



CITY OF LANSING

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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Andy Schor, Mayor

Brian Sturdivant, Fire Chief

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 | 5:30 PM |
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER | LANSING MI

1. Call to Order – 5:32 p.m.
 - 1.1. Present: Barbara Lawrence, Jarrod LaRue, Charles Willis, Steven Purchase, Krishna Singh, Rodney Singleton
 - 1.2. Absent: Kathy Tobe
2. Additions to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: July 10th minutes with grammatical changes
4. Public Comment – Agenda Items (Time Limit: 3 Minutes): None
5. Review Communications
 - 5.1. Letter from Lief Findsen
6. Comments from Chair
 - 6.1. Chair Purchase states that he is looking forward to seeing the next fiscal year budget. He will also be requesting the needed data for the annual report.
 - 6.2. Chair discusses committee positions that were decided at last meeting and upcoming duties.
 - 6.3. Recognizes Chief and the Department for the 9/11 event.
7. Presentations - none
8. Fire Administration Report – Chief Sturdivant
 - 8.1. On the 4th, The Ways and Means approved \$600k in state grant money for new turn out gear. The equipment committee is researching new turnout gear. It may be a bit more expensive as it is cutting edge technology, but cancer rates are high, and this is worth it. This new gear includes PFAS free moisture barriers and increased heat threshold of those wearing it.
 - 8.2. We have been awarded about \$4.3 million from a FEMA SAFER grant. \$1.2 mil a year for 14-36 months for firefighter positions, or about 15 over three years. Chief is confident that we will be able to retain these employees through attrition.
 - 8.3. There is discussion on the risks of not having appropriate staffing and the liabilities.
 - 8.4. The Cadet Program will start on October 4th with 8 participants.

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

- 8.5. Chief will have a tour of the S Washington construction zone for Station 9 and Safety Campus with the River Caddis team to walk the footprint of the building(s). Current estimate are coming in under original estimates.
- 8.6. LFD is working on a codified physical fitness program and have plans to bring in a nutritionist as well as a specialist for Tabacco cessation.
9. Old Business – none
10. New Business
 - 10.1. Lexipol policies 326-327
 - 10.2. Approved unanimously as written
11. Request for Commissioners to be excused.
 - 11.1. Kathy Tobe, excused unanimously
12. Commissioner Comments
 - 12.1. Vice Chair Lawrence appreciated the opportunity distribute doorhangers.
 - 12.2. Discussion on the fire at the airport.
 - 12.3. Commissioner Willis: his neighborhood did not receive the Station 2 notices despite being in the area covered by that station.
 - 12.4. Commissioner LaRue: presents concerns on dispatch and EMS runs.
 - 12.5. Commissioner Nelson requests to be excused for next meeting.
13. Public Comment
 - 13.1. Brandon Waddell introduced himself as the new OCA representative that will be working with the Fire Board.
14. General Order – None
15. Adjournment – 6:51

Minutes submitted Friday, October 4th, 2024 by Jules Overfelt

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