



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES July 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 7:00 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*

III. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Comm. Van Itallie to approve Abstract 22–7B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$12,273.79 in unpaid bills with a total of 16 checks for a grand total of \$12,273.79, totaling 16 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. July 11, 2022 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

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

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

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

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

1. E-mail dated July 8, 2022 from GFNB regarding “Investment Update”.

2. Received from GFNB the June 2022 “Statement of Value.

Comm. Valdez briefly spoke about Comm. Van Itallie’s concerns on the investments and will have more information in meetings to come.

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. Van Itallie – reviewed the 2012 Correction Action Plan and wants to make sure we are doing or have done the corrective actions listed.

Discussion.

X. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief William Steenbergh

1. Discussed the Training Agreement between Arlington Fire District and Wingdale Materials. AFD will provide training for Technical Rescue services in the event of an emergency at its worksite and Wingdale will reimburse AFD for the training. Requesting approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Van Itallie to approve. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

2. Station 5 Generator. Putting it on the Board's radar because it was determined to be old and in poor condition by the annual service that was performed at all the stations. Repair parts can't be found and will need to get one to provide backup for the entire building. Current one does not do entire building. One estimate was around \$25K. Will be doing more research.

Discussion. No action taken at this time.

3. Abstract has some subtle enhancements. It's cleaner and shows all the budget categories instead of them being written in.
4. All six (6) probationary firefighters successfully graduated from their respective academies and are now assigned to Battalion Chief Kangas and Captain Tarquinio for in house training.
5. We have exhausted the last block of 50 hours with Counsel. Requesting another block of hours at the same rate. Counsel offered either a 50-hour block or 100-hour block at the same rate.

A motion was made by Comm. Dore to do 50 now. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. Volunteer application ready for Board approval. Joshua Calli, Company 5, FF.

A motion was made by Comm. Valdez to approve Joshua Calli, as FF volunteer for Station 5. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

Lengthy discussion.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 1 (Comm. Van Itallie opposed)

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman to acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's June 30, 2022 Financial Report for the District.
2. Chief Steenbergh reported that the assessment for the Fire District increased \$468,731,397 growth in total, which will be used in the budget process.

XI. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted.

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.

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

XIV. **OPEN ITEMS**

As a result of Executive Session, a motion was made by Comm. Dore to promote Chris Whitney to probationary Lieutenant at a start date to be determined by the Chief. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

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

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

No time was given when the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill
District Secretary



**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET**

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DATE OF MEETING: 7-18-22
