

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
18 OCTOBER 2022

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

Absent: Commissioner Daymon S 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 Tuesday, 18 October 2022, convened at 18:30 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Vikki Simmons.

R22-10-03

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

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

The motion was carried.

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

R22-10-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the regular meeting of 8 September 2022 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

The motion was carried.

R22-10-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the special meeting of 19 September 2022 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

The motion was carried.

Apparatus Committee

Both Seagrave Engines had their annual PM Service at Hudson Valley Fire. With the 2-year warranty period ending soon, the Department intends to switch service from Hudson Valley to Ruscon, as they service all other apparatus.

House & Grounds Committee

The Committee received a quote from Elmer's Painter of Valley Cottage, NY, for \$3,800 to paint the Board room, Duty Office, Chief's office, and Secretary's Office.



The roof over the Chief's office required emergency repair due to a large leak. Two quotes were received, and Donald Brown Home Improvement completed the repairs for \$1,700.

R22-10-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall approve \$4,460 to be paid to ABM for the replacement Evaporator Coil for the Headquarters HVAC system:

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

The motion was carried.

The Committee is looking to schedule a date for the H2M Engineers to come and assess the buildings.

Chief's Report

Firefighter Neil Davino will attend the Child Passenger Safety Course from 9 November 2022 to 12 November 2022 in Rockland County at no cost to the District.

Ray Catena Lexus donated \$25,000 to the Department to purchase turnout gear.

Metropolis Country Club would like to meet on 21 October 2022 to present the Department with a donation.

R22-10-07

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the Board approved the annual renewal of the service contract with ABM Air Condition and Heat of Hawthorne, NY, for the amount of \$3,853.00:

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

The motion was carried.

FF Neil Davino and Captain James Malone are teaching Westchester County's Active Shooter Training, and all Greenburgh firefighters will receive the training and necessary equipment through a grant.

Probationary Firefighters Wayne Jones and Tyler Cowles are both progressing well in the Fire Academy

Firefighter Derrick Bert intends to retire on 28 November 2022

Westchester Career Chief's association is prioritizing Mental Health. They have invited Westchester Trauma Recovery Network – a group of trained psychologists – to make a presentation. Any service they offer would be in addition to EAP.

The Bonus pay for Healthcare workers in the pandemic has unfortunately excluded Fire Districts. So at this time, our department does not qualify.

The Chief is currently working on 2023 Group changes.

The Department has been invited to the following inspection dinners: Hasting on Hudson on 28 October at St. Andrews Golf Course. West Harrison on 4 November at Braeburn Country Club.

On September 11th the Department attended the annual remembrance service at Webb Field.

On 30 October 2022, the Department will participate in the annual Parkway Garden Halloween Parade.

The Department responded to 255 alarms in September 2022, including 11 EMS and Extrication calls, 14 mutual aid-out responses, and 1 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

The November Regular meeting was rescheduled to take place on Monday 7 November 2022 at 18:00 hours.

R22-10-08

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall adopt the following resolution to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District adopted a proposed budget for 2023 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 18, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 18, 2022, at said budget hearing, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Final Budget for the Fairview Fire District for the year 2023 in the amount of \$14,509,311.96 is hereby approved and adopted, a copy of which shall be attached hereto, and shall be submitted to the Town of Greenburgh.

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

The motion was carried.

R22-10-09

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Malone 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 September 2022:

Roll call: Commissioners Malone, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Simmons 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 19:30 hours.

R22-10-10

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Public Session shall resume:

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

The motion was carried.

R22-10-11

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time set forth in the Sick & Late Report for September 2022:

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

The motion was carried.

R22-10-12

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 31 October 2022 in the amount of \$255,517.76:

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

The motion was carried.

R22-10-13

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the meeting shall be adjourned at 19:55 hours:

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

The motion was carried.



Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary