

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
10 DECEMBER 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, 10 December 2020, convened at 19:34 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York, in a remote format. The presiding officer was Chair Vikki Simmons.

R20-12-01

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

R20-12-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the regular meeting of 12 November 2020 shall be approved with correction 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 2000 KME Excel has been delivered to the purchaser.

Car 2122 has been delivered by Hudson Valley Fire Equipment on Wednesday, 9 December. The vehicle is expected to be in service next week.

The 2011 Spartan Rescue is in conversation to sell to East Eden Fire Company for \$70,000.00

Chief Reiss stated that both the House & Ground and Finance Committee meetings were canceled due to COVID-19

The Secretary reported that the annual Fire District election was held on 8 December 2020 at Fairview Fire Headquarters and Fairview Fire Station 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., prevailing time. There were a total of 72 votes cast. James Robinson received 72 votes.

The Board agreed that the End of Year meeting would be held on 28 December 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and the 2021 Organizational Meeting would be held on 14 January 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Malone expressed interest in the Board conducting their meetings in-person in the coming year. There was a lengthy discussion in which Commissioner Simmons noted that we are still in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board agreed to make the best decision for everyone's health and safety.



Chief's Report

R20-12-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Malone that Firefighter Padraic Murry is approved to attend CUNY John Jay College towards his Master's Degree, for reimbursement in accordance with the current CBA:

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

The Department received from Auctions Internation for the sale of obsolete equipment in the amount of \$1,127.50, and the sale of the 1996 KME International for \$8,870.00.

R20-12-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone that Board approves the purchase of tool mounting and equipment for Engine E-174 from Hudson Valley Fire Equipment for the amount of \$17,433.51:

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

R20-12-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthal-Moon that Board approves the purchase of tool mounting and equipment for Engine E-175 from Hudson Valley Fire Equipment for the amount of \$17,303.81:

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

R20-12-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Malone that Board approves the purchase of 10 poly-carbon equipment boxes for Engine E-174 from Hudson Valley Fire Equipment for the amount of \$3,404.80:

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

R20-12-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Malone that Board approves the purchase of 10 poly-carbon equipment boxes for Engine E-175 from Hudson Valley Fire Equipment for the amount of \$3,404.80:

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

R20-12-07

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Malone that Board approves the purchase 1(one) Motorola APX 6500 mobile radio for the Command Vehicle, Car 2122 for the amount of \$4,065.00:

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

2020 Training days have been completed. All members received a full day of pumping and operations training and a full day of emergency vehicle operations and driving training. Each member will continue to train on the new apparatus.

Chief Reiss expressed his gratitude to the Board and the Apparatus Committee for purchases of the Segrave pumpers.

Westchester County has appointed former County Legislator Richard Wishie as Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services, replacing Commissioner John Cullen. The Chief will reach out to schedule a meeting to discuss the future of Westchester's Emergency Services



Verizon is working on getting generators for their towers. They have finished replacing the gas line and restoring the sidewalk they cut in the process.

The 4th Quarter Officer Meeting took place on Wednesday, 9 December 2020. The new response matrix was discussed. We will no longer respond with Rescue 3. The tour commander will respond in Car 2122; this changes the dynamic of the Station 2 response. We anticipate having the full plan to the County in the coming weeks.

COVID-19 was also the subject of the meeting. We discussed resources and the necessary steps to keep the members safe. There will be ongoing station disinfection, proper usage of PPE, and decontamination post alarms.

Together with Chief Spedaliare from Greenville and Chief Maseda from Hartsdale, we have reorganized the Sprain Brook Parkway response. The solution was amicable for all parties.

Chief Reiss reported the passing of retired Captain Kenny Peluso. He expressed that his death is a significant loss. Captain Peluso was a joy to know. His arrangements will be in Florida.

The Santa Claus detail will still happen this year. We will not be doing stops in each neighborhood to avoid crowds of people congregating in one location. We are going street by street through the district in the early evening hours.

On December 5th, the Department responded to a multi-family building structure fire in Ardsley. The Fairview members did an outstanding job as the FAST team.

On November 18th, the Chief participated in the State Chiefs Meeting via Zoom. He also participated in a Zoom panel with 'Ray and Associates' regarding the search for a new Greenburgh Central 7 Superintendent. On December 8th he participated in a Westchester Career Chiefs meeting via Zoom.

Since the last meeting, the Department has participated in 4 birthday drive-bys. On October 31st we participated in the Parkway Gardens and Parkway Homes Halloween event. On November 11th we attended the Veterans Day Ceremony at Desanti Park.

The Department received a letter from Retired Captain Claude Morgan congratulating us on acquiring the new Seagrave Twin Pumpers.

The Department responded to 175 alarms in November 2020, including 78 EMS and Extrication calls, 8 mutual aid-out responses, and 12 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

Commissioner Yizar inquired about the Westchester Department of Emergency Services appointment. The Chief stated that the new Commissioner is not the same person that had been previously discussed.

R20-12-08

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the following Line Transfer in the 2020 Budget shall be approved as recommended by the Treasurer:

2020 Budget Line Transfer: The Treasurer shall reduce the *Medical/Dental Insurance Line* (#108) by the sum of \$150,000.00, decreasing the *Medical/Dental Insurance Line* from \$2,440,868.20 to \$2,290,868.20, and add the sum of \$150,000.00 to the *Overtime Line* (#101), increasing the *Overtime Line* from \$620,000.00 to \$770,000.00;

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

Public Participation Period

Claire Pizzuti informed the Chief that the copy of the 2021 Budget on the website is missing a page. Chief Reiss stated he would correct the issue.

Claire Pizzuti inquired if the Board has completed the annual sexual harassment training. Chair Simmons state they had.

R20-12-09

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar 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 Report for November 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 20:04 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 20:34 hours.

R20-12-10

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson 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.

R20-12-11

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board shall amend 'Section 2' of the previously adopted resolution, 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, to increase the sum paid for their attendance at the annual election to \$125.00, and increase the sum paid if their services are required to prepare the registration rolls to \$75.00 per day. This one time pay increase is due to the increased risk caused by the COVID-19 pandemic:

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

R20-12-12

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 Sick & Late Report for November 2020:

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

R20-12-13

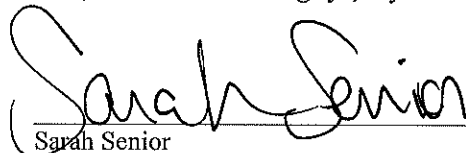
Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 15 November 2020 in the amount of \$50,462.86:

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

R20-12-14

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 20:36 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