were able to shut things down
 - Assistant Chief Fredrickson - 4th Platoon did a great job
- b. Response report for previous month
 - 50% transport to Lockport Hospital
 - 2023 – billed 2.85M
 - 1.68M is collectable
 - 707K has been recovered (to date)

- 2023 – start up, Medicare/Medicaid billing challenges, hospital shut-down, and additional variables which will not occur in 2024,
- 2024 – already collected \$32K
- Repair on the 2008 – needed, and the ambulance has been off the road since February 2nd.
 - Rebuild will get this ambulance back on the road.
 - We have been fortunate none of the other 3 have required repair/maintenance while we don't have a reserve rig running.

c. Certificate of Need Application

- Vote on pursuing the “Certificate of Need Long Application”
 - MUNICON – are awarded for a 2 year period (within 2 years, you have to pursue the long version – will require a Public Hearing, with a PH Officer.
 - Motion: Comm. Morrello Support Chief in pursuing the application of the Certificate of Need. Seconded by Comm. Michel. All in favor. 4 Ayes.

d. AFG Grant submitted

- Asked for a 1 Million Dollars
 - Reach out to anyone you know who can support this grant for the City of Lockport Fire Dept.
- SAFER – would like to submit for 8, want to see if we are in consideration
 - Covers salaries and benefits cost for 3 years

e. Ambulance repair resolution

- Craig – curious about where the money would be coming from
- Chief – there was not a question about where to obtain the money from at the finance comm meetings I attended
- Craig – concern about taking money out of a budget that we don't know where it will come from, I am only one vote – and I am fine with it coming from Contingency
 - Are there places that the money could come from within the Fire Department
- Chief – I don't have a contingency line built into my budget, and there is nowhere to pull the money from; that is not how my budget is built, and that is why I came to the council in the first place.

II. Executive Session @ 4:06 PM

- Motion at 4:06 PM by Comm. Nemi to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and discipline seconded by Comm. Michel. Ayes 4.

III. End of Executive Session @ 4:20 PM

- Motion at 4:20 PM by Comm. Michel to exit executive session, seconded by Comm. Morello. Ayes 4.

IV. At 4:26 PM. Comm. Craig moved that the Board be adjourned, seconded by Comm. Michel. Ayes 4.

The next regular meeting of the Fire Board will be held on Tuesday April 2, 2024, 2024 @ 3:30 PM

Respectfully,
Sarah K. Lanzo
City Clerk

CC: Police Board, Chief Quagliano, Mayor Lombardi, Common Council and Corporation Counsel