



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES January 22, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Vice Chairman – (arrived at
7:42 p.m.)
Comm. Phil Van Itallie
Comm. Peter Valdez
Comm. Sean Jackson

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

Chairman Dore opened the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners’ meeting at 7:02 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. Attorney / Client Privilege

Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

Comm. Chiumento arrived at 7:42 p.m. while the Board was in Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:44 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

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

4. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve Abstract 24–1B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$471,930.70 in unpaid bills with a total of 38 checks for a grand total of \$471,930.70, totaling 38 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

5. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. January 8, 2024 Board of Fire Commissioners’ Organizational Meeting
Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

B. January 8, 2024 Board of Fire Commissioners’ Meeting

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

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

A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez reported the following:

1. Received from Firefly:

A. Updated “Service Awards Program Plan Document” and “Service Awards Program Trust Document”

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve the documents. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

B. “2023 GASB 73 Notes to the December 31, 2023 Financial Statement”

2. Received from Glens Falls National Bank:

A. “Investment Update”

B. “Statement of Value and Activity” – December 2023

C. “Investment Presentation for AFD LOSAP”

B. District Inspections –

C. District Officers / Chief Liaison –

D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison –

- E. Public Relations –
- F. Equipment Maintenance –
- G. Buildings and Grounds –
- H. Capital Equipment –
- I. Union Negotiations & Contract –
- J. Career Staff Liaison –
- K. Volunteer Recruitment –
- L. District Safety & Health –
- M. Strategic Plan –
- N. Finance Committee –
- O. IT Operations Committee –
- P. Croft Lease –
- Q. Rochdale Lease –

Chairman Dore will assign Committee Board members at the next meeting.

- 7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – *None unless otherwise noted.*
 - A. Received Local 2393’s Officers for the year 2024.

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

 - 9. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*

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

 - 11. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**
 - A. Chief William Steenbergh
 - 1. Dues for Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County is \$175. At the Organizational meeting, \$125 was approved. Need re-approval for \$175.
- Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve the dues for the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County to be approved at \$175 rather than the \$125 that was approved at the Organizational Meeting. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.
- Motion Carried, 5– 0 – 0
- 2. One (1) item for Executive Session 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.

- B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp
 - 1. Request for AFD to participate in the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day parade on March 2nd at Noon with step off at 1:00 p.m. in Wappingers Falls with use of one piece of apparatus.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

C. Director of EMS David Violante – (absent)

D. Treasurer James Passikoff – No report.

12. **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. Steven Haldeman: “Auto Maintenance and Light Repair”, January 30, 2024 at Poughkeepsie Test Center. (\$97.32 registration)

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

There were no school requests submitted for Board of Fire Commissioners consideration.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:47 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

14. **OPEN ITEMS**

- A. Follow up to a FOIL appeal

Comm. Dore made a motion that the response to an appeal of a FOIL request dated December 2, 2023 has been denied per our Attorney. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

Comm. Dore made a motion to hire six (6) firefighters, in the order of seniority, with a start date to be determined by the Chief:

1. Andrea Vallovera
2. Nizar Ahchouch
3. Eddie Torhan
4. Daniel Burke
5. Colin Goldstein
6. John Nikisher

Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 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: 1/22/24

Greg Henson	