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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES May 18, 2020

ATTENDEES:

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

Chief: William Steenbergh – (absent)
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. and took a roll call of the attendees.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A. Jim Beretta emailed his public comments through contactus@afd.org prior to the meeting on May 17, 2020. Chairman Chiumento read his e-mail. No action taken by the Board.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD - *No action(s) taken by the Board, unless otherwise noted*

III. ABSTRACT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Comm. Valdez to approve Abstract 20–5B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$26,621.73 in unpaid bills with a total of 33 checks for a grand total of \$26,621.73, totaling 33 checks. Seconded by Comm. Griffing.

ROLL CALL:

Comm. Valdez – “Aye”
Comm. Griffing – “Aye”
Comm. Longi – (absent)
Comm. Adams – “Yup”
Comm. Chiumento – “Aye”

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A. May 4, 2020 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

A motion was made by Comm. Griffing to accept and pass the minutes from the May 4th meeting, 2020. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

ROLL CALL:

Comm. Valdez – “Aye”
Comm. Griffing – “Aye”
Comm. Longi – (absent)
Comm. Adams – “Yup”
Comm. Chiumento – “Aye”

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

B. Chairman Chiumento acknowledged receipt of the May 4, 2020 BOFC meeting transcript.

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

- A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Adams
1. Received from Glens Falls National Bank – April 2020 “Statement of Value and Activity”.
- B. District Inspections – Comm. Longi & Comm. Adams
- C. District Officers / Chief Liaison – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Longi
- D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Chiumento
- E. Public Relations – Comm. Adams & Comm. Chiumento
- F. Equipment Maintenance – Comm. Longi & Comm. Griffing
- G. Buildings and Grounds – Comm. Adams & Comm. Longi
- H. Capital Equipment – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Longi
- I. Union Negotiations & Contract – Comm. Griffing & Comm. Chiumento
- J. Career Staff Liaison – Comm. Griffing & Comm. Chiumento
- K. Volunteer Recruitment – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Griffing
- L. District Safety & Health – Comm. Griffing & Comm. Adams
- M. Strategic Plan – Comm. Adams & Comm. Valdez
- N. Finance Committee – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Griffing
- 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*
- A. E-mail dated May 4, 2020 from Jim Beretta to the Board of Fire Commissioners regarding the Personnel Administrator position.
 - B. Card received May 8, 2020 from Poughkeepsie Elks Club regarding the drive-by done for their two members.
 - C. Received May 10, 2020, Commissioner Bruce Griffing’s Certificate of Completion for the required Commissioner Training.

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>
Linda Rizzotto	On behalf of the Kisslinger Family	\$500.00

A motion was made by Comm. Adams that we accept the donation of \$500.00 and have it placed in the General Fund and a thanks be sent to the donor. Seconded by Comm. Griffing.

ROLL CALL:

- Comm. Valdez – “Aye”
- Comm. Griffing – “Aye”
- Comm. Longi – (absent)
- Comm. Adams – “Yup”
- Comm. Chiumento – “Aye”

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

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

X. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief – William Steenbergh – (excused)
- B. Assistant Chief – Eric Philipp
 - 1. Had second alarm basement fire after the last BOFC meeting; quick stop and minimal damage to the house; great job by both career and volunteer members.
- C. Director of EMS David Violante
 - 1. Wanted to recognize that it is “National EMS Week”. Thanked those who do EMS; 30 years of ALS (paramedic level care) in the District this year. Thanked the Commissioners and Chiefs Staff for their support and those on the front lines, especially during this pandemic.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Treasurer Passikoff reported there is nothing of concern at this time; numbers will be close in the budget; pension payments will be coming in August / September timeframe.
2. Chairman acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's April 30, 2020 Financial Report for the District.

XI. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

No school requests were submitted for consideration.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Adams to adjourn. Seconded by Comm. Griffing.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

No time given but the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill
District Secretary

NOTE: There is no public sign in sheet available due to this meeting being audio/video conferenced. There were a total of 12 participants which included the attendees noted at the beginning of the meeting and 4 others who logged into Zoom to watch or listen to the meeting.