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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES April 18, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Chairman
Comm. Peter Valdez – Vice Chairman
Comm. Peter Longi
Comm. Richard Dore
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 7:03 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. Van Itallie to approve Abstract 22–4B. This consists of \$632,211.16 in paid bills with a total of 5 checks and \$46,601.17 in unpaid bills with a total of 28 checks for a grand total of \$678,812.33, totaling 33 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. April 4, 2022 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Dore abstained)

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

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

1. Received from GFNB:

A. Email dated April 1, 2022 regarding “Investment Update”.

B. Email dated April 8, 2022 regarding the March 31, 2022 quarterly Investment Report.

C. Received “Statement of Value & Activity” for March 2022.

Comm. Valdez spoke on the impacts to the portfolio and has a call into the portfolio manager to discuss. More information will be forthcoming.

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

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. Comm. Dore reported that he has one (1) item for Executive Session as it relates to the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property.

X. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief William Steenberg
1. Croft has been given a temporary certificate of occupancy for the second floor. Working on moving furniture in; IT work will need to be completed by OCIS; rest of the building still has some outstanding items to finish. The temporary CO does not trigger anything in the lease. When they receive their final CO, he will report to the BOFC once they settle up on the expenses to see if they need to do anything contractually.
 2. Was approached by the President of Croft regarding the bay doors and discussed a different type of timer and door opener on the bay doors (the same kind Rochdale has) to prevent future incidents of damage to the fire equipment or overhead. Cost is \$6,300 and they are requesting the District pay for half. Cost of it is as much as it would cost for one incident. Rochdale has not had any incidents since they installed them.

Discussion.

A motion was made by Comm. Valdez to agree to the proposal that the Chief outlined, that we pay for half of the installation of the system. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

Brief discussion.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

3. 1st quarter financial report – concerned with the utilities at Red Oaks Mill. Already used 47% of electric and 41% of gas. Business Office contacted Central Hudson and we are at the correct amount of usage as last year, it's just the cost that went up. Will contact the alternate supplier for energy that HQ uses to see if we can do the same with Red Oaks Mill to lower the costs.

Brief discussion.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. Received a letter from Assistant Chief John Cronk of Pleasant Valley Fire District thanking 32-14 for responding when they had

no ALS units available. FF Al Ferguson and FF Jimmy Moore did an outstanding job. Patient is alive and well. A copy of the letter will go into their files.

2. Demonstrated and discussed LUCAS, a non stop mechanical CPR compressor device. Has a 45 minute battery and comes with two (2) additional batteries. Looking to purchase four (4) devices for current operations, but six (6) would be better for standbys, mutual aid calls, special events, etc. Cost is \$17,000 per unit with the three (3) batteries. Can purchase an extended service contract anywhere from \$1,400 to \$6,000 which covers a standard check up to bells and whistles and loaners. They offer payment plans for three (3) years, 0% interest. Total cost would be \$69,563. They are a sole supplier and are part of the National Government contract. Grants can be partially funded, won't cover entire costs.

Lengthy discussion.

A motion was made by Comm. Dore to approve to buy four (4) with the extended service warranty, under the three (3) year, 0% interest. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman Chiumento acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's March 31, 2022 Financial Report for the District. Treasurer is concerned with the costs of fuel, oil and electric. We did not expect this during the budget process.

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 Commissioners notification purposes only.

The following school requests require consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

- A. Justin Carlon: "NYS IAAI 2022 Spring Seminar", May 25 – 27, 2022 in Saratoga Springs, NY. (\$250 registration)

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to approve the Spring seminar for Justin Carlon. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

- B. Renee O’Neill: “NY Association of Local Government Records Officers Conference”, June 13 – 14, 2022 in Albany, NY. (\$80 registration)

A motion was made by Comm. Dore to approve that. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

XII. ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Chief Steenbergh – One (1) item 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. Requests the Union to be in Executive Session.

In addition to the item Comm. Dore has for Executive Session and no further open business to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Dore to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

XIV. OPEN ITEMS

- As a result of Executive Session, a motion was made by Comm. Chiumento that the Board make a determination that Jeff Pells’ death was in the Line of Duty based on current law. Seconded by Comm. Dore.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

No time was given when the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O’Neill
District Secretary

