



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES December 5, 2022

ATTENDEES:

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

Chief: William Steenbergh
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp
Director of EMS: David Violante
District Secretary: Renee O’Neill
Treasurer: James Passikoff – (absent)

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. Valdez to approve Abstract 22–12A. This consists of \$1,658.10 in paid bills with a total of 4 checks and \$34,878.28 in unpaid bills with a total of 20 checks for a grand total of \$36,536.38, totaling 24 checks. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- A. November 21, 2022 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting
A motion was made by Comm. Van Itallie to approve. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

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

- A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Longi
1. E-mail dated November 18, 2022 from Glens Falls National Bank regarding “Investment Update”.
- 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 the October 25, 2022 Dutchess County Association of Fire Districts meeting minutes.
- B. Received November 23, 2022, the 2021 Annual Update Document (AUD) from Treasurer Passikoff.
- C. Received November 23, 2022, Peter Valdez’s petition to be placed on the ballot for Fire Commissioner in the upcoming election.

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 Steenbergh

1. Brief 2023 health insurance discussion. Total cost with options came in around \$4,143,000. Budgeted for \$4.2 million.
2. COVID reimbursement was received for the 1st year of COVID. Continuing to work on current overtime to submit to FEMA covering 03/23/21 – 06/30/22. Will be submitting approximately \$169,600+. Starting July 1st, FEMA changed their formula from 100% to 90% reimbursement.
3. Eleven (11) paramedic students took their final practical this past Saturday. All successfully completed. Next is the written State certification test. Then they will do in house credentialing.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. Received the Certificates of Need authorizing our ability to operate for both the ambulance service and the first response service. Waiting for the controlled substance plan to come through.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff – (absent)

XI. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted.

XII. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. 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.

With no further open business to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Van Itallie to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

There were no open items for discussion and/or approval as a result of Executive Session.

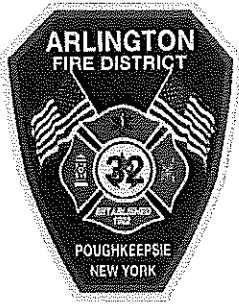
With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Van Itallie to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 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: 12-5-22
