



# **Arlington Fire District**

11 Burnet Boulevard  
Poughkeepsie, New York  
12603

## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2001**

ATTENDEES:       Comm. Paul Lahey  
                          Comm. Ralph Chiumento  
                          Comm. Gerard Philipp  
                          Comm. Karen Pells  
                          Comm. Elizabeth Bomba

                          Attorney:       Gerard Comatos  
                          Treasurer:     James Passikoff  
                          Secretary:     Renee Gaddis

Comm. Lahey opened the 2001 Reorganizational Meeting of the Arlington Board of Fire Commissioners at 6:33 p.m.

- I.       A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Philipp to designate Treasurer Passikoff to act as temporary chairman.

-       Motion Carried.

### **II.       BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ELECTION RESULTS**

- A.       Commissioner Elizabeth Bomba was elected to serve a 5 year term by total voting count of 177.

Results of Election held December 12, 2000

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	<u>R.O.M.</u>	<u>H.Q.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Elizabeth Bomba -	55	122	177
Thomas O’Gorman -	2	6	8
Carl Davidson -	103	9	112
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Comm. Bomba already filed her Oath of Office with the Town of Poughkeepsie, Town Hall

prior to this meeting.

III. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

- A. A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp to nominate Paul Lahey as Chairman of the Board for 2001. A poll of the Board was conducted by the District Secretary with the following results -

Comm. Bomba - "Aye"  
Comm. Pells - "Aye"  
Comm. Lahey - "Abstained"  
Comm. Chiumento - "Aye"  
Comm. Philipp - "Aye"

- Motion Carried.

IV. **APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIRMAN FOR 2001**

- A. Chairman Lahey appointed the following Commissioners to act as Chairman, in case of his absence, for the year 2001.

January through March	-	Commissioner Philipp
April through June	-	Commissioner Chiumento
July through September	-	Commissioner Pells
October through December	-	Commissioner Bomba

- V. A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to direct the Secretary to attach the affidavit of publication of the organizational meeting in the minutes.

- Motion Carried.

ATTACHMENT: COPY OF LEGAL NOTIFICATION SENT TO MEDIA RE: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

VI. **APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT SECRETARY**

- A. A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to appoint, by resolution, Renee Gaddis as District Secretary with a salary fixed pursuant to the Budget approved for 2001.

- Motion Carried.

VII. **APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**

- A. A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to appoint, by resolution, James Passikoff as District Treasurer with a salary fixed pursuant to the Budget approved for 2001.

- Motion Carried.

VIII. **OATH OF OFFICE**

- A. Attorney Comatos presented District Secretary Renee Gaddis and Treasurer James Passikoff with the Oath of Office.

**IX. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

- A. A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp to appoint, by resolution, Attorney Gerard Comatos of VanDewater & VanDeWater for general business of the District with a retainer fee of \$10, 800.

- Motion Carried.

- B. A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to appoint, by resolution, the firm of Donoghue, Thomas, Auslander & Drohan for labor matters of the District with fees to be determined.

- Motion Carried.

- X. A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp authorizing the Treasurer, to submit to the Board a copy of the Annual Report as submitted to the Department of Audit and Control, with a deadline of February 28, 2001.

- Motion Carried.

**XI. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT NEWSPAPER**

- A. A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to appoint, by resolution, the Poughkeepsie Journal as the official District newspaper.

- Motion Carried.

**XII. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT BANKS**

- A. A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to designate, by resolution, HSBC, M & T Bank, Fleet Bank, Key Bank and Bank of New York as those into which the Treasurer shall deposit any District monies.

- Motion Carried.

- B. A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells, authorizing Treasurer Passikoff, Comm. Pells and Comm. Bomba to sign District checks up to \$5,000. Any check in the amount over \$5,000 must be signed by any two of the aforementioned.

- Motion Carried.

**XIII. DESIGNATION OF MEETING DAYS**

- A. A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Lahey to designate the second Tuesday of every month as the Regular Monthly Meeting night and the fourth Wednesday of every month as the Workshop Meeting night. All meetings will be held at Arlington Headquarters, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

#### **XIV. MEMBERSHIPS**

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that the Arlington Fire District continue its memberships in the New York State Association of Fire Districts, Dutchess County Association of Fire Districts, Westchester County Career Chiefs, National Volunteer Fire Council, Dutchess County Chiefs, International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Fire Instructors and Dutchess County EMS Council.

- Motion Carried.

#### **XV. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES FOR YEAR 2001**

<b>Service Awards</b>	Comm. Chiumento
<b>District Inspections</b>	Chiefs
<b>District Officers/Chief Liaison</b>	Comm. Chiumento
<b>Sub Station</b>	Comm. Philipp
<b>EMS &amp; Paramedic Liaison</b>	Chairman Lahey
<b>Public Relations</b>	Chairman Lahey
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	Comm. Philipp
<b>Capital Equipment</b>	Comm. Philipp
<b>Career Staff Liaison</b>	Comm. Pells
<b>Volunteer Recruitment</b>	Comm. Chiumento
<b>Volunteer Liaison</b>	Comm. Chiumento

#### **XVI. CHIEF OFFICERS' ELECTION**

- A. Chairman announced the following results of the Chief Officers' election held on December 7, 2000.

- 1. Chief Engineer: Tony Alongi - 42  
Bill Phillips - 32

2. Assistant Chief Engineers: Mike Fleming - Eng. Co. #1  
Robert Averill - Station 3  
John Juavinett - Station 4  
Scott Wilsey - Station 5

3. District President: Unfilled by unanimous consent

A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Philipp to accept the nominations for Tony Alongi - Chief, Robert Averill- Assistant Chief Engineer, Station 3, and Scott Wilsey, Assistant Chief Engineer, Station 5.

- Motion Carried.

XVII. **CHIEF ENGINEERS - OATH OF OFFICE**

- A. Attorney Comatos presented Chief Alongi, Assistant Chiefs Averill and Wilsey with the Oaths of Office.

XVIII. **RETAINMENTS**

A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Philipp to retain the Districts purchasing policy.

- Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp to retain the current Investment Policy that the District has been using this past year.

- Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to retain the Building Capital Reserve and the Equipment Capital Reserve Funds.

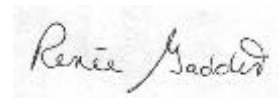
- Motion Carried.

XIX. **MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Lahey thanked everyone for their performance in 2000 and anticipated performance in 2001.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

- Motion Carried.



Respectfully submitted,

Renee Gaddis  
Fire District Secretary