

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
8 OCTOBER 2020

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

Absent: None

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, 8 October 2020 convened at 19:36 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York in a remote format. The presiding officer was Chair Vikki Simmons.

R20-10-01

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

R20-10-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the regular meeting of 13 September 2020 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary.

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

The motion was carried.

R20-10-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the minutes of the special meeting of 21 September 2020 shall be approved as submitted 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's trip to Hudson Valley Fire Equipment on September 24th was canceled.

FF Batchie and FF LoGiudice went to Hudson Valley Fire Equipment on September 28th to determine what fire equipment needs to be mounted on the new apparatus and the cost of mounting the equipment.

The 1996 KME International was placed on Auctions International. The final offer received is \$8,900 from Genesee Valley Construction, of Portageville NY. We also listed older fire equipment that sold for approximately \$1,100.

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R20-10-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the 1996 KME International, also known as Rescue 3, shall be sold to Genesee Valley Construction, of Portageville NY for the amount of \$8,900.00.

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

The motion was carried.

The committee received the following three quotes to outfit Car 2122, the 2020 Chevy Tahoe, with the necessary equipment and emergency lighting:

1. RFC Lighting, of Bronx, NY: \$21,072.60;
2. Hudson Valley Fire Equipment, of Brewster, NY: \$20,526.55;
3. Specialty Warning, of Danbury, CT: 18,991.00

Chief Reiss explained that the bid from Specialty Warning is not a complete price, as they did not include some of the necessary SCBA and iPad mounts which may cause the price to increase and delay the timeline for completion as these items would need to be ordered.

There was a brief discussion regarding the reliability of the other bidders, the cost of the project, and the timeline to complete the project.

R20-10-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that a sum up to \$19,500 shall be paid to Hudson Valley Fire Equipment for the outfitting of Car 2122.

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

The motion was carried.

We have received the final price for the two new Seagrave pumpers. The total price has come in \$2,158.00 less than the previously anticipated price.

R20-10-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall approve payment to Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC for the purchase of two (2) Seagrave Maurader Custom Pumpers for the total price of \$1,446,144.50.

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

The motion was carried.

There are three interested parties in the purchase of the 2011 Spartan Resue, 'Rescue 3', Captain E. Malone is setting up virtual walkthroughs with the potential buyers, as they are all out of state.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the possible sale of the 1928 Ahrens-Fox antique fire apparatus.

Commissioner Walthall-Moon asked for background on the 1928 Ahrens-Fox truck. Commissioner Malone explained that the antique fire truck was originally owned and used by Fairview Fire Department and was repurchased approximately 15 years ago. Commissioner Walthall-Moon expressed that it may be beneficial to keep the apparatus due to its historical and sentimental value to the Department. She asked that the committee research both the cost to refurbish the antique fire truck as well as the sales value.

R20-10-07

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 8, 2020. A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CHAIRPERSON AND INSPECTORS OF ELECTION FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK TO BE HELD DECEMBER 8, 2020 shall be adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, subdivision 1 of Section 175 of the Town Law authorizes the board of fire commissioners of any fire district to designate a resident fire district elector to serve as chairperson of an annual election and not less than two nor more than four resident fire district electors to act as election inspectors and ballot clerks at each such polling place in such election; and

WHEREAS, any such resolution must fix the compensation of such chairperson and such inspectors;
NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissions of the Fairview Fire District in the Town of Greenburgh, Westchester County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The following resident fire district electors of said Fire District who are not officers of said Fire District, are hereby designated to act as election officers, respectively indicated below:

Chairperson: Mary Catherine Malone

Inspectors: Theresa Pfeiffer
Karen Jackson
Marguerite Malone
Chrystalia King
Brenda Marshall
Joyce Holland
Jacquelyn Walker

Section 2. The persons names above shall be paid the sum of \$100.00 each for their attendance at the annual elections, and they shall be paid the sum of \$50.00 each per day if their services are required to prepare the registration rolls.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The motion was carried.

R20-10-08

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the RESOLUTION FOR PREPARATION OF REGISTRATION ROLLS shall be adopted to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissions of the Fairview Fairview Fire District, having heretofore appointed a Board of Elections to comply with the registration and voting procedures set forth in Section 175 and 175a of the Town Law, does hereby designate the 23rd day of November 2020 as the date of meeting for the Board of Elections to commence preparation of the registration rolls for the annual election of the Fairview Fire District;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such meeting commences at six o'clock P.M. at Fire Headquarter, 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York, in said Fire District.

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

The motion was carried.

Chair Simmons instructed the Secretary to include the Notice of Election in the minutes.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF GREENBURGH, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the qualified voters of the Fairview Fire District in the Town of Greenburgh, Westchester County, New York, will be held in each election district of said Fire District at the places hereinafter set forth on the 8th day of December 2020 between the hours of four o'clock P.M. and nine o'clock P.M. prevailing time, for the purpose of electing one (1) Fire Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing on January 1, 2021, and ending on December 31, 2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the election districts within the Fire District and the place for each such election district where such annual election will be held are as follows:

Residents in Election Districts 41, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 63, 64, 67, and 78
Polling Place
Fairview Fire Headquarters
19 Rosemont Boulevard

Residents in Election Districts 42, 50, 51, 61 and 77
Polling Place
Fairview Fire Station No. 2
290 Worthington Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Elections of the Fairview Fire District shall meet at Fire Headquarters, 19 Rosemont Boulevard, in Greenburgh, New York, in said Fire District, on the 23rd day of November 2020 at six o'clock P.M. to commence preparation of the rolls of registered voters for the annual election of the Fairview Fire District. Please note that only those persons who have registered with the Westchester County Board of Elections on or before the 23rd day before the Fire District election day, the 16th day of November 2020 and who have resided within the Fire District for a period of not less than thirty days (30) prior to the election shall be eligible to vote.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that every fire commissioner must be at least 18 years of age and not convicted of a felony and have resided in the Fairview Fire District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the election and remain a resident of the Fire District throughout the term of office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that, under the provisions of Section 176, subdivision 7 of the Town Law, the Board of Fire Commissioners duly adopted a resolution on the 10th day of October, 1996 that requires all candidates for the office of Fire Commissioner in the Fairview Fire District to file their names with the Secretary of the Fire District, Sarah Senior, at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York, at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of such Fire District election and that such nominations shall be submitted in petition form subscribed to by twenty-five (25) qualified electors of the Fairview Fire District. In 2020, all petitions must be filed with the Fire District Secretary on or before November 18th.

*BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK*

*By: Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary*

Chief's Report

The Chief presented training and school requests.

R20-10-09

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that FF Thomas Goldstein is approved to attend Columbia Southern University, taking 6 credits towards a degree in Fire Administration, for reimbursement upon satisfactory completion of his course work.

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

The motion was carried.

R20-10-10

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that FF Michael Theile is approved to attend the Introduction to Codes course from 10 October to 22 October at no cost to the District.

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

The motion was carried.

Chief Reiss explained that there are two parts to the Codes course and both parts must be completed to become a code enforcement agent.

Chief Reiss explained that he previously received approval to purchase 4 Motorola APX 6000 UHF portable radios at a total cost of \$13,838. A credit was received for the old radios and the price was reduced to \$12,525.

Chief Reiss presented additional purchases to the Board.

R20-10-11

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board shall approve the purchase of Paratech Maxforce Basic Control Kit for Airbags and Airs Struts with 8 Paratech Swivel Bases for Municipal Emergency Services for a total cost of \$3,591.51

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

The motion was carried.

R20-10-12

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall approve the purchase of a Tu28 Rescue Kit with Griphoist from Municipal Emergency Services at a cost of \$2,589.14:

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

The motion was carried.

R20-10-13

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board shall approve the purchase of 4 lengths of Key 4inch Pro Flow fire hose and Key 2inch Combat Ready fire hose from AAA Emergency Supply at a total cost of \$3,850.00:

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

The motion was carried.

R20-10-14

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board affirms its acceptance and approval of the Bid for Station Uniforms from Fairfield Uniform Company, of Bridgeport Connecticut, in the amount of \$23,488.00

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

The motion was carried.

County Executive George Latimer removed Commissioner Cullen from the Department of Emergency Services without the consideration of any members of the county's fire service. While this is generally a political appointment and it is at the sole discretion of the County Executive, this decision came as a complete shock in the emergency service community as there is generally some sort of consultation during this process. Westchester County's fire and emergency service personnel have expressed their dissatisfaction with the appointment and the process in which it was made. Mr. Latimer failed to consult with his own Fire Advisory Board before making such an important decision. The process lacked transparency and caused a fair amount of backlash in the county's emergency service community. There have been formal letters written to the County Executive expressing such dissatisfaction.

The Commissioner of DES is responsible for countywide training and grant funding for emergency services. Commissioner Cullen was very disappointed by Mr. Latimer's decision. Commissioner Cullen was very qualified for his position and is a retired Deputy Chief from White Plains Fire Department. The emergency service community's goal is to make sure that the person who replaces Commissioner Cullen is qualified and vetted. This is a paid position at the county. The rumored person to replace Commissioner

Cullen is from Port Chester and is responsible for the complete dissolution of their career fire personnel, this has concerned both the career and volunteer chiefs throughout the county.

The Town of Greenburgh made an error in collecting the 2020 Town/County taxes. The Town based the tax rate on the proposed budget instead of the final adopted budget, which was \$100,000 less than the proposed budget. The town did not remit that money to the fire district. We have been in contact with the Deputy Comptroller for the Town who has acknowledged the error. The town has agreed to bill the district's taxpayers \$100,000 less on the 2021 Town/County taxes to resolve this issue. This does not affect our budget or tax levy. We will receive the entirety of our levy in 2021.

Coughlin and Gerhart invited us to their online education series, topics to be covered include GML 207-a, COVID-19, and more. The dates of the webinar are 10/8/20, 10/15/20, and 10/22/20.

The Chief attended the Battalion 14 meeting via Zoom on September 30th, the topic of discussion was the Commissioner Cullen issue. He also attended the Meeting of Fire Associations in Thornwood on September 30th to discuss the same issue. The Westchester Career Chief's also met on September 30th regarding the same topic.

The Department received a letter from Ardsley Fire Department, thanking us for our response to their fire on 9/10/20.

The Department responded to 197 alarms in September 2020 including 91 EMS and Extrication calls, 11 mutual aid-out responses, and 10 mutual aid-in responses.

End Chief's Report

Commissioner Yizar asked if the Town of Greenburgh gave us their resolution to their tax collection error in writing. Chief Reiss stated that they had not, but he will reach out to Comptroller's officer.

Commissioner Walthall-Moon stated that the Department responded to an EMS call involving her neighbor. Her neighbor fell and hurt her ankle. Commissioner Walthall-Moon expressed that her neighbor was extremely grateful for the level of care she received from the members.

R20-10-15

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 Reports for September 2020:

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 20:21 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 20:42 hours.

R20-10-16

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

R20-10-17

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time set forth in the corrected Sick & Late Report for September 2020:

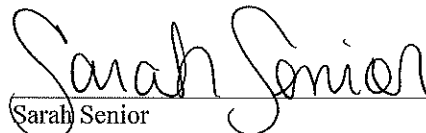
Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.

R20-10-18

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the meeting shall be adjourned at 20:58 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