

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

Present: Commissioner John Malone
Commissioner Vikki Simmons
Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar
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 Thursday, 14 October 2021, convened at 18:34 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair John Malone.

R21-10-01

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

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

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

Chair Malone issued the oath of office of Volunteer Firefighter to Andrew Martirano.

R21-10-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the minutes of the regular meeting of 8 September 2021 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

R21-10-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the minutes of the special meeting of 22 September 2021 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

House & Grounds

The wallpaper was removed from the Headquarters Boardroom. Next, the wall air conditioning units will be removed, and the walls will be repaired. The Board needs to inform the Committee what items in the Boardroom can and cannot be disposed of.

Apparatus Committee

The two 2016 Ford Explorers had a recall on their rear ball joint. The repairs were addressed at Pleasantville Ford.

Preventative maintenance on Engines 174 and 175 has been completed.

Due to supply chain issues causing delays and the cost of materials continuing to go up, the Board should consider if and when it plans to replace Ladder -1 and Engine 176.



Chief's Report

Deputy Chief Baker can no longer attend the EMS World Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

R21-10-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board approves Deputy Chief Baker to attend NYS EMS Vital Signs Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY from 10 November to 14 November at a registration cost of \$250 plus lodging at \$524:

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

R21-10-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board approves the annual renewal of our service contract with ABM Air Conditioning & Heat for the time frame of 10/15/2021-10/15/2022 at the cost of \$3,853:

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

R21-10-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board approves the purchase of 5 sets of Globe Turnout Gear for AAA Emergency Supply Co, at the total cost of \$19,625:

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

R21-10-07

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board approves the purchase of 8 Motorola Solutions APX6000 Portable Radios from Motorola Solutions Inc at the total cost of \$28,264:

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

The County Fire Mobilization Drill is scheduled to take place on 15 November 2021. The Department is sending Engine 175, 1 Deputy Chief, 1 Captain, and 3 Firefighters. The County will reimburse all overtime costs.

The upcoming department training day will be on 29 October 2021 for Groups 1 and 3 and 12 November 2021 for Groups 2 & 4. The training days will be held at Scarsdale Fire Department's training building. Members will train on Thermal Imaging Cameras.

The Westchester County Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony will be held at WCFTC on Sunday 17 October at 10:00 am. The state ceremony was held on 5 October, several members of the Department attended and Commissioner Malone.

There will be a memorial service for retired Firefighter David Pagliaroli at Headquarters on Wednesday, 20 October 2021, at 11:30 am.

The Fire Prevention Open House was on 9 October 2021, and there was an incredible turnout. Chief Reiss extended thanks to the following people for the success of the Open House: Retired Captain Larry Pagliaroli, Captain Dan Lester, who Chaired the event. Deputy Chiefs Ryan and Simmons, Captain James Malone Jr, Firefighters Batchie, Falcone Davino, Michael Murray, PJ Murray, Goldstein, and Prescott.

Captain James Malone Jr, FF P. Murray, and FF Scaperrotta were recognized at the Elmsford Fire Department Inspection Dinner for their work at vehicle rollover on the Sprain Brook Parkway southbound. They were crucial in the extrication of two trapped victims.

NYS has mandated that we transition from paper PCRs to electronic PCRs.

Captain Ryan is working with Westchester on the implementation and testing of the new radio systems. The systems are scheduled to go live by the end of the year. Captain Ryan has dedicated a lot of effort into this project.

There was an Officer's Meeting held on 8 October. The main topic discussed was implementing a recall system for when Headquarters is not staffed due to emergencies.

2022 Group changes are scheduled to be published by 1 November 2021.

We received correspondence from a resident, Mrs. Saleiman, thanking the Department for allowing her grandchildren to tour the firehouse and trucks while she was getting her car seat inspected. We received pictures and drawing from the children at Elmwood Day school thanking us for our visit during Fire Prevention Week.

The Department responded to 339 alarms in September 2021, including 113 EMS and Extrication calls, 22 mutual aid-out responses, and 5 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

R21-10-08

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons 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 Reports September 2021:

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 19:09 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 19:37 hours.

R21-10-09

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

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

R21-10-10

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 September 2021:

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

R21-10-11

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 14 October 2021 in the amount of \$388,421.59:

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

Commissioner Yizar advised the Board of an upcoming event for the Kevin Morgan Scholarship Fund. They will be honoring Norman Hall at Captain Lawrence Brewing Company in Elmsford on 18 October 2021.

Commissioner Walthall-Moon mentioned that the Fairview Greenburgh Kiwanis Club, chartered in 2019, seeks to gain more community visibility.

R21-10-12

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the meeting shall be adjourned at 19:46 hours:
Roll Call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent.
The motion was carried.



Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary

