



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES April 4, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Chairman
Comm. Peter Valdez – Vice Chairman
Comm. Peter Longi
Comm. Richard Dore – (absent)
Comm. Phil Van Itallie

Chief: William Steenbergh
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp
Director of EMS: David Violante
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 22–4A. This consists of \$1,672.70 in paid bills with a total of 4 checks and \$46,357.57 in unpaid bills with a total of 31 checks for a grand total of \$48,030.27, totaling 35 checks. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. March 21, 2022 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

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

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

1. Email dated March 18, 2022 from GFNB regarding “Investment Update”.

2. Received April 4, 2022, Croft Corners Fire Company’s 2021 LOSAP certification and points report.

A motion was made by Comm. Valdez to approve the Service Award stats that Croft provided. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

B. District Inspections – Comm. Longi & Comm. Van Itallie

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

D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Van Itallie

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

F. Equipment Maintenance – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Van Itallie

G. Buildings and Grounds – Comm. Dore & Comm. Van Itallie

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

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

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

K. Volunteer Recruitment – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Longi

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

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

N. Finance Committee – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Van Itallie

O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Van Itallie & Comm. Longi

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

1. Comm. Valdez reported that the CCFC renovations are going well and appreciates everything Croft has been doing and thanked them.

Q. Rochdale Lease – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Van Itallie

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

A. Received March 21, 2022, the minutes of the January 25, 2022 Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County meeting.

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

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Sandra Mamis	\$100.00	Assistance Received

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to accept and put it in the General Fund. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

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

X. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief William Steenbergh

1. Already BOFC approved 02/28/22: “Swift Water/Flood Technician”, May 23 – 26, 2022 in Oriskany, NY. Names have been determined as listed below:

- A. Seth Goldstein
- B. Nick Burrow
- C. Joe Bedetti
- D. Cris Diaz
- E. Howard Whitney
- F. Chris Lewis
- G. Zach Hastie
- H. Steve Rancourt
- I. Eric Kelly
- J. Hunter Rogers

2. Working with the Treasurer and anticipates having the 1st quarter financial report (January, February & March) at the next meeting after the internal review.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. New COVID variant out there. We are in good shape at the moment.
2. Monthly pharmaceuticals update emails going out. Entered into an agreement with another wholesale pharmaceutical chain to see about getting some items from them. Will keep everyone updated.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman Chiumento acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer’s final December 31, 2021 Financial Report for the District.

2. Will update the financial reports to reflect the name change from Orange County Trust to Salisbury Bank.

XI. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

The Board of Fire Commissioners authorized the Chief to approve in advance, school requests that are located inside or outside of Dutchess County and is either contractually required or required to maintain a certification or does not exceed \$100.00.

There were no school requests submitted for Board notification purposes.

The following school request requires consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

- A. "Firefighter 1", May 21 – July 18, 2022 in Ulster County. (No cost)
 1. Owen Murray
 2. Christopher Knight

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

Brief discussion.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

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. Longi to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Chimento.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

XIV. **OPEN ITEMS**

As a result of Executive Session, a motion was made by Comm. Chimento to accept Miles Orlando as an active member of the District. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

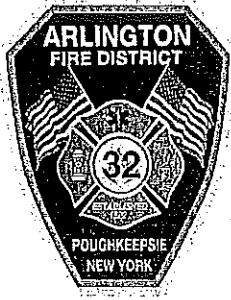
With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Longi to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

No time was given when the meeting was adjourned.

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: 4-4-22

JOHN RICHARDSON	