

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District, Westchester County, New York, of Thursday, 8 September 2022, convened at 18:56 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Simmons.

R22-09-01

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar 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.

R22-09-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the regular meeting of 10 June 2022 shall be approved with minor typo corrections by the Secretary:

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

R22-09-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the regular meeting of 11 August 2022 shall be approved with minor typo corrections 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

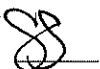
The committee met with Hudson Valley regarding the possible purchase of a Seagrave Ladder truck to replace Ladder-1. The representative was supposed to provide a price quote before tonight's meeting but did not do so. Attempts to get in touch with him were not successful. However, Peekskill Fire Department has recently contracted for a similar truck at the cost of approximately 1.7 million. The build time still exceeds 500 days.

House & Grounds Committee

The committee met on 13 August to discuss possible projects to address Headquarters's condition. The committee spoke with H2M Architects and discussed the cost of having just a structural engineer to determine the safety and physical soundness of the building. A quote was received for \$4,000 for Headquarters and an additional \$1,000 to include Station 2.

R22-09-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-



Moon that the Board shall approve up to \$6,000 in costs to H2M for a structural assessment of Headquarters and Station 2:

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

Chief's Report

R22-09-05

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

- Firefighters Lowrey, Lombardo, Zima, Mendola, and Scaperotta, to attend the Swift Water Rescue course at the State Emergency Preparedness Center in Oriskany, NY, from 13 September to 16 September at no cost to the district:
- Captain John Baker. to attend the EMS World Conference in Orlando, FL, from 10 October to 15 October, at the cost of lodging, travel, and meals:
- Captain Michael Murray is to attend the NASEME Instructor Course at the Vital Signs Conference in Albany, NY, from 25 October to 28 October, at the registration cost of \$425, plus lodging and meals:

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

Two Certioraris were received. One for Metropolis Country club in the amount of \$126,715.94 and one for 77-103 Knollwood Road in the amount of \$9,943.64.

Ray Catena Lexus would like to make a donation to the Department to assist with the purchase of equipment.

The Department was a part of 2 regional grants alongside Greenville, Hartsdale, and Scarsdale departments to assist with the cost of Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue training.

R22-09-06

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

- Captain Dan Lester is to be reimbursed for the successful completion of 2 college courses at Columbia Southern University in the amount of \$1,269:
- Firefighter Padraic Murray is to be reimbursed for the successful completion of 2 college courses at CUNY John Jay in the amount of 1,486.25:
- Tuition payment for Probationary Firefighters Wayne Jones and Tyler Cowles to the Westchester County Career Chief's Fire Training Academy shall be approved at the total cost of \$8,400:
- 1-year software renewal for the Aladtec Scheduling Software at the cost of \$2,898.00:

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

Fall Training Days are scheduled, and members will participate in Live Fire training. Groups 1 and 3 are scheduled for 3 October 2022, and Groups 2 and 4 are scheduled for 17 October 2022.

Firefighter John DiGilio has officially retired as of 30 July 2022.

Firefighter Danny Vargas has begun EMT School at Scarsdale Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

The 2022 September 11th Remembrance Ceremony will take place Sunday, 11 September 2022, at Webb Field in Hartsdale, beginning at 9:45 AM. Dress blues should be worn.

Chief Reiss reported the untimely passing of Greenville Fire Department Firefighter Vito Sciavillo. He informed the Board that IAFF was in to speak to the members about their counseling opportunities. He also stated that EAP is always available to our members who may need to speak to someone.

The third quarter Officer's Meeting is scheduled for 14 September 2022.

There is an ongoing discussion from the Central Labor Body to consolidate Westchester Fire Departments. Currently, they are working to consolidate New Rochelle, Pelham, Larchmont, and Pelham Manor. Their efforts to consolidate are expected to spread throughout the county.

The 2022 Inspection Dinner is scheduled to take place on 25 October 2022. The Inspection will begin at 5:00 PM, followed by an award ceremony and refreshments.

There is a potential bonus pay grant for EMS workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. DC Simmons is researching and taking the lead on this project.

The Chief is currently working on 2023 Group changes.

The Department has been invited to the following inspection dinners: Dobbs Ferry on 14 September. Tarrytown on 24 September and Irvington on 1 October.

On 14 June, Chief Reiss attended the Hilltop Farms Civic Association meeting. On 15 June, he attended the State Chiefs Conference. On 17 June, the Department participated in the Greenburgh Juneteenth celebration. The Department attended fire prevention details on 9 July, 4 August, and 9 August.

The Department responded to 215 alarms in June 2022, including 113 EMS and Extrication calls, 16 mutual aid-out responses, and 4 mutual aid-in responses.

The Department responded to 215 alarms in July 2022, including 107 EMS and Extrication calls, 13 mutual aid-out responses, and 3 mutual aid-in responses.

The Department responded to 204 alarms in August 2022, including 110 EMS and Extrication calls, 11 mutual aid-out responses, and 2 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

Special Meetings are scheduled for 19 September 2022, 18 October 2022, and 3 November 2022.

R22-09-07

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Malone 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 June, July, and August 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 19:58 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 20:55 hours.

R22-09-08

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

R22-09-09

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar 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 Reports for June, July, and August 2022:

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

R22-09-10

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 21 July in the amount of \$248,142.71:

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

R22-09-11

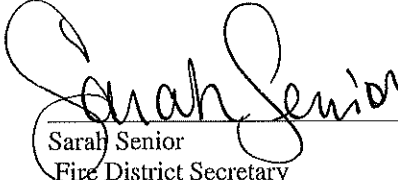
Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 8 September in the amount of \$606,975.91:

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

R22-09-12

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 20:59 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