

# Arlington Fire District



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## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 14, 2003

- ATTENDEES:
- Comm. Elizabeth Bomba
  - Comm. Paul Lahey
  - Comm. Ralph Chiumento
  - Comm. Karen Pells
  - Comm. Patrick Rose
  
  - Attorney: Gerard Comatos
  - Treasurer: James Passikoff (absent)
  - Secretary: Renee Gaddis

I. Attorney Comatos acted as temporary chairman, in the absence of Treasurer Passikoff.

Attorney Comatos opened the 2003 Reorganizational Meeting of the Arlington Board of Fire Commissioners at 7:14 p.m.

### II. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ELECTION RESULTS

A. Commissioner Patrick Rose was elected to serve a 5 year term by total voting count of 253.

Results of Election held December 10, 2002

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|                   | <u>R.O.M.</u> | <u>H.Q.</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Patrick Rose -    | 94            | 159         | 253          |
| Ken Muckenhaupt - | 27            | 9           | 36           |
| Pat Ross -        | 0             | 1           | 1            |
| R. Rose           | 1             | 0           | 1            |

Comm. Rose filed his Oath of Office with the Town of Poughkeepsie Town Clerk prior to this meeting.

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

A. A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Pells to nominate Elizabeth Bomba as Chairperson of the Board for 2003.

- Motion Carried.

IV. **APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON FOR 2003**

A. Chairperson Bomba appointed the following Commissioners to act as Chairperson, in case of her absence for the year 2003.

|                          |   |                        |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------|
| January through March    | - | Commissioner Pells     |
| April through June       | - | Commissioner Lahey     |
| July through September   | - | Commissioner Chiumento |
| October through December | - | Commissioner Rose      |

V. Comm. Bomba directed the Secretary to attach the affidavit of publication of the organizational meeting to the minutes.

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

VI. **APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT SECRETARY**

A. A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to appoint, by resolution, Renee O'Neill as District Secretary with a salary as per the budget.

- Motion Carried.

VII. **APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**

A. A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to appoint, by resolution, James Passikoff as District Treasurer with a salary as per the budget.

- Motion Carried.

VIII. **OATH OF OFFICE**

A. Attorney Comatos presented District Secretary Renee O'Neill with the Oath of Office.

IX. **APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

A. A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Lahey to appoint, by resolution, Attorney Gerard Comatos of VanDewater & VanDeWater for general

business of the District with a retainer fee as per the budget.

- Motion Carried.

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

- Motion Carried.

X. A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Chiumento 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, 2003.

- Motion Carried.

XI. **APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT NEWSPAPER**

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

- Motion Carried.

**XV. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES FOR YEAR 2003**

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>Service Awards</b>                    | Comm. Chiumento                |
| <b>District Inspections</b>              | Chiefs                         |
| <b>District Officers/Chief Liaison</b>   | Comm. Lahey                    |
| <b>Sub Station</b>                       | Comm. Rose and Comm. Chiumento |
| <b>EMS &amp; Paramedic Liaison</b>       | Comm. Bomba                    |
| <b>Public Relations</b>                  | Comm. Lahey and Comm. Rose     |
| <b>Equipment Maintenance</b>             | Comm. Rose                     |
| <b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>            | Comm. Rose                     |
| <b>Capital Equipment</b>                 | Comm. Chiumento                |
| <b>Union Negotiations &amp; Contract</b> | Comm. Bomba                    |
| <b>Career Staff Liaison</b>              | Comm. Pells                    |
| <b>Volunteer Recruitment</b>             | Comm. Pells                    |
| <b>Volunteer Liaison</b>                 | Comm. Chiumento                |

**XVI. CHIEF OFFICERS' ELECTION**

A. Comm. Bomba announced the following results of the Chief Officers' election held on

December 5, 2002.

1. Chief Engineer: Tony Alongi
2. Assistant Chief Engineers: Engine Co. #1 - Unfilled  
David Roberts, Sr. - Station 3  
William Philipps - Station 4  
John Richardson - Station 5

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Pells to accept the nominations for Tony Alongi - Chief, David Roberts, Sr.- Assistant Chief Engineer, Station 3, William Phillips - Assistant Chief Engineer, Station 4 and John Richardson, Assistant Chief Engineer, Station 5.

- Motion Carried.

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

- A. Attorney Comatos presented Chief Alongi, Assistant Chiefs Roberts, Phillips and Richardson with the Oaths of Office.

XVIII. **RETAINMENTS**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Lahey to retain the Districts purchasing policy, the current Investment Policy that the District has been using this past year, the Building Capital Reserve and the Equipment Capital Reserve Funds.

- Motion Carried.

XIX. **MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Bomba thanked the District Commissioners, Employees, the Chief, the Assistant Chiefs, and the volunteers for their performance in 2002.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee O'Neill  
Fire District Secretary