

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

Present: Commissioner Vikki Simmons* entered meeting at 18:58
Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar
Commissioner John Malone
Commissioner Emma Walthall-Moon* exited meeting at 19:01
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 Friday, 10 June 2022, convened at 18:34 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. Commissioner Daymon Yizar served as Chair pro-tem.

R22-06-01

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

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

The motion was carried.

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

R22-06-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the minutes of the regular meeting of 12 May 2022 shall be approved with correction by the Secretary:

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

The motion was carried.

Apparatus Committee

The committee met with Seagrave on 31 May 2022 to discuss the needs for a potential Ladder Truck purchase, including a 'straight-stick' preference. Current build times are 585 days.

Ladder-1 and U-102 are back in service.

House & Grounds Committee

There is progress on the Boardroom project – chairs and carpet still need to be finalized.

The committee discussed looking into getting a structural engineer to assess Headquarters and Station 2.

Chief's Report

R22-06-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board approves Firefighter Batchie to attend Codes Training on the following dates: 11 July – 14 July, 1 August – 4 August, and 16 August – 25 August at no cost to the District:

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

absent.

The motion was carried.

R22-06-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board approves the reimbursement of Captain Dan Lester for the successful completion of 2 college courses in accordance with the current CBA:

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

The motion was carried.

The Department discontinued its use of the EDispatch software.

Spring training days have been completed successfully.

The probationary firefighters are doing exceptionally well in the fire academy.

The next round of the Sound the Alarm program being 17 May 2022.

FF Davino had been working on his Firefighter for a Day program in conjunction with Valhalla and Greenburgh schools. Both districts have postponed until the start of the new school year in September or October.

Sam Auerbacher of Horace E. Greeley Highschool's internship has been completed. He did an outstanding job and was a pleasure to have at the firehouse.

As in prior years, the Theodore D. Young Community Center's Operation Crossroads has requested to place interns with us for the summer, to which the Department has agreed.

* 18:58 Commissioner Simmons entered the meeting

Hydrant testing took place at Fairway Circle, where Westhelp was previously located. There were issues with water pressure that were brought to the Town of Greenburgh's attention.

The Chief has been invited to attend the Hilltop Farms Civic Associations meeting on 14 June 2022.

The Department responded to 222 alarms in May 2022, including 105 EMS and Extrication calls, 11 mutual aid-out responses, and 5 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

*19:01 Commissioner Robinson exited the meeting

R22-06-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall approve and accept the BST External Audit of the year 2021:

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

The motion was carried.

Chief Reiss was named Career of Chief of the Year and will be honored next week at a Ceremony in Syracuse, NY. The New York State Associate of Fire Chief's organization has offered to send a representative to a meeting of our choice to present the award to Chief Reiss again in front of the Board.

The Board expressed joy in Chief Reiss's award and acknowledgment of his hard work. The Board discussed organizing an event in Fairview to honor the Chief.

R22-06-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall approve Commissioner Malone's attendance at the 2022 New York State Association of Fire Chiefs Conference, in Syracuse NY from 15 June 2022 to 16 June 2022 at a registration cost of \$140, plus lodging and meals: Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Yizar voting aye, nays none. Commissioner Robinson absent.

The motion was carried.

R22-06-07

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 for May 2022:

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

The motion was carried

The Board entered into Executive Session at 19:24 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 19:35 hours.

R22-06-08

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

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

The motion was carried

R22-06-09

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon 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 May 2022:

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

The motion was carried.

R22-06-10

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Malone that, the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of June 2022 in the amount of \$286,607.15:

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

The motion was carried

R22-06-11

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the meeting shall be adjourned at 19:37 hours:

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

The motion was carried


Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary