



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING TRANSCRIPT  
(AS REQUIRED BY NYS GOVERNOR CUOMO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.1)

May 18, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Chiumento: Okay, I call the meeting to order and remind everyone to please mute themselves when they are not speaking. Umm, roll call. Commissioner Longi? Does not appear to be on at this point. Commissioner Valdez?

Commissioner Valdez: Here.

Commissioner Chiumento: Commissioner Griffing?

Commissioner Griffing: Here.

Commissioner Chiumento: Commissioner Adams?

Commissioner Adams: Here.

Commissioner Chiumento: And Commissioner Chiumento is present. Umm, Chief Steenbergh is absent. Chief, uh, Assistant Chief Philipp?

Assistant Chief Philipp: Here.

Commissioner Chiumento: Director of EMS Violante?

Director of EMS Violante: I'm here.

Commissioner Chiumento: And Secretary O'Neill?

District Secretary O'Neill: I'm here.

Commissioner Chiumento: And Treasurer Passikoff.

Treasurer Passikoff: Here.

Commissioner Chiumento: Comments, let's see, pull those up. There were a few public comments. Uh, one, "Was the Personnel Administrator position advertised any place other than the AFD website? If so, where?", "How many letters of interest and resumes were received, umm, for the Personnel Administrator position?" "Where is the proposed Personnel Administrative position in 2020 budget? i.e. What line item in the budget?", "How much is budgeted for the position?" Uh, that was from Jim Beretta and I will go over a part of that on my comments. Uh, comments, there were no other Public Comments, so "Comments from the Board". Umm,

the information was posted on the AFD website. It was also sent to the Town to be posted on the Town website, but she uh, apparently was not...was busy enough that she was not able to get to it. And we also, umm, posted the job on HudsonValleyHelpWanted.com. Umm, at that website, there were 11,279, uh, clicks onto it, uh, of which 123 went into look at the full details and we received 4 resumes from that, um, from the way we were..other way we have that attained a total of 10 resumes all together. mm, so that's what we have at this point for the position. Anybody have any other comments? (PAUSE) Hearing none, do I hear a motion to approve the Abstract? (PAUSE) Can anybody hear me?

Commissioner Valdez: Valdez, like to make a motion to approve, uh, Abstract 20-5B. Uh, this consists of, uh, 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.

Commissioner Chiumento: Motion was made. Is there a second?

Commissioner Griffing: Uh, Commissioner Griffing, I will second that motion.

Commissioner Chiumento: Motion made and seconded. Uh, any other discussion? (PAUSE) I'll do a roll call. Commissioner Valdez?

Commissioner Valdez: Aye.

Commissioner Chiumento: Commissioner Griffing?

Commissioner Griffing: Aye.

Commissioner Chiumento: Commissioner Adams?

Commissioner Adams: Yup.

Commissioner Chiumento: And Commissioner Chiumento is an Aye also. Motion passes. Next motion, "Minutes to be Approved", May 4, 2020 Board of Commissioner meeting. Uh, is there a motion?

Commissioner Griffing: Commissioner Griffing. I will, umm, make a motion to accept and pass the minutes, uh, from, the uh, May 4th meeting 2020.

Commissioner Chiumento: And is there a second?

Commissioner Valdez: Second. Valdez.

Commissioner Chiumento: Motion made and seconded. Is there any discussion? (PAUSE) Hearing none, I'll do a roll call. Umm, Commissioner Valdez?

Commissioner Valdez: Aye.

Commissioner Chiumento: Commissioner Griffing.

Commissioner Griffing: Aye.

Commissioner Chiumento: Commissioner Adams?

Commissioner Adams: Yup.

Commissioner Chiumento: Commissioner Chiumento is an Aye. Motion is approved. "Monthly Committee Reports".

Commissioner Valdez: Commissioner Valdez. Service Awards. Uh, received from Glens Falls National Bank April 2020 Statement of Value and Activity.

Commissioner Chiumento: Any other Committee reports?

District Secretary O'Neill: Chairman Chiumento, can you just acknowledge the, uh, May 4, 2020 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting transcript?

Commissioner Chiumento: Yes. Oh I missed that. Yeah, and, we also acknowledge the transcript of the May 4, 2020 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting. "Correspondence"? We have an email dated May 4, 2020 from Jim Beretta to the Board of Fire Commissioners regarding the Personnel Administrator position. A card received May 8<sup>th</sup> from the Poughkeepsie Elks Club regarding the drive-by done by their, for their two members. And, received May 10, 2020, Commissioner Bruce Griffing's Certificate of Completion for the required Commissioner Training. Umm, no actions on any of those. Uh, "Donations". Uh, we do have one donation from a Linda Rizzotto, umm, on behalf of the Kisslinger Family for \$500.

District Secretary O'Neill: Commissioner Chiumento, I wanted to let you guys know that, that donation was a result of a birthday, or I'm sorry, a graduation drive by that the guys did. Uh, the family put together that donation thanking them (Commissioner Chiumento: Wow.") for doing that.

Commissioner Chiumento: Awfully generous. Um, but I'm glad we're doing them. It seems to at least lift the spirits a little bit for some of the people who are missing out on birthdays and graduations and such.

District Secretary O'Neill: Yeah, we've, we've, had a lot of positive feedback with umm, actually people calling crying. So it's been great. They, they're really appreciative of what we're doing.

Commissioner Chiumento: Excellent. Umm, did they have any request of where to use the donation for?

District Secretary O'Neill: No, they did not.

Commissioner Chiumento: Okay, do I hear a motion to accept that donation and uh, in the General Fund?

Commissioner Adams: Move that we accept the donation of \$500 and have it placed in the General Fund and that a thanks be sent to the, uh, donor.

Commissioner Chiumento: Motion made. Is there a second?

Commissioner Griffing: Commissioner Griffing. I'll second that.

Commissioner Chiumento: Motion made and second. Umm, I'll do a roll call. Commissioner Valdez?

Commissioner Valdez: Aye.

Commissioner Chiumento: Commissioner Griffing?

Commissioner Griffing: Aye.

Commissioner Chiumento: Commissioner Adams?

Commissioner Adams: Yup.

Commissioner Chiumento: And Commissioner Chiumento is an Aye. Motion passes. Uh, "Commissioner Items". Is there anything that anybody has? (PAUSE) Hearing none, we'll move on to "District Staff Items". Commissioner Steenbergh is excused from the meeting tonight. Uh, Assistant Chief Philipp, do you have anything?

Assistant Chief Philipp: Uh, the only thing, the actually the night of the last Commissioners meeting, there was another second alarm fire. Ended up being a basement fire and the initial crews got on scene and did a great, uh, quick stop, uh, minimizing the damages to the house. So it was a good job to both the career and the volunteers on that again. Nothing else I have.

Commissioner Chiumento: Thank you. Uh, Director of EMS. Dave, do you have anything?

Director of EMS Violante: Thanks Chairman. I just wanted to uh, recognize that this is "National EMS Week" and I want to give a shout out to all of our folks doing EMS. This is about, uh, 30 years of ALS paramedic level care in the Fire District this year. Uh, our folks are, uh, doing a lot of great things out there and I want to thank our Commissioners for all their support, our Chief Staff for all their support and certainly all the folks, uh, on the front lines doing everything that they're doing, especially, uh, during this, this pandemic. It's a lot of tough work and uh, we're, we're really doing a great job and our folks are hanging in there, so much thanks to all of them. Uh, thank you. That's all I have.

Commissioner Chiumento: Thanks, Dave. And I just want to add my thanks as well because, I mean, I was EMS for a short period of time. Probably 8 years or so, which seems like a long time, at the time. And all being said, I could not even imagine under today's conditions with a pandemic and worries and fears and issues that are going on that, uh, providing that kind of service, it's, it's just phenomenal. And I want to thank everybody who currently is doing it for the District and on behalf of the District and actually anybody, anywhere that's doing it is that it's uh, much appreciated. Umm, okay, Treasurer Passikoff? (PAUSE) You need to unmute..

Treasurer Passikoff: (PAUSE) I had to, I had to unmute and I couldn't figure out how to do it. Umm, the, I sent out the report for through the end of April, which is, umm, 4 months out of 12. Umm, I, at this stage, I still don't see anything, umm, that overly concerns me with the numbers. Umm, some of them are going to be close to the budget. Uh, but, uh, remember that the big expenses are uh, uh, the big expenses are coming in the, in August or September and that's the pension.

Commissioner Chiumento: Okay, and uh, yes, we do acknowledge the receipt of the Treasurer's Report for April 30, 2020 financial report for the District. Umm, and yes, but I also understand people are kind of limiting vacations to right now because there's really nowhere to go, or anything to do, so I suspect our vacation, get, will be further down the road than

it is in past years so, we'll need to keep a close eye on how the budget is going.

Treasurer Passikoff: Remember that with the, the, uh, with the overtime Bill has the hourly statistics and, uh, those are, those are much more key indicator than what the financial statement numbers are at this point.

Commissioner Chiumento: Yeah. Okay, anybody else have any questions of..anyone from the Board side? (PAUSE) We have no "School Requests", uh, no items for "Executive Session" at this point. Uh, so unless anybody has any questions of the District Staff, I'd ask for a motion to adjourn.

Director of EMS Violante: Mr. Chairman before you do that I'd just you like you, uh, have you to, uh, acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Chiumento: Oh, I thought I had, but anyway, I...

District Secretary O'Neill: Yeah you did.

Commissioner Chiumento: Acknowledge..

Director of EMS Violante: He did. Okay. Great.

Commissioner Chiumento: That's okay. I just want to make sure. I usually do miss it so it's a good catch.

Director of EMS Violante: I agree. Thank you.

Commissioner Chiumento: Umm, so, umm, based on that, do I hear a motion to adjourn?

Commissioner Adams: Move to adjourn.

Commissioner Chiumento: Motion is made. Is there, uh, a second?

Commissioner Griffing: Commissioner Griffing. I'll second it.

Commissioner Chiumento: All in favor? Aye.

Commissioner Adams: Aye.

Commissioner Griffing: Aye.

Commissioner Chiumento: Does anybody oppose it? No, so 4-0. Okay. Thank you very much. Have a good night, umm, and we'll see you in two weeks.

Assistant Chief Philipp: Good night.

District Secretary O'Neill: Good night.

Commissioner Griffing: Thank you.

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