

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

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

Also Present: Chief Howard Reiss
Secretary Sarah Senior

Absent: Treasurer Matilde Abate

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District, Westchester County, New York, of Thursday, 14 April 2022, convened at 19:03 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Simmons.

R22-04-01

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

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

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

R22-04-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the regular meeting of 10 March 2022 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

Apparatus Committee

There was an informal discussion regarding the purchase of a new Ladder truck held with Fire Department Officers and firefighters to gauge the needs for the truck. The Department would prefer a straight stick ladder over the current bucket-style truck.

A formal committee meeting, and a meeting with manufacturers, for example, Seagrave and Pierce should be the next step in the purchase process.

Finance Committee

The Finance committee met on Tuesday, 12 April 2022. Commissioners Simmons and Malone reviewed reconciled bank records and payroll through February 2022.

Commissioner Simmons stated that going forward she would prefer that the committee meets bi-monthly to stay up to date on these records.

House & Grounds Committee

Progress is being made on the Headquarters Board Room project.

On 11 April 2022, Commissioner Malone, Chief Reiss, and FF Batchie spoke with 2 architects



regarding the possible Headquarters addition. The first architect from Mitchell & Associates of Voorheesville, NY did not have any availability or interest in working on our project. The second architect from H2M Architecture & Design of Latham, NY has much more interest in the project and wants to set up a time to discuss the project further. Both architecture firms have experience in building and renovating firehouses.

Commissioner Simmons asked if we still have the plans from the failed bond from 2010, she asked if it's possible to adapt certain things from those plans rather than starting over completely.

Chief Reiss stated that he did reach out to that original architecture firm but they are no longer in business. He said that he will show the new architects those plans to get their feedback

Chief's Report

R22-04-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the following school requests are approved:

- Captain James Malone, Jr. to attend the Structural Collapse Training Course at the New York State Fire Academy in Montour Falls, NY from 15 May 2022 to 20 May 2022 and from 22 May 22 to 27 May 2022 at the cost of \$432:
- Captain Murray, and FFs Lombardo and Zima to attend the Swift Water Rescue course at the State Emergency Preparedness Center in Oriskany NY from 22 June 2022 to 26 June 2022 at no registration cost:

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

R22-04-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the reimbursement for Captain Dan Lester's successful completion of 2 courses at Southern Columbia University is approved in accordance with the current CBA:

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

Spring training days are scheduled to take place as follows: Group 1 – Tuesday 3 May 2022, Group 4 – Wednesday 4 May 2022, Group 3 – Thursday 5 May 2022, and Group 1 Friday 6 May 2022.

The probationary firefighters are excelling at the Career Fire Academy, FF Danny Vargas has been nominated as class president.

Firefighter Glenn Molyneaux has officially retired as of 23 March 2022.

The Chief attended a meeting on 11 March 2022, held by the Westchester Putnam Central Labor Body, on the union-proposed regional consolidation of Pelham, Pelham Manor, Larchmont, and New Rochelle Fire Departments.

There is a large Osprey nest atop the Verizon 5G tower at Headquarters, the bird is a protected species, so we are unable to move the nest. The large bird has been dropping branches and fish carcasses around the property which is potentially hazardous.

The Chief and Secretary Senior met with our insurance broker, to discuss industry-wide price increases, and to assure there was adequate coverage on all insured items.

The Chief met with Westchester County DES on 8 April to discuss support of their HazMat and Technical Rescue teams from career departments.

Public Safety Inspections have been slightly delayed due to COVID-19, but the groups have been making great progress to get up to date.

On March 31, 2022, the department provided a mutual aid response to a 5th alarm fire in New Rochelle, where members covered NRRFD Station 3 for approximately 12 hours. Members responded to around 7

alarms including a car fire. Chief Reiss, Capt J. Malone, and Firefighters DiGilio, Goldstein, and Loccissano did an exceptional job.

The Department responded to 199 alarms in March 2022, including 97 EMS and Extrication calls, 17 mutual aid-out responses, and 4 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

R22-04-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board accepts and approves the Bid for Station Uniforms from Fairfield Uniform Company, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, in the amount of \$27,711:

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

R22-04-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson 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 March 2022:

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 19:41 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 20:33 hours.

R22-04-07

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

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

R22-04-08

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board shall affirm its approval of Commissioner Yizar, Chief Reiss, and Secretary Senior's attendance at the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York Annual Meeting and Conference at Verona, NY, from 4 May 2022, to 7 May 2022, at the cost of \$250 per person, plus lodging, travel, and meals:

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

R22-04-09

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

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

R22-04-10

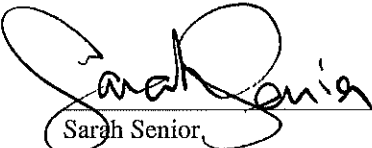
Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 30 April in the amount of \$47,462.84:

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

R22-04-11

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the meeting shall be adjourned at 19:56 hours:

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


Sarah Senior,
Fire District Secretary
