

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
10 AUGUST 2023

Present: Commissioner Vikki Simmons
Commissioner John Malone
Commissioner Emma Walthall-Moon
Commissioner James Robinson

Absent: Commissioner Daymon Yizar

Also Present: Chief Howard Reiss
Treasurer Matilde Abate
Secretary Sarah Senior

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District, Westchester County, New York, of Thursday, 10 August 2023, convened at 18:35 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. Commissioner Robinson served as Chair pro-tem.

R23-08-01

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the meeting shall be called to order:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

The motion was carried.

Chair Robinson called the roll: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson present. Commissioner Yizar absent.

R23-08-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the minutes of the regular meeting of 8 June 2023 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

The motion was carried.

Apparatus Committee

The Committee met on July 6th to review Ladder-1 vehicle specifications. The committee is waiting for the final documents from Seagrave.

The Committee informed Seagrave that they will not sign a contract for Engine 176 until the Ladder-1 specifications are finalized.

R23-08-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board approves the purchase of a 2023 Chevy Tahoe from Smithtown Chevrolet to replace car 2121 at the cost of \$48,494:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

The motion was carried.

Engine 175 is still with Hendrickson to be repaired. The engine and motor are still under warranty, so the cost of repairs may be covered.

Finance Committee

The Committee met on 15 June 2023 and reviewed payroll, financial statements, and reports up to



June 2023. The Committee found the payroll and all reports and statements in order.

Chief's Report

R23-08-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Malone, the Board approves FF Jeffrey Jones to attend Rope Rescue Operation Course – Level 1, at the NYS Fire Academy in Montour Falls from 11/13/23 to 11/16/23 at the registration cost of \$180:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

The motion was carried.

Chief Reiss informed the Board that he rejected two school requests because the course subjects were not currently beneficial to the department.

The Department has received and dispersed the Healthcare Bonus Pay fund to the appropriate members.

R23-08-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Malone, the Board affirms its approval of a cost of up to \$6,000 to repair the transmission of Car 2121:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

DC Baker is considering a joint training session with a neighboring department for the upcoming fall training days.

Greenville Fire District secured a grant to fund Hazmat training for the three Greenburgh Departments, it will pay for two days of training for each member.

Greenburgh Police Department has invited us to participate in the Active Shooter Training they are hosting at the Greenburgh Public Library.

Chief Reiss advised the Board that Fire District Consolidation was brought up at the 7/26 Town Board Meeting.

The two interns from the Operation Crossroads Program have successfully finished their summer program.

Chief Reiss reported that Union Vice President Rodriguez informed him that the Union has ratified the Memorandum of Agreement between the Fire District and Local 1586 for the rank of firefighter and the Memorandum of Agreement between the Fire District and Local 1586 for fire officers.

R23-08-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the Board shall ratify and approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Fairview Fire District and the Greenburgh Uniformed Firefighter, Inc., Local 1586 dated 6 July 2023 and executed on 31 July 2023 for fire officers up to and including the rank of Deputy Fire Chief:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

The motion was carried.

R23-08-07

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the Board shall ratify and approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Fairview Fire District and the Greenburgh Uniformed Firefighter, Inc., Local 1586 dated 6 July 2023 and executed on 31 July 2023 for the rank of firefighter:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Robinson signed the Memorandums of Agreement on behalf of the Fire District.

The Department responded to the following structure fires: On 11 June 23, we provided a mutual response with Ardsley Fire Department, on 19 June 2023, we responded to a structure fire on Parkview Ln, where DC Malone did an excellent job as Incident Commander. On 10 July 2023 we provided a mutual aid response to Elmsford Fire Department and on 15 July 2023 we responded to BJ's Wholesale club, where DC DiGilio excelled as Incident Commander.

The Department participated in National Night Out on 1 August 2023 at Greenburgh Town Hall.

The Chief received correspondence from a Valhalla Fire Department Lieutenant expressing their personal dissatisfaction with our timeline on releasing their mutual-aid ladder while receiving a mutual-aid response. Chief Reiss spoke with the Chief of Valhalla to resolve the issue.

In June 2023, the Department responded to 232 alarms, 131 EMS and Extrication calls, 9 mutual aid-out responses, and 4 mutual aid-in responses.

In July 2023, the Department responded to 252 alarms, 113 EMS and Extrication calls, 9 mutual aid-out responses, and 3 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

R23-08-08

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the Board approved up to \$4,000 for the purchase of chairs for the Headquarters Boardroom:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

Commissioner Simmons thanks the Department on behalf of the Westchester Community Health Center – Greenburgh for their participation in National Health Center Week. She stated that FFs Carranza and J. Jones ran the Fire Safety Trailer and were very helpful.

R23-08-09

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the medical history and employment of particular persons and to review the Sick and Late Reports for June and July 2023:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

The motion was carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 19:08 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 19:20 hours.

R23-08-10

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the Public Session shall resume:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

The motion was carried.

R23-08-11

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time set forth in the Sick & Late Reports for June and July 2023:



Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

The motion was carried.

R23-08-12

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 31 July 2023 in the amount of \$312,815.72:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

The motion was carried.

R23-08-13

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 10 August 2023 in the amount of \$264,715.14:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.


The motion was carried.

R23-08-14

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the meeting shall be adjourned at 19:27 hours:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Yizar absent.

The motion was carried.



Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary

