

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

Present: Commissioner John Malone
Commissioner Vikki Simmons
Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar
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, 11 February 2021, convened at 18:30 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York, in a remote format. The presiding officer was Chair John Malone.

R21-02-01

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 Simmons called the roll: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone present.

R21-02-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the minutes of the organizational meeting of 14 January 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.

R21-02-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the minutes of the regular meeting of 14 January 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.

R21-02-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the minutes of the special meeting of 19 January 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.

Apparatus Committee

The purchase of the 2011 Spartan Rescue is complete. The East Eden Fire Company has picked up the truck, and the payment was received.



The Seagrave Engines have both been sent to Hudson Valley Fire Rescue to address warranty issues.

Commissioner Malone asked if there have been any significant issues with either of the new engines. Chief Reiss stated that one engine had a steering issue that was promptly corrected.

House & Grounds Committee

The new workstation was installed in the Headquarters Apparatus Bay.

Deputy Chief DiGilio has taken over the responsibility of both indoor station projects and outdoor station projects.

The Department has had a service contract with ABM Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc for a few years. Chief Reiss met with Carey and Walsh to explore other potential services and find competitive pricing.

Firefighter Michael Murray gave a presentation to the Board regarding a Community Risk Reduction Plan. FF Murray stated that the Department responds to many carbon monoxide calls, both false alarms and emergencies. He identified which areas of the District are dealing with the highest carbon monoxide call volume. He suggested that the District, possibly in collaboration with a big box store, put together a program to educate the community on carbon monoxide risks while providing them with working detectors. This program could be an opportunity to gather information for the District while keeping the community safe.

Commissioner Robinson asked FF Murray about the possible cost of this program. FF Murray stated the depending the which detector is chosen, they range from approximately \$20-\$40 per unit. However, he is hopeful that the District can receive donations.

Commissioner Malone commended FF Murray for his presentation and suggested local businesses to out to for donations.

Commissioner Yizar suggested looking into grants and reaching out to local legislators. He mentioned focusing the program on senior citizens, disabled, and other high-risk residents.

The Board thanked FF Murray for his presentation.

Chief's Report

R21-02-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that FF. Dominick Lombardo and FF. Padraic Murray shall attend the Collapse Rescue Series course to be held ad the State Fire Academy in Montour Falls, NY, from 13 June 2021 to 18 June 2021 and from 20 June 2021 to 25 June 2021 at a cost of \$382.00 per person:

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

Chief Reiss suggested writing to large businesses in the District to inquire about grant programs to get equipment funding.

R21-02-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that IT Connections, of New Windsor, NY, be hired for the installation and set up of the new server and work stations at a rate of \$125.00 per hour:

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

On 10 February 2021, members trained alongside Greenburgh Police on Ice Rescue. There were hands-on revolutions on Riley Pond. The members were submerged in water, and there was excellent footage



of the training taken.

Chief Reiss reminded the Board of the 2021 Sexual Harassment training and Workplace Violence training that needs to be completed.

Deputy Chief Michael Daynko is officially retired.

Regarding the recent promotions, Deputy Chief John Baker has taken over Group 1. Captain Daniel Lester is the Captain for Group 1. Additional Group changes due to the promotions include: FF Lowrey to Group 2, FF Singh to Group 1, and FF Carranza, who had been scheduled to move groups, will remain on Group 3.

Captain Daniel Lester is scheduled to attend First-Line Supervisor School with FDNY for four weeks, beginning 22 February 2021.

Chief Reiss reported that since the last meeting, the Department has needed to send several members for COVID-19 testing. He also said the members who initially signed up to be vaccinated have all been fully vaccinated. There have been additional members who have now signed up to be vaccinated. The Chief and Secretary are staying up to date on Department of Health, Department of Labor, and Executive Orders regarding COVID-19 practices and reaching out to labor counsel wherever further clarification is needed.

The Chief participates in weekly conference calls with local EMS agencies to stay informed on COVID-19 and vaccinations.

2021 Association of Fire Districts Annual Meeting & Conference is scheduled to take place 5 May -7 May in Verona, NY at Turning Stone.

2021 Firehouse Expo is scheduled for 14 September – 18 September in Columbus, Ohio.

2021 State Chiefs Conference is scheduled for 13 June – 19 June in Syracuse, NY

With great sadness, Chief Reiss reported the passing of Joseph Primerano, the father of Captain David Primerano. All members and the Board have been provided with the arrangements.

The students at Mohawk Day School presented the members with dozens of handmade Valentine's Day cards. It was a lovely gesture. Photos and a video have been posted on social media.

The Department responded to 197 alarms in January 2021, including 105 EMS and Extrication calls, 8 mutual aid-out responses, and 10 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

Commissioner Robinson stated that the Theodore D. Young Community Center is scheduled to receive 500 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine at the end of February. These vaccines will be available to Greenburgh residents over the age of 65 and congregants of the Union Baptist and Christ Temple Churches over the age of 65.

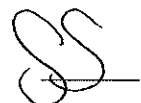
Public Participation

Claire Pizzuti asked how many people plan to attend the conference at Turning Stone. Chair Malone stated that the Board had not discussed it yet.

Claire Pizzuti asked what the Department's intentions with the antique Ahrens-Fox are? Chief Reiss stated that there had been no decisions made regarding the antique at this time.

R21-02-07

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson 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 January 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 19:09 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 19:31 hours.

R21-02-08

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons 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.

R21-02-09

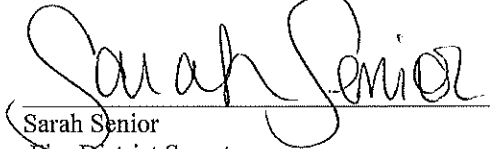
Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time set forth in the Sick & Late Report for January 2021:

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

R21-02-10

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 19:33 hours:

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



Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary

