



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES February 5, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Comm. Phil Van Itallie
Comm. Peter Valdez
Comm. Sean Jackson – (left during Executive Session)

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

Chairman Dore opened the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners’ meeting at 7:04 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. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**
Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve Abstract 24–2A. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$12,639.61 in unpaid bills with a total of 22 checks for a grand total of \$12,639.61, totaling 22 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve Abstract 24–2A-Croft. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$5,372.65 in unpaid bills with a total of 1 check for a grand total of \$5,372.65, totaling 1 check. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Jackson abstained)

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. January 22, 2024 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

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

Chairman Dore assigned Board members to each Committee as outlined in the meeting minutes below.

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

1. Received from Glens Falls National Bank:

A. “Investment Update” dated 01/19/24

B. District Inspections – Comm. Jackson & 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. Jackson

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

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

K. Volunteer Recruitment – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Jackson

L. District Safety & Health – Comm. Dore & Comm. Valdez

M. Strategic Plan – Comm. Jackson & Comm. Valdez

N. Finance Committee – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Van Itallie

O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Van Itallie & Comm. Jackson

P. Croft Lease – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Van Itallie

Q. Rochdale Lease – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Van Itallie

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

A. Received the minutes from the November 28, 2023 meeting of the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County.

B. Received Croft Corners Fire Company’s 2024 list of Officers.

7. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted.*
A. E-mail dated December 4, 2023 from Miles Orlando resigning as a member from Croft Corners Fire Company.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve and drop from the District. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

- B. Fundraising Event Forms received from Croft Corners Fire Company for the following:
1. Mailing – from January to February in the Station 5 response area

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve the mailing for Croft Corners. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Jackson abstained)

2. Golf Tournament / Dinner – May 17, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Casperkill Golf Course and Croft Corners Firehouse

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Jackson abstained)

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

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

10. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief William Steenbergh
1. RE: Central Hudson bills. Met with representatives and satisfied that the billing is correct. Bills are up to date and paid in the last Abstract. No issues found with the review of Red Oaks Mill's or Rochdale's billing.
2. Received full reimbursement of over \$20K from the Village of Wappingers Falls for the expendables used, lumber and equipment that was damaged at the gas explosion incident.
- B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.
- C. Director of EMS David Violante – No report.
- D. Treasurer James Passikoff – (absent)

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

No school requests were submitted for notification purposes only or for consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Chief Steenbergh – six (6) items 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. Requested representatives from the Union to attend Executive Session for their parts.

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:59 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

14. **OPEN ITEMS**

Chairman Dore reported that Comm. Jackson left the meeting before Executive Session was over.

As a result of the Executive Session, Comm. Chiumento made a motion that we grant Captain Tarquinio a hardship as it relates to retirement and to pay his benefit time out of the Accrued Liability Fund. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

As a result of the Executive Session, Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve the MOA regarding the firefighter that is assigned to the Training Bureau. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

As a result of the Executive Session, Comm. Chiumento made a motion to promote FF West to Lieutenant at a date to be determined by the Chief and promote FF DelliPaoli to Lieutenant at a date to be determined by the Chief. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to move the next meeting to Red Oaks Mill, same date and time. (02/26/24, 7:00 p.m.) Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O’Neill
District Secretary

