# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK 8 JANUARY 2022

Present:

Commissioner Vikki Simmons

Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar Commissioner John Malone

Commissioner Emma Walthall-Moon

Absent:

Commissioner James Robinson

Also Present:

Chief Howard Reiss

Secretary Sarah Senior

Also Absent:

Treasurer Matilde Abate

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District, Westchester County, New York, of Saturday, January 8, 2022, convened at 11:02 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Vikki Simmons.

#### R22-01-19

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

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

The motion was carried.

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

## R22-01-20

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the minutes of the regular meeting of 20 December 2021 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary: Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Robinson

absent.

The motion was carried.

# Health & Safety Committee

The CDC and DOH have updated COVID-19 guidelines as of January 2022. The Department is following these updated guidelines.

# Chief's Report

# R22-01-21

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board shall approve Chief Reiss, D.C. DiGilio, Capt. E. Malone and Captain Lester to attend the NYSAFC Five Point Command Training Course on 2 February 2022, at the Westchester County Fire Training Center, at the cost of \$35 per person:

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

The motion was carried.

Chief Reiss informed the Board that Captain James Malone Jr. is the officer that will be attending the previously approved Maryland Fire Rescue Safety Institute's Staff and Command Course in Annapolis, Maryland, in March.

The District has received full reimbursement from Westchester County for the overtime costs incurred for the 2021 Hazmat Training and the Mobilization Drill in the amounts of \$16,881.70 and \$4,587.35, respectively.

#### R22-01-22

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board shall approve the purchase of the following software licensing through IT Connections of New Windsor, NY:

- 1. Sopho's Antivirus Licensing for 36 months at the total cost of \$1,754.16
- 2. Licensing for Microsoft Office 365, including 6 Basic licenses, 13 Business licences, and 20 Data Security licenses at the total cost of \$3,450.
- 3. 15 Data RMM cloud backup software licenses at the total cost of \$2,160:

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

The motion was carried.

A regional grant for technical rescue training has been submitted.

Regarding a potential regional grant to fund the purchase of individual SCBA regulators, the feedback from FEMA was not positive. The Health & Safety committee should revisit the topic to discuss other funding possibilities.

The promotions of Deputy Chiefs David Primerano, Timothy Ryan, and Captain Michael Murray were effective 31 December 2021. They were formally sworn in on 2 January 2022. Hopefully, we will have a ceremonial swearing-in so their families can be present.

Ardsley Fire Department has delivered the replacement boat, water rescue equipment, and portable radio damaged during Hurricane Ida.

The Department responded to a working fire on Winnetou Road on 23 December 2021. All responding members did an outstanding job battling the fire. Mutual-aid assistance was received from Greenville, Hartsdale, Scarsdale, and White Plains. Valhalla and Elmsford assisted in covering the stations.

The Department responded to 235 alarms in December 2021, including 108 EMS and Extrication calls, 12 mutual aid-out responses, and 5 mutual aid-in responses.

In 2021, the Department responded to 2,740 alarms, 1,234 EMS and Extrication calls, 131 mutual aid-out responses, and 88 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

#### R22-01-23

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone 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 Report for December 2021:

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

The motion was carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:16 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 11:36 hours.

## R22-01-24

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

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

The motion was carried.

## R22-01-25

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons 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 Report for December 2021:

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

The motion was carried.

## R22-01-26

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the meeting shall be adjourned at 20:35 hours:

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

The motion was carried.

Sarah Senior

Fire District Secretary

