

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

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Present: Commissioner John Malone  
Commissioner Vikki Simmons  
Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar  
Commissioner Emma Walthall-Moon

Absent: 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, 13 May 2021, convened at 18:36 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair John Malone.

**R21-05-01**

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

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

**R21-05-02**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the minutes of the regular meeting of 8 April 2021 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Robinson absent. The motion was carried.

House & Grounds Committee

The Committee reached out to Scully Construction of North White Plains to request a quote to replace the exterior doors for Headquarters' front and side entrances. The total price came to \$12,075. The committee will continue to look for quotes.

A quote from Goosetown Communications was received to upgrade the alerting and speaker system at Station 2. The proposed cost is \$10,850.04

The committee received the following three quotes for exterior painting Headquarters:

- George Coffey Painting of Pleasantville, NY - \$7,800
- Spilotra's Painting of Chestnut Ridge - \$5,800
- Paint for Perfection - \$4,450

Chief Reiss advised that Spilotra's quote also included repairing damage to the exterior structure, while Paint for Perfection's quote was only for sanding and painting.

Finance Committee

All of the bank statements and payroll for the year 2020 have been reconciled. The bank statements for January and February 2021 have also been reconciled. The Committee plans to meet before the next regular meeting to complete the first quarter of 2021.



Chief's Report

**R21-05-03**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall approve Firefighter John Falcone to attend NYS Weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, MD, from 27 August 2021 to 29 August 2021, at the cost of \$55.30 per person :  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Robinson absent.  
The motion was carried.

**R21-05-04**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall approve Chief Reiss, Deputy Chief Ryan, Deputy Chief Baker, FF M. Murry, and FF Falcone to attend the National Child Passenger Safety Seat Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY, from 8 September 2021 to 10 September 2021 at the registration cost of \$200 per person :  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Robinson absent.  
The motion was carried.

**R21-05-05**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall renew the maintenance and service agreement with Superior Communications through 10 May 2022:  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Robinson absent.  
The motion was carried.

Spring Training Days are in progress. Groups 4 and Group 1 have completed their rotations. Groups 3 and 2 are scheduled to train on 17 May and 14 June, respectively.

**R21-05-06**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall affirm its approval of Commissioner Malone, Commissioner Yizar, Chief Reiss & Secretary Senior's attendance at the Association of Fire District of the State of New York Annual Meeting and Conference in Verona, NY, from May 5, 2021, to May 8, 2021, at the cost of \$385 per person, plus the cost of lodging, travel, and meals:  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Robinson absent.  
The motion was carried.

Chief Reiss reported that the classes at the conference were very educational, including the diversity training. He discussed the Keynote Speaker Billy Goldfeder's speech on Safety and Leadership. Mr. Goldfeder also provided a sample policy manual that the Chief is in the process of reviewing.

The Department's partnership with the American Red Cross, 'Sound the Alarm,' program has been very successful. The Chief credited and thanked FF Michael Murry for organizing the partnership. Members have installed over 350 smoke detectors in over 100 homes, with more scheduled. The following members have installed the smoke detectors: Firefighters M. Murray, P. Murray, Theile, Prescott, Mendola, Molyneaux, Davino, Griffin, Bert, Carranza, Lombardo, and Singh.

The Town of Greenburgh invited the Department to attend the dedication ceremony for Babbit Court on 20 May 2021. The street will be renamed Kevin Morgan Way after the late town board member.

The Department will participate in a Memorial Day motorcade in collaboration with the Town of Greenburgh, Hartsdale and Greenville Fire Districts, and the Veterans Advisory Committee, similar to the motorcade in 2020.

Chief Reiss advised the Board that the Volunteer FF in the Engine Company acquired donations from local businesses that they would like to raffle off for fundraising. He explained that there are many expenses of the Engine Company that the District does not absorb.

**R21-05-07**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the Board shall approve Fairview Engine Company 1's fundraiser raffles:  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Robinson absent.  
The motion was carried.

Chief Reiss met with the Town of Greenburgh to discuss their request to build a 10ft by 10ft structure on Station 2 property to monitor and test water. The water testing and monitoring device was initially slated to go on the Elmwood property, but they have asked us due to that property's unclear future.

The Community Center and the Town have requested the Department's participation in their Juneteenth celebration, scheduled for Friday 18 June 2021. They have asked for a fire truck to be in their motorcade and members to assist with food preparation.

The Department responded to 266 alarms in April 2021, including 95 EMS and Extrication calls, 7 mutual aid-out responses, and 9 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

Public Participation

Claire Pizzuti inquired about the status of the Elmwood property. Chief Reiss stated that he is not aware of any updates on the situation. Ms. Pizzuti also advised that the minutes from February and March need to be uploaded to the website. Chief Reiss stated that he is working on getting them uploaded to the website.

**R21-05-08**

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 April 2021:  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Robinson absent.  
The motion was carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 19:11 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 19:44 hours.

**R21-05-09**

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

**R21-05-10**

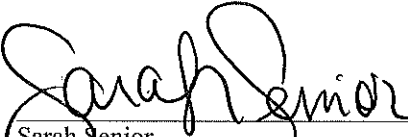
Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time set forth in the Sick & Late Report for April 2021:  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none,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

**R21-05-11**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 13 May 2021 in the amount of \$356,934.18:  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Robinson absent.  
The motion was carried.

**R21-05-12**

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 19:46 hours:  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, and Malone voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Robinson absent.  
The motion was carried.

  
Sarah Senior  
Fire District Secretary

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