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CITY OF LANSING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
120 E. SHIAWASSEE ST., LANSING MI 48933
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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 | 5:30 pm |

LFD Station #1 Community Room | 120 E. Shiawassee St. | Lansing MI

1. Call to Order – Establish Quorum
 - 1.1.1. Present: 1st Ward Barbara Lawrence-Vice-Chair, 2nd Ward Vacant, 3rd Ward Kathleen Tobe, 4th Ward Gina Nelson, At-Large Steve Purchase –Chair, At-Large Charles Willis
 - 1.1.2. Absent: At-Large Rodney Singleton
2. Additions to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - 3.1. November 2021 - Approved by unanimous vote.
4. Public Comment – Agenda Items (Time Limit: 3 Minutes) : None
5. Review Communications
 - 5.1. Commissioner and Chairperson Lucianna Solis has accepted a position with the City of Lansing Mayors office and has resigned from her board appointment. The board thanked Lucianna Solis for her dedicated service to the Fire Board and the citizens of Lansing. The board offered their congratulations to Ms. Solis and wished her well on her new position. Vice-Chair Steve Purchase is now the Chairperson for the remainder of the term.
6. Comments from Chair Steven Purchase
 - 6.1. Commission Chair Purchase led with a moment of silence for the victims and families of the recent school shooting at Oxford High School, north of Detroit in Oakland County Michigan.
7. Fire Administration Report – Greg Martin, Fire Chief
 - 7.1. Kevin Drummond Consultant to review department policies and station upgrade needs.
 - 7.2. Staffing update- Assistant Chief Mike Tobin
 - 7.2.1. Five new recruits started today and one resigned due to a personal matter.
 - 7.2.2. One other resignation received this week (new firefighter)
 - 7.2.3. 10-11 vacancies overall
 - 7.2.4. New Firefighter posting will come out next week.
 - 7.2.5. Question: Commissioner Charles Willis – anyone staying past 25 years, any incentives to stay? Tobin – not often and currently no incentives to stay
 - 7.3. Recruitment update – Lansing School District Fire Academy: LFD's new Community Resource Officer Rahshemeer Neal is doing an outstanding job with the program.

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- 7.4. Active shooter drills in conjunction with LPD
- 7.4.1. Large scale training with LPD over a 3 week period 2 years ago
 - 7.4.2. AVI gear is installed on all rigs.
- 7.5. Hospital capacity as it relates to hospitals being overwhelmed with Covid patients
- 7.5.1. Giving and receiving considerably more mutual aid due to uptick in calls and paramedic shortage. Also, hospitals are frequently at status Yellow.
 - 7.5.2. Seeing a trend of patients requesting transport to other hospitals
 - 7.5.3. Hospitals are beginning to divert to out of area hospitals and we expect these occurrences to increase.
 - 7.5.3.1. Commissioner Kathy Tobe brought up the issue of hospitals going to yellow status and citizens are confused on whether to call for ambulance or go to the hospital. A citizen is posting the diversion status on Facebook.
 - 7.5.3.2. Tobin commented that diversion has been an ongoing issue for many years when hospitals get busier.....just being brought to light since Covid. Currently all patients who call for an ambulance are still getting an ambulance.
8. Old Business: none
9. New Business
- 9.1. Vice Chair Election: Chair Purchase opened the floor for Vice-Chair nominations. A motion was made by Kathy Tobe and supported by Gina Nelson to nominate Barbara Lawrence. No other nominations. Nominations closed. Commissioner Barbara Lawrence elected to Vice-Chair by unanimous vote.
10. Request for Commissioners to be Excused
- 10.1. A motion was made by Commissioner Lawrence and supported by Commissioner Nelson to excuse Commissioner Singleton from the December meeting. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
11. Commissioner Comments
- 11.1. The board currently has two vacancies: At-Large and 2nd Ward. Chair Purchase commented on the process to apply for a board position.
12. Public Comment – On any matter- speakers must state their name and address (Time Limit: 3 minutes): none
13. General Order: none
- Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes approved by unanimous vote on 1-12-2022.

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