



# *Arlington Fire District*

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## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES May 5, 2025**

### **ATTENDEES:**

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

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 6:02 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. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**  
Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve Abstract 25–5A. This consists of \$77,500.00 in paid bills with a total of 2 checks and \$181,579.28 in unpaid bills with a total of 25 checks for a grand total of \$259,079.28, totaling 27 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.  
  
- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. April 21, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve the April 21, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

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

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

1. Received the 2024 LOSAP Annual Report and NYS Audit Footnote from Firefly.

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

1. Comm. Chiumento reported that the Finance Committee met to begin working on the 2026 budget and they discussed what to do with the fund balance of \$2,195,405. They recommend the following and leave \$500,000 in the fund balance:

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to move \$195,405 to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, move \$500,000 to the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund and move \$1,000,000 to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Dore & 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 “Fire District Affairs – April & May 2025”.

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 Adam Kangas

1. There is an issue with the candidate pool for Firefighter/Paramedic. Met with Civil Service and the Associates that represent AFD and LaGrange Fire to discuss. Chief Champion of LaGrange Fire was also present. Significant problems as there are eight candidates potentially on the FF/Medic on the list, which is low. Won't take time to exhaust the list. Actively looking at the paramedic program to send existing firefighters to the school. Will keep the Board updated.

Brief discussion.

2. Update on Phoenixville FD and the ladder truck purchase: They are meeting with the manufacturer of their new truck which could push out their delivery by a few months, which would then push out our purchase of their truck. Will keep the Board updated.
3. Gas meters: we purchased all new gas meters through a grant, and they are in service now. Previous meters are no good and wants to dispose; others still work but not usable by AFD with the new technology. Requesting to work on a trade with LaGrange FD or Shandaken FD because they are interested in the meters and if we could get something in return, it would be a win-win situation.

Brief discussion.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to dispose of the obsolete meters and make the ones that are still usable, surplus, and either barter or sell the ones that still have value. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

4. Director of EMS Violante wanted him to mention that the EMS Memorial for NYS is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Empire State Plaza which he will be up there representing AFD.
5. May 10<sup>th</sup> – the Town of Poughkeepsie Community Day at Bowdoin Park. Fairview FD, New Hamburg FD and AFD have been asked to participate. Fairview is doing a live fire demonstration and would like to collaborate with them. Assistant Chief Philipp is looking at manning 32-57. Requesting to have manpower to assist and provide the assets with no more than 24 hours of overtime.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve up to 24 hours overtime for the Town of Poughkeepsie Family Day at Bowdoin Park on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

6. Reminder that the AFD Awards Ceremony will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Heartwood Hotel. Formal attire or Class A uniform is requested. The Awards Committee has worked very hard to put this together; we haven't had a ceremony for quite some time, so it'll be a long night but is looking forward to it. The Heartwood graciously has given us the venue for free.
7. Interviewed a potential Firefighter as a transfer. He is also a Paramedic. Background check is complete. Requesting the Board to appoint Liam Maguire as a Firefighter with Arlington resignation/reinstatement as a transfer with a start date to be determined by the Chief.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve Liam Maguire as a Firefighter with Arlington resignation/reinstatement transfer with a start date to be determined by the Chief. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

- B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.
- C. Director of EMS David Violante – (absent)
- D. Treasurer James Passikoff – No report.

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted for notification purposes.

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

- A. Gene DelliPaoli: "Fire Officer III", June 2 – 6, 2025 in Albany. (No cost, 36 hours own time, 24 hours District time)

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chief Kangas withdrew the two (2) items he originally had for Executive Session.

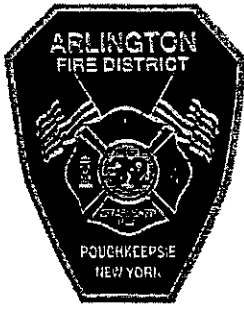
With no further business to conduct, Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill  
District Secretary



## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET

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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.

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DATE OF MEETING: 5-5-25
