



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES June 5, 2023

ATTENDEES:

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

Chief: William Steenbergh – (absent)
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp
Director of EMS: David Violante
District Secretary: Renee O'Neill – (absent)
Treasurer: James Passikoff

Chairman Dore 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.

At this time, Chairman Dore offered a moment of silence for former Commissioner Leo Stanszak.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – *No action(s) taken by the Board, unless otherwise noted*
2. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD** – *No action(s) taken by the Board, unless otherwise noted*
3. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**
Comm. Longi made a motion to approve Abstract 23–6A. This consists of \$0.00 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$65,575.35 in unpaid bills with a total of 42 checks for a grand total of \$65,575.35, totaling 42 checks. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
A. May 15, 2023 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting
Comm. Longi made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0
5. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS** – *No reports given unless otherwise noted.*
A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Longi
1. Received from Glens Falls National Bank – “Statement of Value and Activity” – April 2023.
2. E-mail dated May 19, 2023 from Glens Falls National Bank regarding “Investment Update”.

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
6. **CORRESPONDENCE** – *None unless otherwise noted*
7. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted*
8. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*
9. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS** – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*
Reminder that June 19th is Juneteenth - next BOFC meeting is moved to June 26th. The following meeting will be on July 17th.

A. Comm. Chiumento
1. Received notification from Captain Carlos (Gonzalez) of Croft Corners Fire Company that the new McDonald's (on South Road)

is having a community event for community engagement and fire protection on June 27th from Noon to 3:00 p.m. Requesting use of one piece of apparatus, if available, manned by volunteers. Carlos would be the Officer in Charge.

Comm. Longi made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

10. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief William Steenbergh – (absent)

1. Reimbursement check from Croft Corners Fire Company received for construction overage.
2. Please empty accumulated email from your AFD email.
3. Request permission for volunteers to attend Poughkeepsie Library (on Boardman Road) “Touch a Truck” event on June 26th from 10:00 am to Noon, with 32-45 and/or 32-57, if volunteer members are available. Assistant Chief Philipp is coordinating the event. AC Philipp will designate an Officer in Charge because he can’t attend.

Comm. Longi made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

Reported on additional items on behalf of the Chief:

1. The Board of Elections has changed their polling location from Rochdale to Lutheran Care. No longer any space issues with the on-duty staff or renovations that the Board may want to consider at Rochdale.
2. Placed a “House Watch” on the Red Roof Inn due to the asylum seekers for any issues that may arise. Occasionally has had medical staff there from Federal agencies to do primary care for the asylum seekers only.
3. The ambulance sale from the parent company Empress to MobileLife has moved forward. No change in our contract with MobileLife Support. Will keep the Board updated.

Director of EMS Violante reported on his items:

1. Congratulated Ryan Fincham, Chris Lewis, Chris Hann and Cris Diaz for completing their paramedic orientation and they are out in the field.
2. Arlington Fire District will be receiving an award from the Dutchess County EMS Council for the role in the tactical EMS operations at the active shooter incident this past year. Recognition will take place June 14th.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman Dore to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's April 2023 and December 31, 2022 Final Financial Report for the District.

Brief discussion.

11. **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.

For Commissioners notification purposes only:

- A. Justin Chick: "Daytime Firefighter 1", June 19 – August 4, 2023 at DCFTC. (No cost)

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

- A. "FF1/Survival Ulster Program", July 6 – 23, 2023 in Ulster County. (No cost)
1. Joshua Calli – requesting use of District vehicle.
 2. Miles Orlando – requesting use of District vehicle.

Discussion. They will carpool.

Comm. Longi made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

- B. James Merritt: "Swiftwater Rescue Technician", August 22 – 25, 2023 in Oriskany, NY. (No cost, requesting use of District vehicle)

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

- C. Eric Philipp: “IAFC International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference”, June 8 – 10, 2023 in Baltimore, MD. (No cost)

Comm. Valdez made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Comm. Valdez – 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.
- B. Director of EMS Violante – 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.
- C. Comm. Dore – 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.

With no further open business to discuss, Comm. Valdez made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

There were no open items for discussion and/or approval as a result of Executive Session.

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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: 6-5-23
