



CITY OF LANSING

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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Andy Schor, Mayor

Brian Sturdivant, Fire Chief

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 | 5:30 PM |
STATION #8 | LANSING MI

1. Call to Order – 5:31 p.m. (quorum upon Gina Nelson’s arrival at 5:38)
 - 1.1. Present: Barbara Lawrence, Jarrod LaRue (arrived 5:43), Charles Willis, Kathleen Tobe, Gina Nelson (arrived 5:38)
 - 1.2. Absent: Steven Purchase, Krishna Singh
2. Additions to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: Approved April 10th minutes with grammatical changes
4. Public Comment – Agenda Items (Time Limit: 3 Minutes): None
5. Review Communications
 - 5.1. Letter from PETA thanking LFD for their work rescuing a local dog from a fire.
 - 5.2. Letter from community member and City employee Stephanie Robinson thanking the department for their response with a friend’s medical emergency.
6. Comments from Chair – Vice Chair Lawrence in for Chair Purchase
 - 6.1. Vice Chair Lawrence reminds the board that the June meeting will include the nominations and votes for Chair and Vice Chair.
7. Presentations - none
8. Fire Administration Report – Chief Sturdivant (this report was given at the beginning of the meeting as quorum was not yet established)
 - 8.1. June 13th is the formal graduation for new recruits. Invitation was provided to commissioners.
 - 8.2. Chief called for an internal audit that is expected to wrap up by mid- to late-May. He anticipates some policy violations but stresses that this is not a criminal investigation. This is an opportunity for the department to show that we will be responsible with the \$2-2.5 million increase in budget.
 - 8.3. Interviews have continued for the 17 open positions.
 - 8.4. Battalion Chief Ginsburg will be retiring May 25th.
 - 8.5. There are several grant applications that are pending.
 - 8.6. SWOC has been demoed and the land is being cleared.
 - 8.7. Chief shares information about the tower training involving a helicopter.

Fire Commissioners

1st Ward Barbara Lawrence – Vice-Chair
2nd Ward Jarrod LeRue
3rd Ward Kathleen Tobe
4th Ward Gina Nelson
At-Large Steve Purchase –Chair
At-Large Rodney Singleton
At-Large Charles Willis
At-Large Krishna Singh

- Discussion on how to inform the community about what is happening without alarming or drawing a crowd.

9. Old Business - none

10. New Business - none

11. Request for Commissioners to be excused.

11.1. Chair Purchase and Commissioner Singh are both excused unanimously

12. Commissioner Comments

12.1. Commissioner Willis recommends attendance to the Memorial Day Event on May 25th

12.2. Commissioner LaRue asks about the potential need to brown out a truck due to staffing over the summer. Chief Sturdivant thinks this is unlikely to happen, especially with the addition of the newly graduated firefighters.

13. Public Comment - None

14. General Order - None

15. Adjournment 6:20pm

Minutes submitted Tuesday, May 21, 2024 by Jules Overfelt

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