



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES May 3, 2021

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Chairman
Comm. Bruce Griffing, II
Comm. Peter Valdez – Vice Chairman – (left at 7:50 p.m.)
Comm. Peter Longi
Comm. Richard Dore

Chief: William Steenbergh
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp
Director of EMS: David Violante
District Secretary: Renee O'Neill
Treasurer: James Passikoff – (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Chairman Chiumento opened the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting at 5:32 p.m., took a roll call of the attendees and everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. For the purpose of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

A motion was made by Comm. Dore to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Griffing.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 5:34 p.m.

Treasurer Passikoff arrived at 7:15 p.m. as recommended by Chief Steenbergh and Comm. Valdez left five minutes prior to the Board returning to Open Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

As a result of Executive Session, a motion was made by Comm. Longi to promote Gary Lewis to the permanent provisional position of Battalion Chief with a date to be determined by the Chief. Seconded by Comm. Dore.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

Chairman Chiumento reported that Rochdale is requesting to equate their lease like Croft's and requested the Chief to have an addendum for review for the next meeting.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** - *No action(s) taken by the Board, unless otherwise noted*

III. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD** - *No action(s) taken by the Board, unless otherwise noted*

IV. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to approve Abstract 21–5A. This consists of \$5,925.00 in paid bills with a total of 1 check and \$90,324.77 in unpaid bills with a total of 33 checks for a grand total of \$96,249.77, totaling 34 checks. Seconded by Comm. Dore.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. **April 19, 2021 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting**

A motion was made by Comm. Griffing to approve the minutes from the April 19th meeting. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Dore abstained)

VI. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS** - *No reports given unless otherwise noted.*

A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Dore

1. Received Engine Co. #1, Red Oaks Mill Fire Company & Rochdale Fire Company's 2020 LOSAP Posting Certification.

B. District Inspections – Comm. Longi & Comm. Griffing

C. District Officers / Chief Liaison – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Griffing

E. Public Relations – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

F. Equipment Maintenance – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Griffing

G. Buildings and Grounds – Comm. Longi & Comm. Dore

H. Capital Equipment – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

I. Union Negotiations & Contract – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Griffing

J. Career Staff Liaison – Comm. Dore & Comm. Chiumento

- K. Volunteer Recruitment – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Griffing
- L. District Safety & Health – Comm. Griffing & Comm. Dore
- M. Strategic Plan – Comm. Longi & Comm. Valdez
- N. Finance Committee – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Griffing
- O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Griffing & Comm. Longi
- P. Croft Lease – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Longi
- Q. Rochdale Lease – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Longi

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE** – *None unless otherwise noted*

- A. Received April 22, 2021, the 2019 Independent Financial Audit from PKF O'Connor Davies.
- B. Received “*Fire District Affairs: April / May 2021*”.

VIII. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted*

IX. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*

X. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS** – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

XI. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief – William Steenbergh
 - 1. 32-13: Complimented Master Mechanic Burke and the Shop for their hard work for getting 32-13 back in service by recreating the dash to make it functional. The speedometer is the only part that wasn't working; installed a GPS speedometer. Original parts will need to be installed but will take months to get; shortage on replacement parts such as brake pads and fluids which will need to be discussed at future meetings.
- B. Assistant Chief – Eric Philipp
 - 1. Commended the crews that responded to the recent car fire. Upon arrival, the car was fully involved next to the residence. Structure was saved due to the quick response.
- C. Director of EMS David Violante
 - 1. Continuously monitoring COVID with the news.
 - 2. In a few weeks will be “EMS Week” and will put out information. Thanked everyone for their continued work.
- D. Treasurer James Passikoff – No report.

XII. SCHOOL REQUESTS

The following member(s) have been approved by Chief Steenbergh to attend the following school request(s) in advance of the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting and are located inside or outside of Dutchess County; is either contractually required or required to maintain certification; and have a registration cost of no more than \$100. For Commissioners notification purposes only:

No school requests were submitted for notification purposes.

The following school requests require consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

- A. William Steenbergh: “Association of Fire District Financial Training Seminar”, May 6, 2021 in Verona, NY. (\$135 registration, \$150 travel, requesting use of District vehicle)

A motion was made by Comm. Dore to approve. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Dore to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O’Neill
District Secretary



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET

NOTE: This sheet will be attached to the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting minutes as part of the official record. If you agree to have your name as part of the official record and published on our website, please legibly print your name below. Thank you.

DATE OF MEETING: 5-3-21
