



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES October 4, 2021

ATTENDEES:

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

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

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 21-10A. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$33,492.18 in unpaid bills with a total of 24 checks for a grand total of \$33,492.18, totaling 24 checks. Seconded by Comm. Dore.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. September 27, 2021 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

A motion was made by Comm. Valdez to approve the September 27, 2021 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

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

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

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

1. Received October 2, 2021 from Glens Falls National Bank – “Investment Update”.

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

1. Applications ready for Board consideration:

A. Christopher Knight, Co. 5, Firefighter (out of District, OK per Chief)

B. Giovanni Brooks, Co. 5, Firefighter (out of District, OK per Chief)

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

L. District Safety & Health – Comm. Griffing & Comm. Dore

M. Strategic Plan – Comm. Longi & Comm. Valdez

N. Finance Committee – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Griffing

- A. Comm. Chiumento reported that the retirement numbers came in and our estimate was about \$5,000 more but will keep it there considering that line item in the budget.

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*

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

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

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

A. **Department Election: (not open to the public)**

1. Board to set location for Department Election to be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021.
2. If contested, voting between hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at location designated by the BOFC. Annual Meeting at 8:30 p.m. to announce results of the Department Election.
3. As per “Uncontested Elections” in Rules and Regulations #10, in the event that there are no contested elections, the Annual Meeting shall take place at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Comm. Dore to hold the Department Election at Red Oaks Mill on December 9, 2021. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

B. Public information: Agenda for the 2022 Proposed Budget Public Hearing on October 20, 2021 at Red Oaks Mill Firehouse is as follows:

- A. The Chairman opens the Public Hearing
- B. Comments from the Chairman about the 2022 proposed budget
- C. The Treasurer presents a brief summary of the 2022 proposed budget
- D. Public Comment Period (up to five (5) minutes per person allowed)
- E. No yielding of time to others
- F. Conclusion of Public Comment Period
- G. Comments from the Board of Fire Commissioners and/or Treasurer
- H. Public Hearing closed

Comm. Dore requested a letter be sent to Adam Packer for his years of service to the District and to wish him well in his future endeavors.

X. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief William Steenbergh

1. We were requested by the Sheriff’s office to participate in Sheriff Anderson’s funeral and will be doing so on Wednesday. Will be working with the City of Poughkeepsie to fly the American flag on Market Street for the procession to go through.

2. Continue to work with the TV crew that requested to film outside of Red Oaks Mill Fire Company and should take place at the end of the month.
 3. Working with the developer regarding the recognition ceremony at the old firehouse on Main Street. Retiree Joe Tarquinio, Sr. will be assisting with the plaque information.
 4. Preliminary application submitted with FEMA for Hurricane Ida.
- B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.
- C. Director of EMS David Violante – (absent)
- D. Treasurer James Passikoff – No report.

XI. 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:

- A. Anthony Crandall: “PALS”, October 1, 2021 at Red Oaks Mill. (No cost)

The following school requests require consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:
No school requests were submitted 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.

Chief Steenbergh reported that he will defer his Executive Session items.

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 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: 10-4-21

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