

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

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

Absent: Treasurer Matilde Abate

Also Present: Chief Howard Reiss
Secretary Sarah Senior

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District, Westchester County, New York, of Thursday, 8 April 2021, convened at 18:34 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair John Malone.

R21-04-01

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

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.

R21-04-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the minutes of the regular meeting of 11 March 2021 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

R21-04-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the minutes of the special meeting of 22 March 2021 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

House & Grounds Committee

The Committee met on 29 March 2021.

Commissioner Walthall-Moon reported that the committee visited Station 2, going over exterior issues, and identifying tripping hazards. They worked on listing and prioritizing what needs to be addressed at both Headquarters and Station 2. Commissioner Walthall-Moon stated that she is currently working on the updates for the Headquarter's Board room.

Chief Reiss reported that FF LoGuidice is almost done converting Headquarter's lighting to LED lights.

Finance Committee

The Committee met on 5 April and 8 April 2021, and completed all of the 2020 bank reconciliations, and is in the process of completing payroll.



Chief's Report

R21-04-04

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

The second certiorari for 2021 has been received for Crossroads Joint Venture for \$60,530.79

Spring Training Days will be in May and early June. Members will be training on the Con Edison simulator at the Westchester Country Fire Training Center.

Chief Reiss reported two Line of Duty Deaths. Watertown Firefighter Recruit Peyton Morse experienced a medical emergency during a training evolution on 3 March 2021 at the NYS Fire Academy at Montour Falls. He passed away on 12 March 2021. On behalf of the District, Chief Reiss reached out to Chief Timmerman to offer our condolences and support. Spring Valley Volunteer Firefighter Jared Lloyd died fighting an active fire at the Evergreen Court Adult Home in Spring Valley on 23 March 2021. Firefighter Lloyd rushed in to rescue residents trapped inside. Several members attended the Funeral Service, and Chief Reiss reached out to the Chief of Spring Valley to offer condolences and support.

The Department of Health has issued new guidance regarding COVID-19 quarantines. Chief Reiss explained the travel and exposure requirements for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. There are no quarantine requirements for domestic travel as long as an individual remains asymptomatic. A vaccinated or recently positive person does not have to quarantine after exposure to COVID-19 as long as they remain asymptomatic.

FF Michael Murray was able to partner with the American Red Cross, 'Sound the Alarm' program, to provide free smoke detector installation for residents of the fire district.

Annual Department Physicals at Partners in Safety in White Plains are complete for career staff. We are beginning the process of scheduling physicals for the volunteer members.

On 21 March, the Department responded to a dual response Motor Vehicle Accident with severe injuries that required extrication on the Sprain Brook Parkway with Elmsford Fire Department. Deputy Chief Sydney Henry of Elmsford sent Chief Reiss a thank you letter, praising the actions of our members on the call, namely Capt. Jimmy Malone Jr and Firefighters Scaperrotta and PJ Murray.

Chief Reiss reported that the Secretary received a FOIL request from a Hartsdale resident, Mona Fraitag, request actual annual expenditures for the years 2000 through 2020.

The Department responded to 184 alarms in March 2021, including 98 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 House & Grounds Committee's plans with the Headquarters Boardroom. Chair Malone stated that updating the Boardroom is one of the immediate priorities of the committee.

R21-04-05

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 March 2021:

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 19:00 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 19:28 hours.

R21-04-06

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

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

R21-04-07

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time set forth in the Sick & Late Report for March 2021:

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

R21-04-08

Upon the motion offered by Commissioners Yizar and seconded by Commissioners Robinson that the House & Grounds committee may allot up to \$10,000 for renovations to the Headquarters Board Room:

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

R21-04-09

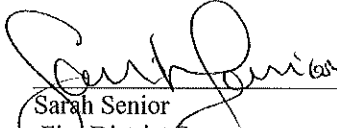
Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 8 April 2021 in the amount of \$234,652.74:

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

R21-04-10

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 19:32 hours:

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



Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary