



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES April 15, 2024

ATTENDEES:

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

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’ 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. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve Abstract 24-4B-CCFC. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$5,669.81 in unpaid bills with a total of 1 check for a grand total of \$5,669.81, totaling 1 check. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve Abstract 24-4B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$443,497.08 in unpaid bills with a total of 34 checks for a grand total of \$443,497.08, totaling 34 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. April 1, 2024 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve the April 1, 2024 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

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

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

1. Received from Glens Falls National Bank:

A. “Investment Update” dated 04/05/24.

B. “Statement of Value & Activity” – March 2024.

Chief Steenbergh reported that the fire companies have been advised to work on their 2023 LOSAP reports. Would like them back by May so we can continue to finish last years' service awards.

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.*

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

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. Update: we are in the process of obtaining price quotes to repair the front door and side door at Headquarters.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

1. Fire Prevention detail held at Poughkeepsie Plaza; busiest since before COVID. Very successful event.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. Volunteer application ready for Board approval: Joseph Novohradsky, Company 5, FF.

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

- Motion Carried, 3 – 1 – 0 (Comm. Van Itallie opposed)

2. BOFC needs to drop Tyler Campbell from the roles. He found other opportunities that he is pursuing.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to drop Tyler Campbell from the roles. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

D. Treasurer James Passikoff – No report.

11. **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. “AFD Rope Rescue Ops”, April 8 – 11, 2024 at ROM. (Grant funded)

1. Chris Hann
2. Ryan VanNess
3. James Moore
4. Jason West

5. Kevin Glinski
6. Sean McGovern
7. Todd Belsky
8. Zach Hastie
9. Eric Henschel
10. Joe Myers
11. Anthony Crandall
12. Gene DelliPaoli

B. “AFD Rope Rescue Ops”, April 29 – May 2, 2024 at ROM. (Grant funded)

1. Tyler Pettit
2. Richard Court
3. Eric Kelly
4. Mark Kolor
5. Johel Dongo
6. Nick Burrow
7. Anthony Dragonetti
8. Shawn Castano
9. Chuck Fager

Chief Steenbergh extended his appreciation to David Kaminsky and his staff for allowing the use of the parking deck at Oakwood Commons for the rope rescue training. A thank you will be sent.

The following school request requires consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

- A. Justin Carlon: “NYS IAAI Spring Seminar”, May 22 – 24, 2024 in Saratoga Springs. (\$250 registration, 24 hours District time)

Chairman Dore reported that the above school request has been withdrawn. Therefore, no action needs to be taken by the Board.

Chief Steenbergh is requesting Board approval to send up to five Tech Rescue team leaders to attend the Tech Rescue Conference in Oriskany, NY from May 30th – June 4th. No cost, just 24 hours of backfill for each of the Firefighters or Officers that will attend. If the Training Bureau attends, no backfill will be incurred.

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Chief Steenbergh – Four (4) 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.

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

14. **OPEN ITEMS**

As a result of the Executive Session, Comm. Chiumento made a motion to move Benny Becovic's membership from Company 1 to Company 5. 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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill
District Secretary

