

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

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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 Wednesday, 8 September 2021, convened at 18:30 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair John Malone.

**R21-09-01**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon 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.

**R21-09-02**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the minutes of the regular meeting of 8 July 2021 shall be approved with correction by the Secretary:  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent.  
The motion was carried.

House & Grounds

Chief Reiss updated the Board on the Town's request to put a water monitoring station on the Station 2 property. The Town initially planned on using the Elmwood property. However, the future of the property is unclear. The Town has offered photos of how the shed may look.

Commissioner Walthall-Moon inquired about the possibility of meeting with the Town Engineer about the water station before approving its construction. Commissioner Malone agreed on the importance of meeting with the Town and wants to be sure the building is not an eyesore on the property.

Chief's Report

**R21-09-03**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board approves Firefighters Desjardin and Carranza to attend Codes Training on the following dates: 18 October – 21 October, 1 November – 4 November, and 15 November – 18 November at no cost to the District:  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent.  
The motion was carried.

**R21-09-04**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board approves Deputy Chief Baker to attend EMS Word Conference in Atlanta, GA from 4 October to 8 October at a registration cost of \$235 plus lodging, meals, and airfare:  
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent.  
The motion was carried.



**R21-09-05**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board approves the annual renewal of Vector Solutions Training software for the year 2022: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent. The motion was carried.

**R21-09-06**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the Board affirms its approval of the purchase of 2 Motorola Solutions APX8000 All-Band Portable Radios from Motorola Solutions Inc for Utility 7 and Utility 102 at the cost of \$13,048.20: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent. The motion was carried.

**R21-09-07**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the Board affirms its approval of the purchase of 2 Motorola Solutions APX8500 Mobile Radios from Motorola Solutions Inc for Utility 7 and Utility 102 at the cost of \$12,076.26: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent. The motion was carried.

**R21-09-08**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the Board approves the purchase of 1 Motorola Solutions APX84500 Mobile Radio from Motorola Solutions Inc for Car 2126 at the cost of \$6,038.13: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson voting aye, Commissioner Malone voting nay, none absent. The motion was carried.

Chief Reiss reported that Westchester County is sponsoring hazmat training. On 25 October, 4 Officers and ten firefighters will attend training, and 1 officer and 3 firefighters will attend a culmination drill on 8 November. All overtime costs will be reimbursed.

The 2021 9/11 Ceremony is a joint ceremony with the Town and fire districts. It will take place on 10 September at 9:30 am at Webb Field.

The NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony will be held on 5 October at 11:00 at Empire Plaza Convention Center in Albany. Firefighter Mentrasti's name is being added to the Memorial Wall. On 24 June 2021, Fairview Engine Company 1 participated in live-fire training. The Westchester County Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony will be held at WCFTC on Sunday 17 October at 10:00 am.

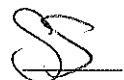
The July internships of Serod Taylor and Brandon Vera through Operations Crossroads were very successful.

The Chief has finally received a copy of the PILOT agreement for the Mayfair Housing Site, the former Westhelp Property, from Town Supervisor Paul Feiner. From a cursory look, it appears they will be responsible for paying 3% of their total revenue, to which the district will be entitled to its portion.

The College Tuition portion of the training budget has reached the maximum amount allotted in the current CBA. However, there has been a decrease in other training costs due to COVID-19. There are members currently enrolled who have expressed interest in continuing classes for the fall semester. At the Boards discretion, we would like to reimburse those members from the remaining portion of the training budget?

**R21-09-09**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Simmons,



the Board approves college tuition reimbursement over the allotment set forth in the current CBA, not to exceed \$20,000.00:

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

Chief Reiss, Commissioner Walthall-Moon, and Commissioner Malone can no longer attend the Fire House Expo in Columbus, Ohio. Commissioner Yizar will still attend.

The Department responded to over 125 calls from 1 September to 3 September due to Tropical Storm Ida. These calls included: water rescues, down power lines, boat rescue, pump outs, EMS calls, and a structure fire. The Department handled these storm emergencies with excellent efficiency and professionalism.

Marine 53 was irreparably damaged during the storm while making a swift water rescue in Ardsley. The Village of Ardsley has informed us they will claim its replacement with their insurance company.

The town has reached out regarding a potential solar battery farm in the rear of Home Goods. They would like the Department to make sure it is set up safely to mitigate potential emergencies.

On 25 July, the Department sent an Engine to Yosemite Park and Lee F. Jackson School for Greenburgh Camps show and tell. On 21 July, an Engine was sent to Yosemite Park for community day. On 3 August, members attended the funeral service for retired Firefighter Duke Halpin. On 28 August, the Fire Prevention trailer was sent to Calvary Baptist Church. On 31 August, members attended the funeral service for John Anthony LoGiudice.

The Department responded to 231 alarms in July 2021, including 98 EMS and Extrication calls, 7 mutual aid-out responses, and 12 mutual aid-in responses.

The Department responded to 238 alarms in August 2021, including 101 EMS and Extrication calls, 8 mutual aid-out responses, and 9 mutual aid-in responses.

#### End of Chief's Report

The Board expressed that they would like to continue to encourage members to further their education in firematic related coursework. Reimbursements from the remaining portion of the training budget will suffice as long as it doesn't interfere with any other necessary training for the members.

The District received an invitation from Coughlin & Gerhart to attend their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor & Employment Law Update.

#### **R21-09-10**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board approves Commissioners Simmons and Yizar, Chief Reiss, & Secretary Senior's attendance at the Coughlin & Gerhart to attend their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor & Employment Law Update on 29 September 2021 in Binghamton, NY at no registration cost, plus the cost of lodging:

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

The Board scheduled a special meeting on 22 September 2021 to discuss the proposed budget for 2022.

#### **R21-09-11**

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 July and August 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 19:34 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 20:17 hours.

**R21-09-12**

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.

**R21-09-13**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon 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 July 2021:

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

**R21-09-14**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon 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 August 2021:

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

**R21-09-15**

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 12 August 2021 in the amount of \$411,988.92:

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

**R21-09-16**

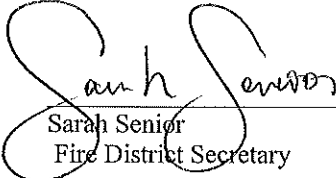
Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 13 September 2021 in the amount of \$82,231.73:

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

**R21-09-17**

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 20:18 hours:

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

  
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Sarah Senior  
Fire District Secretary

