



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES March 24, 2025

ATTENDEES:

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

Chief: Adam Kangas
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 6:00 p.m., took a roll call of the attendees and everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Dore requested everyone remain standing and offered a moment of silence for Jeff Tryon who was a former volunteer and life member of Croft Corners Fire Company. He passed away on March 11, 2025.

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.*

Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for two (2) items for the purpose of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person, corporation or entity, or matters, including contractual, leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person, corporation, or entity. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:32 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 25–3B. This consists of \$34,500.00 in paid bills with a total of 1 check and \$446,839.13 in unpaid bills with a total of 27 checks for a grand total of \$481,339.13, totaling 28 checks. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

5. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. March 10, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners’ Meeting

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve the March 10, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners’ meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

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

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

1. Received from Arrow Bank:

A. “Investment Update”

B. February 2025 LOSAP Statement

B. District Inspections – Comm. Dore & Comm. Jackson

C. District Officers / Chief Liaison – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Dore

E. Public Relations – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Jackson

F. Equipment Maintenance – Comm. Dore & Comm. Valdez

G. Buildings and Grounds – Comm. Dore & Comm. Van Itallie

H. Capital Equipment – Comm. Van Itallie & 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. Van Itallie & Comm. Valdez

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

O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Dore & Comm. Jackson

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

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

7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – *None unless otherwise noted.*
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 Adam Kangas

1. Master Mechanic went to Phoenixville to look at a 2011 Ladder Truck to replace 32-45 potentially. It was determined that the truck was in remarkably good shape. The Master Mechanic, himself and the Battalion Chief in charge of apparatus and equipment are still speaking with Phoenixville on particulars and when more information is available, will update the Board. Would be a substantial savings to the District (if we were to acquire it) at a tremulously less amount than a brand new truck. It would replace a 30-year-old truck.
2. The four (4) new Lieutenants who completed training are out in the field. The four (4) probationary firefighters are nearing the end of their training and will be released soon.

Brief discussion on the size of the potential truck and it fitting at Croft. Comm. Jackson reported that Croft committed to removing the low ceiling in the back at their cost. Everything is preliminary at this time.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.

C. Director of EMS David Violante – No report.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman Dore acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer’s Final December 2024 Financial Report for the District.

12. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 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: 3-24-25
