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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES July 19, 2021

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Chairman
Comm. Bruce Griffing, II
Comm. Peter Valdez – Vice Chairman
Comm. Peter Longi
Comm. Richard Dore

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. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Attorney–Client privilege

B. Chief Steenbergh – 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.

A motion was made by Comm. Griffing to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Dore.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.

IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. and returned to Open Session. There were no open items for discussion and/or approval as a result of Executive Session.

V. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Comm. Valdez to approve Abstract 21–7B. For unpaid bills, \$313,240.03; total number of checks, 15. For a total of \$313,240.03, total number of checks, 15. Seconded by Comm. Griffing.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

VI. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. July 12, 2021 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to approve the July 12, 2021 minutes for the Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting. Seconded by Comm. Griffing.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 2 (Comm. Valdez and Comm. Dore abstained)

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

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

1. Received from Glens Falls National Bank: “Statement of Value and Activity” June 2021.
2. Received an email dated July 9, 2021 from Glens Falls National Bank regarding “Investment Update”.

B. District Inspections – Comm. Longi & Comm. Griffing

C. District Officers / Chief Liaison – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Griffing

E. Public Relations – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

F. Equipment Maintenance – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Griffing

G. Buildings and Grounds – Comm. Longi & Comm. Dore

H. Capital Equipment – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

I. Union Negotiations & Contract – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Griffing

J. Career Staff Liaison – Comm. Dore & Comm. Chiumento

- K. Volunteer Recruitment – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Griffing
 - 1. Volunteer application ready for Board approval: Alan-Michael Magnotta, Company 5.

A motion was made by Comm. Valdez to approve Alan-Michael Magnotta for Company 5.
Seconded by Comm. Griffing.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

- L. District Safety & Health – Comm. Griffing & Comm. Dore
- M. Strategic Plan – Comm. Longi & Comm. Valdez
- N. Finance Committee – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Griffing
 - 1. Comm. Chiumento reported that the Finance Committee met this afternoon prior to the Board meeting to get things in order to start looking at numbers and what’s coming in. More meetings to occur.
- O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Griffing & Comm. Longi
- P. Croft Lease – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Longi
- Q. Rochdale Lease – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Longi

VIII. **CORRESPONDENCE** – *None unless otherwise noted*

IX. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted*

X. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*

XI. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS** – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

XII. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief William Steenbergh
 - 1. Building maintenance
 - A. Electrical work done over the weekend to upgrade and replace circuit breakers at HQ.
 - B. Due to recent storms, minor leaking with the roofs at HQ and Station 3. HQ was repaired. Station 3 there was a leak in the attic. It stopped but we may have to have mold remediation; will keep an eye on it as the heat in the attic dries things out.

- C. 32-46 back in service today; plan in place with the Shop to work on 32-45 and with the members of Croft. Assistant Chief Philipp has been advised.
 - D. Complimented the members of the Tech Rescue Program with the two recent Swiftwater rescues. One with LaGrange FD which was minor and the other was out in Wassaic. The Ten Mile River had extensive flooding which resulted in two civilians being rescued. Those that responded performed admirably and should be congratulated for a job well done.
 - E. Has accepted Heather's resignation. Will be in the process of looking for a replacement and will keep the Board apprised as the process goes forward. Her last day is first week in August.
 - B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp
 - A. Has been in contact with the Chief regarding 32-45 coming back to Croft; making arrangements with the members when it comes back to re-familiarize them.
 - C. Director of EMS David Violante
 - A. Echoed Chief Steenbergh statements regarding the Rescue Team saves.
 - D. Treasurer James Passikoff
 - 1. Chairman Chiumento acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's June 30, 2021 Financial Report for the District.
 - 2. Ready to submit the 2020 Annual Update Document (AUD) to Albany.

XIII. SCHOOL REQUESTS

The following member(s) have been approved by Chief Steenbergh to attend the following school request(s) in advance of the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting and are located inside or outside of Dutchess County; is either contractually required or required to maintain certification; and have a registration cost of no more than \$100. For Commissioners notification purposes only:

- A. Todd Belsky: "Electrical Fire Investigation", December 10 – 12, 2021 at the NYS Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls. (\$25 registration, not requesting use of District vehicle – *previously approved by the BOFC on 04/23/19; was canceled due to COVID*)

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

- A. Joe Tarquinio: “IAFF Safety & Health Conference”, September 7 – 10, 2021 in NYC. (\$500 registration, not requesting use of District vehicle)

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

- B. Todd Belsky: “IAAI – FIT (Fire Investigation Technician) Certification Exam”, TBD, online. (\$90 registration – 90% covered by *Fire Investigation Grant*)

A motion was made by Comm. Griffing to approve Todd Belsky for the FIT Certification Exam. Seconded by Comm. Dore.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

- C. Michael Garofalo: “Vehicle Rescue: Operations Level”, August 4 – 14, 2021 at Sawkill Fire Department. (No cost, not requesting use of District vehicle)

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

- D. David Violante: “NYS Vital Signs Conference”, November 11 – 14, 2021 in Saratoga Springs, NY. (\$470 registration, \$1,009 travel, requesting use of District vehicle)

Director of EMS Violante reported that he talked to the State today and the registration is about \$250 less as he is a member of the State EMS Committee. Part of the registration is being comp’d for that group.

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to approve the NYS Vital Signs Conference. Seconded by Comm. Dore.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 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: 7-19-2021

Philip VAN TALLIE	
John RICHARDSON	