

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

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Present: Commissioner Vikki Simmons  
Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar  
Commissioner James Robinson

Absent: Commissioner John Malone  
Commissioner Emma Walthall-Moon

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, 12 May 2022, convened at 18:48 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Simmons.

**R22-05-01**

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

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

The motion was carried.

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

**R22-05-02**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the minutes of the regular meeting of 14 April 2022 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Robinson, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, Commissioners Malone, and Walthall-Moon, absent

The motion was carried.

Apparatus Committee

A meeting with Seagrave has been scheduled for 31 May 2022, at 1:00 PM to discuss the purchase of a new ladder truck. The current build time for ladder trucks is greater than 400 days.

Ladder 1 is currently out of service due to mechanical issues, it will be out of service for approximately 2 weeks.

House & Grounds Committee

Paint colors have been chosen for the Board Room. Commissioner Walthall-Moon sent out chair options to the Board for consideration.

During the 11 April House and Grounds meeting, the committee met with 2 architecture firms to discuss possible renovations to headquarters. A Feasibility Study was suggested to determine the structural integrity, and site condition of the current building. The quote for the feasibility study is \$35,000.

Commissioner Simmons suggested that we inquire with nearby departments to see what the cost of similar studies was for them. Chief Reiss agreed.



Chief's Report

**R22-05-03**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the Board approves FF Apostoli and FF Singh's attendance at HazMat Technician Course (modules 1-3) at the Westchester County Fire Training Center from 27 June 2022 to 1 July 2022 at no cost to the district:

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

The motion was carried.

**R22-05-04**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board shall approve the renewal of the Maintenance Agreement with Superior Communications, Inc., of White Plains, NY at the cost of \$1,292:

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

The motion was carried.

**R22-05-05**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the reimbursement for Firefighter Padraic Murray's successful completion of 1 course at CUNY, John Jay College of Criminal Justice is approved in accordance with the current CBA:

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

The motion was carried.

Spring training days are complete. Capt. J. Malone, Capt. E. Malone and FF Falcone did an excellent job with instruction and preparation.

On 11 May, Members of our Technical Rescue Team along with Hartsdale, Greenville, and Greenburgh Police Department trained on Rope Rescue techniques at the Woodlands Water Tower,

The probationary firefighters are continuing to excel at the academy.

Firefighter John Falcone will retire on 29 May 2022. He would like to have his retirement dinner at Headquarters on 27 May 2022.

The 2022 Memorial Day ceremony was discussed. The ceremony will begin at 11:30 am, there will be a small ceremony at Greenburgh Police Department, followed by the traditional barbeque at Headquarters,

The County Squad HazMat training is underway, training dates are May 2, 9, 16, and 23. The final HazMat drill will take place on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Positive feedback has been received thus far. Capt. E. Malone has been teaching the sessions, and we are on track to have 20 members participate.

The Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York's Annual Meeting took place in Verona, NY from, 5 May-7 May. Commissioner Yizar, Chief Reiss, and Secretary Senior attended the meeting where discussion topics included, Diversity, Budgeting, Recruitment, Leadership, and more. There were also Secretary and Treasurer trainings available to participate in.

The Sound the Alarm smoke detector program will begin again on 17 May 2022.

FF Davino has organized a Firefighter for a Day in coordination with local high schools. The program is designed to increase interest in volunteering and the fire service in general. The program has been scheduled for 10 June 2022 at Valhalla High School, and he is currently working with Greenburgh Central 7 school to get a date scheduled.

During the month of May, the Department is hosting an intern, Sam Auerbacher, a senior at Horace

Greeley High School in Chappaqua.

Fairfield Uniforms will be in Headquarters 24 May 2022, and 26 May 2022 from 7:00 am until 9:00 am to measure for uniforms.

On 30 April, the Department provided a mutual-aid response for an Ardsley Fire Department fire. On 4 May a mutual aid response was provided to a structure fire in Hartsdale/Greenville Fire Districts.

The Department responded to 148 alarms in April 2022, including 93 EMS and Extrication calls, 2 mutual aid-out responses, and 2 mutual aid-in responses.

**R22-05-06**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board approves the repair cost of the 2011 Ford F350, Utility-102, up to \$5,000:

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

The motion was carried.

End of Chief's Report

Treasurer Abate reported that BST& Co was in Headquarters gathering data for the external audit, they are in the process of auditing the requested materials, currently, there have been no findings.

Commissioner Yizar stated that the Town Council has reached out looking for help from the Department for their annual Juneteenth barbeque to be held on 17 June 2022.

**R22-05-07**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board approves 4 members to attend Fire House Expo from September 26 to 30, 2022 in Columbus, OH at the cost of \$425 per person, plus transportation, lodging and meals:

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

The motion was carried.

**R22-05-08**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar 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 April 2022:

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

The motion was carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 19:34 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 19:53 hours.

**R22-05-09**

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

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

The motion was carried.

**R22-05-10**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar 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 April 2022:

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


The motion was carried.

**R22-05-11**

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 19:54 hours:

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

The motion was carried.

  
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Sarah Senior  
Fire District Secretary