



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES September 25, 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
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp
Director of EMS: David Violante
District Secretary: Renee O'Neill
Treasurer: James Passikoff

Chairman Dore opened the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' special meeting at 7:00 p.m., took a roll call of the attendees and everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

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. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A. Chief Steenbergh – Two (2) contract negotiations.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

Chairman Dore reported that they discussed the possibility of AFD taking over ambulances from Empress or any other company. Chief Steenbergh discussed the issues and maintains his recommendation to bring back the ambulances. The Board members expressed their opinions on the ambulance service and the Reserve Funds.

The Board discussed and agreed to remove \$210K proposed out of the Reserve Funds and keep the same amounts as last year – Capital Improvement Reserve Fund with \$20K, Capital Equipment Reserve Fund with \$100K and the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund with \$20K. The Treasurer confirmed that the Reserve Fund allocations cannot be changed after tonight.

4. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted*
 - A. Adopt the proposed budget for 2024, including fund balance estimate for 2023 on or before September 26th. (Town Law §181[2])

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to adopt a proposed budget for 2024 in the amount of \$25,042,850.00. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

5. **ADJOURN MEETING**

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 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: 9/25/23

Gregory Henson	