

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
FIRE COMMISSIONERS, PURCHASE FIRE DISTRICT, PURCHASE, NY, Held  
on Thursday February 18, 2021**

Chairman Joseph Brefere called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:30 PM.

Attending were: Chairman Brefere, Commissioners M. Lobel, R. Makowski, A. Mignone and G. Scott Sala, Treasurer L. Saenger, Counsel W. Badura and Chief J. Varmon.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously, the minutes of the January meeting were accepted.

There were no communications.

The Board discussed COVID vaccinations and reopening for drills and meetings. Commissioner Makowski reported that approximately 23 firefighters have received at least the first injection of the vaccine, with most due for the second injection the week of February 22. He reported that of the 23, most are over the age of 60. Very few younger firefighters have indicated a desire to be vaccinated. Chief Varmon was reminded that should a member test positive, unvaccinated firefighter who came in contact with the infected individual would be required to isolate per DOH guidelines and that a live-in member would need to find alternative housing. On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, fire company meetings and drills can resume March 1, 2021. Social activities are still banned.

Secretary Makowski suggested the Board investigate additional cyber insurance as recommended by our insurance agent at an annual cost of approximately \$5,000. On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Makowski and carried unanimously, the District will complete an application questionnaire.

Secretary Makowski reported that the broker we will be using for the sale of TL-53 recommends that we address certain repair items that could greatly increase the amount of money we will receive for the vehicle on the used ladder market. On a motion by Commissioner Sala, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, repairs of approximately \$10,000 were approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Sala and carried unanimously, all firefighters shall receive a physical by the District Physician no later than June 1, 2020. Any firefighter who fails to received their physical by June 1, 2020 will be considered suspended and restricted from all fire department activities.

On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously, the Annual Update Document for the year 2020 was accepted and the 2020 surplus in the amount of \$79,466 was to be transferred to the New Equipment Capital Reserve account.

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On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Makowski and carried unanimously, the LOSAP point report for 2020 was accepted noting that as per the resolution by the Board adopted at its meeting December 17, 2020, 21 points instead of 50 would be the threshold for credit. Chief Varmon will post the report for thirty days as per statute.

On a motion by Commissioner Sala seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously, the outstanding claims were ordered paid.

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Robert Makowski,  
District Secretary

**MEETING NOTICE**

**The March 2021 regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on Thursday March 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM.**