



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES August 5, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chimento, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Comm. Peter Valdez
Comm. Phil Van Itallie
Comm. Sean Jackson

Chief: William Steenbergh
Deputy Chief: Adam Kangas
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 7:00 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. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
 - A. **July 15, 2024 Board of Fire Commissioners’ Meeting**

Comm. Chimento made a motion to approve the July 15, 2024 Board of Fire Commissioners’ meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

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

4. **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 07/12/24 & 07/26/24.
 - B. “Investment Presentation for Arlington Fire District LOSAP” dated 07/22/24.
 - 2. Received Rochdale Fire Company’s 2023 LOSAP posting certification.
- 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

5. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve Abstract 24–8A. This consists of \$15,223.33 in paid bills with a total of 2 checks and \$235,374.03 in unpaid bills with a total of 46 checks for a grand total of \$250,597.36, totaling 48 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

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. Congressman Pat Ryan’s office submitted an appropriation for Arlington (not a grant) and if the Federal Government passes the fiscal year 2025 budget without any substantial changes, we are slated to receive \$1 million towards the renovations of the Rochdale Firehouse. Thanked Congressman Ryan for putting this through the budget process.
- B. Deputy Chief Adam Kangas – No report.
- C. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.
- D. Director of EMS David Violante – (absent)
- E. 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. Michael Conroy: “Rope Ops”, July 29 – August 1, 2024 at AFD. (24 hours District time - Grant funded)
- B. Emily Donati: “Basic Exterior FF with Haz Mat First Responder Operations”, August 20 – November 14, 2024 at DCFTC. (No cost)
- C. Christopher Mills: “9A Intro to Code Enforcement Part 1”, September 9 – 18, 2024, online. (No cost)
- D. Christopher Mills: “9B Intro to Code Enforcement Part 2”, October 7 – 16, 2024, online. (No cost)
- E. Christopher Mills: “9C Inspection Procedures – Existing Structure”, November 12 – 20, 2024, online. (No cost)
- F. Christopher Mills: “9D General Construction Principles”, December 9 – 18, 2024, online. (No cost)
- G. Christopher Mills: “9E Residential Building Construction”, January 27 – February 5, 2025, online. (No cost)
- H. Christopher Mills: “9F Commercial Building Construction”, February 24 – March 5, 2025, online. (No cost)

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

No school requests were submitted for Board of Fire Commissioners consideration.

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Chief Steenbergh – Seven (7) 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. Jackson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

14. **OPEN ITEMS**

As a result of the Executive Session, Comm. Chiumento made a motion to hire two (2) resignations/reinstates with a hire date to be determined by the Chief, subject to a physical and background check. The two (2) individuals are Kevin DuBois and Jaiden Barnhardt. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

As a result of the Executive Session, Comm. Chiumento made a motion to hire four (4) off the civil service list with a start date to be determined by the Chief, subject to a physical and background check. First be it Ashley Dagele (off the Firefighter list), Matthew Restivo (off the Firefighter/Paramedic list), Thomas Augugliaro (off the Firefighter/Paramedic list) and Nikolas Dominguez (off the Firefighter/Paramedic list). Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

As a result of Executive Session, Comm. Jackson made a motion to promote to the position of Battalion Chief, Rich Muellerleile and Chris Rinck with a start date to be determined by the Chief. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve to pay a newly retired member from the Accrued Benefit Funds for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded by Comm. Chimento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 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: 8-5-24
