

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

Site: M-24

Tuesday, April 2, 2024– 3:30pm

Present: Commissioners Craig, Morello, Nemi.

Also present, Chief Quagliano, Mayor Lombardi, DCC Serianni, reporter Ben Joe, City Clerk Lanzo

Comm. Morello called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

Comm. Morello led the Board in the Pledge.

Approval of Minutes –

- Motion by Comm. Craig seconded by Comm. Morello to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March. Ayes 2. Nay 1- Nemi.

President Morello presented the Board of Fire Commissioners the information from the Charter directly related to the roles of the Fire Board. Charter C-126 through C-131

- Question was asked about the fact that C-132 was not included, it was mentioned that it was antiquated and hasn't been updated since 1911.

Commissioner Morello, inquired about whether or not everyone has done their oath of offices, and requests that everyone ensure that they do so ASAP.

Commissioner Morello stated that there has been a great deal of work done to remove the political aspect of the meeting. He expressed concern that there was a challenge in the current body. He passionately spoke to the fact that he is concerned about the information that has seen on social media.

- Commissioner Nemi - questioned the motive and intent of the letter that was presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners at the last meeting. There was a statement about the expense that was brought to the meeting regarding the c-131ost of the repair during the meeting. Statement was made that the information was forced on them and the March meeting was planned as a "circus".

Chief's Agenda:

1. **2nd Alarm Incidents** – none since last meeting

2. Response report for March

- Currently taking about 50% of the transports to the Lockport Hospital

3. Recruit Graduation: Friday, May 24 – 7 recruits in class

- Starts at 10 am – Watkins Glen.
- If there is interest from the board to attend, you can express interest and Chief would do what he could to make that happen
- All seven are doing great, and they have been getting great scores
- Duty assignment happens immediately after graduation

4. Ladder Truck out of service time extended

- Set back to the repairs on our ladder truck
- Wrong type of hydraulic fluid was added to the system and corroded the seals of several cylinders on the truck, system needs to be flushed and there needs to be a repair to happen, looks like cost will be at least \$60K – will not be able to get back until late May or early June.
- Talking to Niagara Falls, to see if there is an option to borrow.
- Mayor expressed the desire to have all equipment sent to an outside contractor who specializes on Fire Equipment
 - Looking at preventative maintenance annually
 - Want to move or encompass a budget line for repairs within the Fire Department (allow for the specific costs and tracking to be able to be done within the department)
 - At the end of 2025 – all but one fire apparatus will be from one manufacturer
 - Desire to have “Emergency Specified Mechanics” – those who are specified in pumps, hydraulic components etc
- Motion: Made by Commissioner Morello. Recommendation to the Finance Committee – to seek private contacted services for the

Fire Apparatus, and Ambulance. Seconded by Commissioner Nemi. All in favor.

5. Executive Session

Executive Session

- Motion at 4:15 pm by Comm. Craig to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Comm. Morello. Ayes 3. All in favor.

End of Executive Session

- Motion at 4:27 pm by Comm. Craig to exit executive session, seconded by Comm. Nemi. Ayes 3. All in favor.

At 4:28 pm Comm. Craig moved that the Board be adjourned, seconded by Comm. Nemi. Ayes 3. All in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Fire Board will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 4:30 PM

Respectfully,
Sarah K. Lanzo
City Clerk

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