



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES October 21, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Vice Chairman – (absent)
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 5:00 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 25–10B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$550,671.61 in unpaid bills with a total of 28 checks for a grand total of \$550,671.61, totaling 28 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Comm. Valdez made a motion to approve Abstract 25–10B–Croft. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$4,050.50 in unpaid bills with a total of 1 check for a grand total of \$4,050.50, totaling 1 check. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

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

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. October 6, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

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

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

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

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

1. Received from Arrow Bank:

A. Investment Presentation: 11/01/2019 – 09/30/2025

B. September 2025 LOSAP Statement

C. District Secretary O'Neill reported that Firefly has sent out the annual certification form / verification letters to confirm bank and beneficiary information to the volunteer members, and they should be getting them soon if not already.

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.*

7. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted.*
- A. E-mail dated September 20, 2025 from Christopher Knight of Croft Corners Fire Company resigning as a member.

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to accept the resignation. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

- B. Adopt Annual Fire District Election Resolution (Town Law §175-a [6])

Comm. Dore read the following:

ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Arlington Fire District (“Fire District”) hereby determine that the Annual Election of the Fire District shall be held on December 9, 2025 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., with polling places at the Red Oaks Mill Fire House, 213 Vassar Road for Wards 1, 2, and 5, and at District Headquarters, 11 Burnett Boulevard for Wards 3, 4, and 6 for the purpose of electing one (1) Fire District Commissioner for a five (5) year term of office commencing January 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2030;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Candidate shall submit a petition setting forth their desired candidacy for the five (5) year term beginning on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2030, subscribed by twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the Arlington Fire District to the Secretary of the District, no later than November 19, 2025; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following resident Fire District Elector is appointed as the Chairperson of said District Election: Denes House.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following resident Fire District electors are hereby appointed as Election Inspectors for said election:

HEADQUARTERS

1. Sara Jane Inglis
2. Karina House
3. Kimberly Rine

RED OAKS MILL

1. Paula Marcotte
2. Charlene Smart
3. Deborah Washburn

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson and Election Inspectors be compensated in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), according to Town Law §175 for their services and attendance at the annual election;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in case of any of the members appointed herein are unable to assume or perform the duties required of them, the Board of Fire Commissioners appoint the following resident Fire District electors as alternates:

1. Jennifer Gonzalez
2. Eric Bennett

3. Raymond Rodriguez

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Fire District Secretary is instructed to request a list of registered voters in the Arlington Fire District as of November 17, 2025 from the Dutchess County Board of Elections;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the notice of election shall be published in the Poughkeepsie Journal, no earlier than November 5, 2025 and no later than November 12, 2025.

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve that Resolution. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

8. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*
Edgar Lics – \$50.00

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to accept the donation of \$50.00 and put it in the General Fund. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

9. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS** – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted.*

10. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

1. Fire Prevention is in full swing and there are daily and weekend activities going on. Extremely busy.
2. New 32-11 Seagrave is in service today. Apparatus is being moved around and running under different identification numbers. The old 32-13 has been taken out of service. The 2nd new Seagrave is getting warranty work done which involves the engine and representatives from Cummings came to address the issues. Should be a faster turnaround.
3. Thanked the Groups for all the infrastructure improvements at the buildings. Group 3 has done a lot at HQ and specifically FF Rancourt for all the outside projects. River rock was installed in front of HQ and the sides and removed overgrowth.
4. Battalion Chief Gary Lewis has tendered his notice to retire. His last day is October 28th. Need to request a transfer from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund in the amount not to exceed \$152K.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve the transfer not to exceed \$152K out of the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

1. Trunk or Treat at Hagan was a big success. Received a thank you from the organizer, Molly Hastings for our participation. There were 300+ kids in attendance. Thanked the Board for their support. The Town Trunk or Treat at Stanley Still Park is this Sunday.
2. The volunteer that resigned has moved out of the area to North Carolina.

C. Director of EMS David Violante – (absent)

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman Dore acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's September 30, 2025 Financial Report for the District.

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted.

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no items for Executive Session.

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 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: 10/21/25
