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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES July 11, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Chairman
Comm. Peter Valdez – Vice Chairman – (absent)
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 7:00 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*

Comm. Van Itallie spoke about the June 6, 2022 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting minutes. The word “AFD” should have been added under Director of EMS David Violante’s items. The way it is worded sounds like he, as an individual, was reimbursed from Vassar College for various items when it was AFD that received the reimbursement. Chairman Chiumento requested that the District Secretary reflect this clarification in these minutes; no need to redo the June 6th minutes.

III. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to approve Abstract 22–7A. This consists of \$383,688.59 in paid bills with a total of 6 checks and \$49,772.11 in unpaid bills with a

total of 32 checks for a grand total of \$433,460.70, totaling 38 checks. Seconded by Comm. Dore.

Brief discussion.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. June 27, 2022 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to approve the minutes from June 27th.
Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

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

- A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Longi
- 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
 - 1. Chairman Chiumento reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting at the end of this month to begin working on the 2023 budget.

- 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*

- A. Received the April 26, 2022 Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County Meeting Minutes.

Brief discussion.

- B. Received “*Fire District Affairs – June/July 2022*”.

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*

X. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief William Steenberg

1. Monument outside of HQ has been engraved with Captain Pells' name added to it. Working with the Union on a memorial ceremony to commemorate the Line of Duty Death of Captain Pells.
2. Two payments coming up under the preretirement of cashing in sick time. Recommend the money come out of the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund; payment for two individuals totaling not to exceed \$40K.

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

Brief discussion.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

3. Anticipates the repairs to the parking lot to take place in the next two weeks and paving done in the Fall time frame to allow settling.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

1. The two volunteers attending the daytime Firefighter I class in Ulster are halfway through and doing well. Graduation is set for July 22nd.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. AFD was reimbursed by Vassar College for the last two services.
2. Thanked all that attended the ceremony in Rhinebeck for him and for the support.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. June financial report almost done. Will send out when complete.

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 are no school requests for Commissioners notification purposes only.

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

- A. "Rope Rescue – Operations Level", July 21 – 24, 2022 in Kingston, NY. (No cost)
1. James McGoldrick
 2. James Merritt
 3. Christopher Weiner
 4. William Morrissey
 5. Joe Tarquinio

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to approve the school, Rope Rescue on July 21 – 24 in Kingston. Seconded by Comm. Dore.

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.
- B. Comm. Chiumento – one (1) item for the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

With no further open business to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Dore to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:10 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, a motion was made by Comm. Dore to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

No time provided when the meeting 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: 7-11-22

JOHN RICHARDSON	