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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2026

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

Chief of Department: Adam Kangas
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp
Director of EMS: David Violante
District Secretary: Renee O'Neill
Treasurer: James Passikoff
Director of Personnel & Business Administration: Heather Hastie

Chairman Dore called the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. Following roll call, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

2. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

3. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve Abstract 26–11A, consisting of:

- Paid bills totaling $13,516.78 across 1 check;
- Unpaid bills totaling $106,537.13 across 32 checks; and
- An aggregate amount of $120,053.91 across 33 checks.

Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0 – 0.

Commissioner Valdez moved to approve Abstract 26–11A–Croft Corners, consisting of:

- Paid bills totaling $0 across 0 checks;
- Unpaid bills totaling $5,336.71 across 1 check; and
- An aggregate amount of $5,336.71 across 1 check.

Commissioner Dore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 – 0 – 1, with Comm. Jackson abstaining.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board considered approval of the following meeting minutes:

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2026 public hearing on the Board of Fire Commissioners proposed 2027 budget. Commissioner Van Itallie seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0 – 0.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Van Itallie seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0 – 0.

5. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Service Awards – Commissioners Valdez & Jackson
   1. Receipt of the September 2026 LOSAP statement from Arrow Bank.

B. District Inspections – Commissioners Dore & Jackson
C. District Officers & Chief Liaison – Commissioners Chiumento & Dore
D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison – Commissioners Valdez & Dore
E. Public Relations – Commissioners Chiumento & Jackson
F. Equipment Maintenance – Commissioners Dore & Valdez
G. Buildings & Grounds – Commissioners Dore & Van Itallie
H. Capital Equipment – Commissioners Van Itallie & Jackson
I. Union Negotiations & Contract – Commissioners Chiumento & Dore
J. Career Staff Liaison – Commissioners Chiumento & Dore
K. Volunteer Recruitment – Commissioners Valdez & Jackson
L. District Safety & Health – Commissioners Dore & Valdez
M. Strategic Plan – Commissioners Van Itallie & Valdez
N. Finance Committee – Commissioners Chiumento & Valdez
O. IT Operations Committee – Commissioners Dore & Van Itallie
P. Croft Lease – Commissioners Valdez & Van Itallie

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Receipt of the September 22, 2026 meeting minutes from the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County.

B. Receipt of Eric Philipp's letter of intent to run for Assistant Chief for 2027.

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7. **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

A. Remove EMS status for Matt Schlossberg of Croft Corners Fire Company. He wishes to remain active Fire Police.

Commissioner Van Itallie moved to remove him from EMS status. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0 – 0.

8. **DONATIONS**

No donations received.

9. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

No Commissioners' items.

10. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief of Department Adam Kangas

1. Consider authorizing an expenditure not to exceed $26,000 from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund for Captain Donald Robison's contractual retirement incentive (sick time buyout).

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve. Commissioner Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0 – 0.

2. AFG grant – Ed D'Anna and Tom Andryshak will be attending the Fire Officer III class in Bucks County; fully funded and backfill covered by the AFG grant. Requesting approval from the Board for their attendance.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve. Commissioner Van Itallie seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0 – 0.

3. The next fire academy class is February 23rd. Requesting authorization from the Board to pull the list, conduct interviews by the end of the year and make appointments in January.

No action was taken.

4. RE: Conversion of HQ to gas – received a quote from Central Hudson of $28,000 to convert HQ to gas. Requesting our service providers to provide us with quotes on a new heating system at HQ; with our current system, the heat has gone out multiple times already. Board needs to decide whether to stay with oil or go with gas.

Discussion.

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Commissioner Valdez moved to approve to get some bids and convert from our present heating system to gas heating and follow the steps that the Chief recommends with getting the quotes and everything associated with it to convert Arlington Headquarters to gas. Commissioner Van Itallie seconded the motion.

Brief discussion.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0 – 0.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp
   1. Two recent Trunk or Treat events were held and had good attendance. Thanked the Board for allowing them to participate.

C. Director of EMS David Violante
   1. Thanked Matt Schlossberg for the many years as a volunteer EMT. Letter will be sent on behalf of the District to him.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff
   1. Chairman Dore acknowledged receipt of the August 31, 2026 Treasurer's Financial Report.

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

No school requests were submitted for notification only. The following school requests require consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

A. David Violante: "NYS Vital Signs Conference", November 12 – 15, 2026 at the Niagara Falls Convention Center. (No registration cost, $504.57 lodging, $150 meals, use of District vehicle)

Commissioner Van Itallie moved to approve. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0 – 0.

B. Peter Valdez: "EMS Connections", November 14, 2026 at Dutchess Community College. ($75 registration)

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve. Commissioner Van Itallie seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 – 0 – 1, with Commissioner Valdez abstaining.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Discuss item for the purpose of the medical, financial, credit, employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

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Commissioner Van Itallie moved to enter executive session. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0 – 0.

The Board entered executive session at 6:17 p.m.

The Board concluded executive session at 6:38 p.m. and reconvened in open session.

No action taken after executive session.

There being no further business, Commissioner Jackson moved to adjourn. Commissioner Van Itallie seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0 – 0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee O'Neill
District Secretary

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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: 11-2-26
