

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
10 JUNE 2021

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

Absent: Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar
Commissioner James Robinson

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 June 2021, convened at 18:30 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair John Malone.

R21-06-01

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the meeting shall be called to order: Commissioners Simmons, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioners Yizar, and Robinson absent.
The motion was carried.

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

R21-06-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the minutes of the regular meeting of 13 May 2021 shall be approved with correction by the Secretary: Commissioners Simmons, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioners Yizar, and Robinson absent.
The motion was carried.

Health & Safety

Chief Reiss suggested that the committee meet this month to go over procedures and operations now that COVID-19 regulations are relaxing. He stated that Union V.P. Rodriguez is available in the afternoon on 24 June or anytime on 25 June.

Finance Committee

The finance committee meeting was postponed due to scheduling conflicts.

Chief's Report

Chief Reiss thanks the Board, Treasurer, and Secretary for their support on Memorial Day. He stated that the celebration went very well, and he would like to continue to have a joint ceremony with the Town and surrounding fire districts.

FF Michael Murray reported the 'Sound the Alarm' program exceeded expectations. He stated our Fire Department was responsible for 98% of the American Red Cross Metro NY area's smoke detector installations during the program. The Red Cross is looking to partner with the Department again, possibly for Fire Prevention Week in October, for another smoke detector installation push. FF Murray reported that the Red Cross Metro NY would like to present the Board and membership with certificates to thank them for their efforts in the collaboration.

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Chief Reiss asked how many smoke detectors were installed during the program. FF Murraray stated 361 smoke detectors were installed in 110 homes.

Commissioner Walthall-Moon asked how the Department advertised for the program. FF Murray stated that it was advertised on the Department's website, Facebook, and Instagram. They also visited the Community Center, local clergy and Chief Reiss walked through neighborhoods handing out flyers.

Commissioner Walthall-Moon inquired about using combination smoke and carbon monoxide detections in the future. FF Murray stated that he is working with the Red Cross to get them approved for our use.

Chief Reiss and Commissioner Malone thanked FF Murray for his efforts in coordinating and executing the program.

The Chief met with the Town of Greenburgh to further discuss placing a watering monitoring system on the Station 2 property. They discussed possibly installing the equipment in the basement rather than building a structure outside of the building.

Chief Reiss attended Ardsley's Inspection Dinner on 5 June 2021. He spoke to Director Dingee of Westchester Department of Emergency Services about replacing Squad 6, the 1997 Ford Minibus designated for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Hazmat response. They discussed looking for a county donation of a box-style truck rather than a towable trailer.

Chief Reiss attended the Hilltop Farms Civic Association meeting on 8 June 2021 via Zoom.

Ladder-1 is out of service. While driving it to Ruscon, the truck broke down and had to be towed the rest of the way. The truck will be sent to Caterpillar in Bloomingburg, NY, for repair on the motor.

Chief Reiss discussed the upcoming need to replace the current ladder truck. He explained that the size of the garage at Headquarters would not support the standard industry size of tower ladders. He also mentioned that due to the years they were built, neither Headquarters nor Station 2 are ADA compliant and have many large-scale repairs that need to be addressed. Chief Reiss expressed that the current buildings were not set up to meet the District's future needs.

The Department will participate in the Town of Greenburgh's Juneteenth Celebrating taking place on 18 June 2021. There will be a motorcade starting from Town Hall and ending at Webb Field, followed by food and refreshments.

The Department responded to 193 alarms in May 2021, including 78 EMS and Extrication calls, 15 mutual aid-out responses, and 7 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

Public Participation

Claire Pizzuti thanked Chief Reiss for attending the Hilltop Farms Civic Association Meeting

R21-06-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Simmons 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 May 2021: Commissioners Simmons, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioners Yizar, and Robinson absent.

The motion was carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 18:58 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 19:21 hours.

R21-06-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Public Session shall resume:
Commissioners Simmons, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioners Yizar, and Robinson absent.
The motion was carried.

R21-06-05

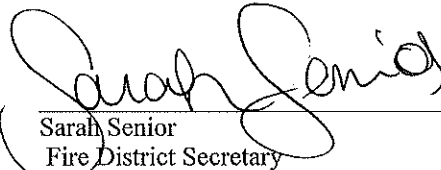
Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time set forth in the Sick & Late Report for May 2021:
Commissioners Simmons, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioners Yizar, and Robinson absent.
The motion was carried.

R21-06-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon 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 June 2021 in the amount of \$189,168.70:
Commissioners Simmons, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioners Yizar, and Robinson absent.
The motion was carried.

R21-06-07

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the meeting shall be adjourned at 19:23 hours:
Commissioners Simmons, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioners Yizar, and Robinson absent.
The motion was carried.



Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary

