# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK 7 NOVEMBER 2022

Present:

Commissioner Vikki Simmons

Commissioner Daymon S Yizar Commissioner John Malone

Commissioner Emma Walthall-Moon 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 Monday, 7 November 2022, convened at 18:09 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Vikki Simmons.

# R22-11-09

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

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Robinson, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, The motion was carried.

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

# R22-11-10

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the public hearing of 18 October 2022 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary: Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Robinson, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, The motion was carried.

## R22-11-11

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the minutes of the regular meeting of 18 September 2022 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Robinson, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, The motion was carried.

# Apparatus Committee

The Committee is still waiting for the specifications and cost for a new ladder truck from Hudson Valley Fire Equipment.

# House & Grounds Committee

Elmers Painting is scheduled to begin the project at Headquarters the week of November 21st.

The H2M engineer surveyed both buildings on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# Chief's Report

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

Firefighter Derrick Bert will retire on 28 November 2022.



Interviews for the new Battalion Chief for Battalion 14 are currently underway.

Fire Districts have been added to the Bonus Pay for Healthcare Workers bill. Deputy Chief Simmons is working on the registration for Fairview.

2022 Group Changes have been published.

On November 3<sup>rd,</sup> the Chief met with Commissioner Wishnie and the Communications Division at the Department of Emergency Services regarding radio channel usage during 10-75 incidents.

The Department responded to 254 alarms in October 2022, including 138 EMS and Extrication calls, 6 mutual aid-out responses, and 4 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

## R22-11-11

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the following Line Transfer in the 2022 Budget shall be approved as recommended by the Treasurer: 2022 Budget Line Transfer: The Treasurer shall reduce the *Worker's Compensation Insurance Line* (#110) by the sum of \$100,000.00, decreasing the *Worker's Compensation Insurance Line* from \$340,000 to \$240,000, and add the sum of \$100,000.00 to the *Overtime Line* (#101), increasing the *Overtime Line* from \$670,000.00 to

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Robinson, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, The motion was carried.

#### R22-11-12

\$770,000.00;

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the following Line Transfer in the 2022 Budget shall be approved as recommended by the Treasurer: 2022 Budget Line Transfer: The Treasurer shall reduce the *Building Supplies & Maintenance* (#206) by the sum of \$10,000.00, decreasing the *Building Supplies & Maintenance Line* from \$78,000 to \$68,000, and add the sum of \$10,000.00 to the *Electricity Line* (#201), increasing the *Electricity Line* from \$17,500.00 to \$27,500.00; Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Robinson, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, The motion was carried.

#### R22-11-13

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the following Line Transfer in the 2022 Budget shall be approved as recommended by the Treasurer: 2022 Budget Line Transfer: The Treasurer shall reduce the *College Tuition Line* (#401) by the sum of \$5,000.00, decreasing the *College Tuition Line* from \$15,000 to \$10,000, and add the sum of \$5,000.00 to the *Firematic Seminar & Drill Line* (#201), increasing the *Firematic Seminars & Drills Line* from \$36,500.00 to \$41,500.00; Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Robinson, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, The motion was carried.

Secretary Senior informed the Board that longtime general counsel Frank Simeone has retired. Attorney Simeone has recommended another Partner at his former firm Bill Badura who is well-versed in Fire District Law.

## R22-11-14

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

WHEREAS, subdivision 6 of Section 175-a of the Town Law requires the board of fire commissioners of any fire district, by resolution adopted at least forty days prior to fire district elections, to designate a resident fire district elector to serve as chairman of such election and not less than two nor more than four resident fire district electors to act as election inspectors and ballot clerks at each polling place in such election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted on November 3, 2022, the board of fire commissioners has designated a chairman and inspectors of election; and



WHEREAS, subdivision 6 of said Section 175-a also provides that the board of fire commissioners may provide for alternate inspectors who shall assume the office of inspector upon the inability or refusal of an inspector to assume or perform his duties; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the regular election of the Fairview Fire District of the Town of Greenburgh, Westchester County, New York, will be held on December 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for such alternate inspectors; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District of Westchester County, New York, as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> The following resident fire district electors of said Fire District who are not officers of said Fire District, are hereby designated to act as alternate inspectors:

Ellen Satin Kelly Walker Felicia Walker Raffilina Longo

<u>Section 2.</u> Each person named above shall assume the office of inspector only on the inability or refusal of an inspector to assume or perform his/her duties.

<u>Section 3.</u> The persons named above shall be paid the sum provided in the resolution of November 3, 2022 designating inspectors of election.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

## R22-11-15

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon 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 October 2022: Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Robinson, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, The motion was carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 18:34 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 18:50 hours.

## R22-11-16

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

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Robinson, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, The motion was carried.

# R22-11-17

Upon the motion offered by CommissionerMalone 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 October 2022:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Robinson, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, The motion was carried.

# R22-11-18

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 10 November 2022 in the amount of \$248,112.63:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Robinson, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, The motion was carried.



# R22-11-19

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 18:55 hours: Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Robinson, Walthall-Moon, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, The motion was carried.

Sarah Senior

Fire District Secretary

