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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES August 15, 2022

ATTENDEES:

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

Chief: William Steenbergh – (absent)
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. Dore to approve Abstract 22–8B. This consists of \$5,339.00 in paid bills with a total of 2 checks and \$422,720.27 in unpaid bills with a total of 30 checks for a grand total of \$428,059.27, totaling 32 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. **August 1, 2022 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting**

A motion was made by Comm Longi to table it until the next meeting. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0.

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

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

1. E-mail dated August 5, 2022 from GFNB regarding “Investment Update”.
2. Received from GFNB the July 2022 “Statement of Value & Activity”.
3. Received August 10, 2022, the 2021 LOSAP Audit Package and the Annual Report from PenFlex. All participants were mailed their 2021 statement. Contribution due in 2022 to the Trust Fund is \$80,031.

Comm. Valdez discussed at length the Commentary provided by PenFlex. The Board agreed to pay \$85K that was budgeted because we are not 100% funded and the extra \$5K will help reduce the \$177,183 amount.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento that we contribute \$85,000 to the LOSAP Trust Fund held by Glens Falls National Bank for the 2022 contribution. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

- 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*

- A. Received “Fire District Affairs” – August/September 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*

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento to have a special meeting on August 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at HQ. Seconded by Comm. Dore.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

X. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief William Steenbergh – (absent)

- B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

1. 2nd alarm garage fire over the weekend. Was out of town, but heard it was a quick knockdown. Great job by all those that responded.

- C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. Continuing to work through our pharmaceutical supply chain issues.

2. The four LUCAS CPR devices are in service; the career staff have been trained. Working with Assistant Chief Philipp to get the volunteers trained. Thanked the Board for the purchase of these devices.

- D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman Chiumento acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer’s July 31, 2022 Financial Report for the District.

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.

For Commissioners notification purposes only:

- A. Justin Chick: “Firefighter I”, August 23, 2022 – January 5, 2023 at DCFTC. (No cost)

The following school requests require consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:
There were no school requests submitted for Board consideration.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O’Neill
District Secretary

