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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES March 2, 2026

ATTENDEES:

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

Chief: Adam Kangas
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp
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. Valdez made a motion to approve Abstract 26–3A. This consists of \$4,097.93 in paid bills with a total of 1 check and \$726,886.68 in unpaid bills with a total of 45 checks for a grand total of \$730,984.61, totaling 46 checks. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. February 9, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

1. Amendment – FEMA class is being held in Guilderland, not Oriskany.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

B. February 20, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting. (*Comm. Jackson and Comm. Van Itallie were absent.*)

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

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

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” through 01/31/26
- B. January 2026 LOSAP account statement
- C. Request to send Arrow Bank the 2026 LOSAP contribution in the amount of \$75,662.00.

Comm. Valdez made a motion to send Arrow Bank the 2026 LOSAP contribution in the amount of \$75,662.00. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

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

1. Volunteer application ready for Board consideration:

- A. Ian Costello, Company 5, FF
- B. Jack McCaffrey, Company 5, FF/EMT

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

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

- L. District Safety & Health – Comm. Dore & Comm. Valdez
- M. Strategic Plan – Comm. Van Itallie & Comm. Valdez
- N. Finance Committee – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Jackson
- O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Dore & Comm. Van Itallie
- P. Croft Lease – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Van Itallie

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

- A. Received “Fire District Affairs: February – March 2026”.
- B. Received the January 27, 2026 meeting minutes from the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County.

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

- A. Letter dated February 12, 2026 from Cory Dubetsky resigning as a career Firefighter/EMT effective March 9, 2026.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to accept the resignation effective March 9th. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

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. Request to move the next Board meeting scheduled for March 16th to Red Oaks Mill for the promotions ceremony.

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

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

2. Status on Apparatus:

- A. Phoenixville Ladder truck – in process of being upfitted to Arlington specs. Ladder needs to be certified; should be around the 3rd week in March.

Anticipates it being in service at the end of March/
first week in April.

- B. Sold 32-15 that the BOFC surplus, to Westchester County in the amount of \$30K. They are appreciative and it will be used at their Training Center.
- C. Adirondack Fire Equipment accessed 32-16 (1995 E-One Cyclone Pumper) and 32-45 (1997 E-One Hurricane). They are offering to list the pumper for \$15K and the ladder truck for \$55K with hopes to get \$40K. If approved by the Board, we can go into contract with them and there is a 10% commission to the broker if they sell and the listings would be for 9 months. If they don't sell, we will look at other options, i.e. put them to auction or sell on our own. 32-45 would need to be surplus first.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to use the broker for the two pieces of equipment and to surplus the old 32-45. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

Comm. Chiumento asked Treasurer Passikoff if the \$30K from the sale of 32-15 needs to go back into the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund and he said yes because it was bought under a permissive referendum.

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

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted.

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Chief Adam Kangas – Grievance update

With no further open business to discuss, Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the discussion of proposed, pending or current litigation. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:13 p.m.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:18 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

There were no open items for discussion and/or approval as a result of Executive Session.

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

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O’Neill
District Secretary

NOT YET APPROVED



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: 3-2-24
