



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES May 19, 2025

ATTENDEES:

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

Chief: Adam Kangas
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp – (absent)
Director of EMS: David Violante
District Secretary: Renee O'Neill
Treasurer: James Passikoff

Vice Chairman Chiumento 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.

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. Jackson made a motion to approve Abstract 25–5B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$114,770.50 in unpaid bills with a total of 37 checks for a grand total of \$114,770.50, totaling 37 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve Abstract 25–5B–Croft Corners. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$5,255.21 in unpaid bills with a total of 1 check for a grand total of \$5,255.21, totaling 1 check. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Jackson abstained)

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. May 5, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve the May 5, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

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

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

1. Comm. Valdez reported that the markets have recovered, and it was a good call on Comm. Chiumento's part to pay Arrow Bank at a previous meeting for the LOSAP contribution.

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

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

- A. Received the April 22, 2025 meeting minutes from the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County.

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. The Town Community Day was a success. Collaborated with Fairview FD and New Hamburg FD and used 18 hours overtime out of the 24 hours approved by the Board. Well attended.
2. Phoenixville purchase – no change from previous discussions. Will keep the Board updated.
3. Seagraves are nearing the end of production. Staff leaving tomorrow and will be there through Friday to do the final inspections. 3 members out of the 4 approved are going. When received, will go get outfitted; anticipates a couple of months before being in the District. That is the plan for now.
4. Officer is currently out on long-term leave. Anticipates having a recommendation at the next Board meeting to potentially promote a temporary Lieutenant to fill that vacancy; looking at different variables to make sure that's the best option economically.
5. Exploring all hiring options, specifically targeting paramedics; civil service lists, transfers, paramedic school etc.; posted flyer on social media.
6. Rochdale – no update; there was a miscommunication between the lawyers. Should have an update at the end of the month.
7. Tech Rescue incident in Dover went well. Mitigated very quickly. Impact on the District and resources were minimal. Through the grant program, we just completed the Swift Water Flood Technician certification and now our Tech Rescue Team is a credentialed team recognized by NYS; plan moving forward is to get NYS to identify Arlington as a Regional asset (with backfill and funding) and for the County to recognize the joint team as well.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – (absent)

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. National EMS Week – recognized and thanked our staff for all their hard work and dedication. Recently there was a pedestrian struck near Carriage Hill with multiple life-threatening injuries– patient is alive today because of our staff.

3. Tomorrow will be attending the EMS Memorial Dedication at Empire State Plaza and they will be recognizing 5 individuals that have passed away in NYS.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Received the draft of the 2022 Independent Audit and Management Letter from PKF O'Connor Davies.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to accept the draft of the 2022 Independent Audit and Management Letter from PFK O'Connor Davies. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

2. Reported that all of the tax revenue and 95% of the PILOT payments have come in. Vice Chairman Chiumento acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's April 30, 2025 Financial Report for the District.

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted for Board notification purposes or for consideration.

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no items for Executive Session.

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 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: 5-19-25
