§ 189-i. Fire protection. The board of fire commissioners shall provide fire protection throughout the entire district and for that purpose may accept the services of any volunteer fire department or company organized and operating within the village, or if the commissioners are unable to provide such fire protection by volunteer services, it may employ and fix the compensation of such firefighters as may be necessary to provide such protection. Moneys, if any, paid to firefighters shall be deemed a part of the cost of maintenance and operation of the district.