



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES July 12, 2021

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Chairman
Comm. Bruce Griffing, II
Comm. Peter Valdez – Vice Chairman – (absent)
Comm. Peter Longi
Comm. Richard Dore – (absent)

Chief: William Steenbergh
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp – (absent)
Director of EMS: David Violante
District Secretary: Renee O'Neill
Treasurer: James Passikoff – (absent)

Chairman Chiumento opened the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting at 7:00 p.m., took a roll call of the attendees and everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

III. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to approve Abstract 21-7A. This consists of \$147,247.16 in unpaid bills with a total of 48 checks and \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and for a grand total of \$147,247.16, totaling 48 checks. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. June 21, 2021 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to approve the June 21, 2021 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Griffing.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

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

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

1. Received an email dated June 30, 2021 from Glens Falls National Bank regarding “Investment Update Special Edition: Understanding Inflation”.

2. Received from Glens Falls National Bank the June 30, 2021 report for the LOSAP account.

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

1. Comm. Chiumento reported that they are working on getting a finance committee meeting together this month or beginning of next month.

O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Griffing & Comm. Longi

P. Croft Lease – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Longi

Q. Rochdale Lease – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Longi

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

A. Received “Fire District Affairs: June & July 2021”.

B. Letter from Red Oaks Mill Fire Company regarding their 75th Anniversary.

Chairman Chiumento read the letter which is attached to these minutes. He congratulated them on their 75th anniversary.

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

- A. E-mail from Jessica Greeney of the Girl Scouts requesting use of the Red Oaks Mill Fire Company meeting room on the following dates from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 12/10.

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to approve use of the Red Oaks Mill meeting room for the Girl Scouts at the mentioned dates. Seconded by Comm. Griffing.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

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

IX. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS** - *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

X. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief William Steenbergh
1. Congratulated Red Oaks Mill Fire Company on their 75th anniversary.
 2. Congratulated recruit Firefighters Roser and Villa-Ortiz on their recent graduation from the Fire Academy. They are now assigned to the Training Bureau to do in house training.
 3. Expressed condolences from the Department and membership to the City of Poughkeepsie Fire Department regarding the passing of Retired Chief Davison.
- B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – (absent)
- C. Director of EMS David Violante
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- D. Treasurer James Passikoff – (absent)
1. Chairman Chiumento reported that we did not receive the financial report.

XI. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

No school requests were submitted for notification purposes or for Board consideration.

XII. ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Chief Steenbergh – two (2) items 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.

With no further open business to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Griffing to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:14 p.m.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

There were no open items for discussion and/or approval as a result of Executive Session.

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

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

No time was given when the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill
District Secretary



Red Oaks Mill Fire Company
Arlington Fire District
231 Vassar Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

May 23, 2021

Chief William Steenbergh and
Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners
11 Burnett Boulevard
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Dear Chief Steenbergh and Commissioners,

According to the definitive history of the Red Oaks Mill Fire Company, written by the late Ray Radzivila in 1992, the initial planning to form a fire company with the goal to "improving fire protection and providing social activity facilities" began in the mid-1940s. "Committees were formed, officers elected, and a constitution drafted. Finally, the list of officers and members was submitted to the Arlington Board of Fire Commissioners and was approved and accepted by them on July 8, 1946; from this date forward, we were in business."

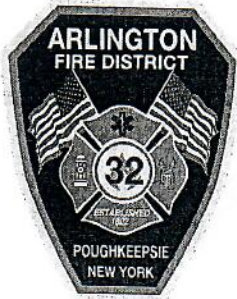
On July 8, 2021, the members of the Red Oaks Mill Fire Company will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary. Throughout these years, the volunteers of this company answered countless emergency calls and hosted various community events for the residents of Red Oaks Mill and the southern portion of the Arlington Fire District.

To commemorate this anniversary, the executive board and current members of the Red Oaks Mill Fire Company request that this letter be read during the first Board of Fire Commissioners meeting in July 2021 and entered into the minutes of that meeting.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Muckenhaupt
President
Red Oak Mill Fire Company

cc: Red Oaks Mill Fire Company Executive Board
Members of the Red Oaks Mill Fire Company
Renee O'Neill



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: 7-12-2021

PHILIP VAN LINDSE	