



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA November 3, 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 – (absent)
Director of EMS: David Violante
District Secretary: Renee O'Neill
Treasurer: James Passikoff

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – The Board insists on decorum and common courtesy**
The public may comment on any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Each speaker may speak for up to three (3) minutes and no time may be transferred to another party. Please do not expect the Board to answer any questions or make comments during this time. If the Board chooses to answer questions, they will do so during the "Comments from the Board" section of the meeting.
6. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

7. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

- A. Approval of Abstract 25–11A.

Motion to approve Abstract 25–11A. This consists of \$_____ in paid bills with a total of _____ checks and \$_____ in unpaid bills with a total of _____ checks for a grand total of \$_____, totaling _____ checks.

8. **MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

- A. October 21, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. (*Comm. Chiumento was absent*)
- B. October 21, 2025 2026 Proposed Budget Public Hearing. (*Comm. Chiumento was absent*)

9. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

- A. Received Eric Philipp’s letter of intent to run for Assistant Chief for 2026.
- B. Received the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County meeting minutes from September 23, 2025.
- C. Received “*Fire District Affairs: October 2025 – November 2025*”.

11. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted*

- A. Subject to certain restrictions, make changes, alterations, and revisions to 2026 proposed budget (Town Law §181[3][b]) on or before November 4th.

- B. 2026 Budget Tax Levy Limit Resolution for consideration (GML §3-c [5]) – October 21st to November 3rd (before adopting Annual Budget)

2026 BUDGET TAX LEVY LIMIT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners (“Board”) of the Arlington Fire District (“Fire District”), have duly and carefully considered the public safety and fire protection needs of the residents and taxpayers of the Fire District in preparing the Fire District budget for the fiscal year 2026; and

WHEREAS, after such careful consideration, the recurring, regular and other operating costs and obligations of the Fire District require it to exceed the tax levy limit imposed on the Fire District pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c in order to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency services to the residents and taxpayers of the Fire District which is in the best interests of such residents and taxpayers as determined by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire District, and

WHEREAS, under General Municipal Law 3-c subdivision 5, a Fire District may annually adopt a resolution to override the annual tax levy limit, which resolution must be approved by sixty (60) percent of the total voting power of the Board of Fire Commissioners prior to the adoption of its proposed and or final budget.

NOW, THEREFORE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority of Section 3-c subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law, after careful consideration of the recurring, regular and other operating costs and obligations of the Fire District, in order to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency services to the residents of the Arlington Fire District, and prior to the adoption of its proposed and or final budget, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Arlington Fire District does hereby override the annual tax levy limit for the upcoming 2026 fiscal year.

Motion to approve the 2026 Budget Tax Levy Limit Resolution.

POLL OF THE BOARD:

Comm. Dore:

Comm. Chiumento: (absent)

Comm. Valdez:

Comm. Van Itallie:

Comm. Jackson:

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- C. Adopt 2026 Fire District Annual Budget (Town Law §181[3][b]) – on or before November 4th.

If there are no changes, alterations or revisions,

Motion to adopt the 2026 Fire District Annual Budget in the amount of \$28,054,600 of which \$26,144,600 is to be raised by real estate taxes.

POLL OF THE BOARD:

Comm. Dore:

Comm. Chiumento: (absent)

Comm. Valdez:
Comm. Van Itallie:
Comm. Jackson:

12. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*

13. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**

14. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

1. Request for up to \$46K to be transferred out of the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund for Battalion Chief Chris Mills for sick time buyout.
2. Request for up to \$21K to be transferred out of the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of radio equipment and associated accessories.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – (absent)

C. Director of EMS David Violante

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. If received, Chairman to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Financial Report for the District.

15. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There are no items for Executive Session.

17. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A. Open items for approval and/or discussion as a result of Executive Session.

B. Any other business that may come to the Board for consideration.

18. **ADJOURN MEETING**