

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK  
12 DECEMBER 2019

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\*Present: Commissioner Claire Pizzuti  
Commissioner Vikki Simmons  
Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar  
Commissioner John Malone

Absent: None

Also Present: Secretary Thelia Mauro-Wade  
Treasurer Matilde Abate  
Chief Howard Reiss

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District, Westchester County, New York of Thursday, 12 December 2019 convened at 19:30 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Claire Pizzuti.

**R19-12-01**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the meeting shall be called to order:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.

Chair Pizzuti called the roll: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti present.

Secretary Mauro reported that Michael Cotter submitted his resignation from the Board of Fire Commissioners via email on 11 December 2019 to be effective immediately.

**R19-12-02**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board shall accept the signed resignation submitted by Michael Cotter from the Fairview Board of Fire Commissioners on 11 December 2019 to be effective immediately:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.

The Secretary reported that Michael Cotter's resignation would be filed with the Secretary of State.

**R19-12-03**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the regular meeting of 14 November 2019 shall be approved with the following changes: The vehicle designation "Utility 7" shall be included in Resolution R19-11-13 and the vehicle designation "Utility 154" shall be included in Resolution R19-11-15:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.



Apparatus Committee

The following apparatus were sold online at Auctions International. The 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe was sold for the sum of \$6,500.00; "Utility 7" (2005 Dodge 2500) was sold for \$9,000.00.

The Department rejected the \$8,300.00 bid for "Utility 154" (1996 KME Rescue Truck).

House & Grounds Committee

The installation of the tile floor in the new kitchen has been completed. The cabinets will be installed next.

C & F Steel Design is in the process of taking measurements for the exterior railings at Headquarters.

The Verizon sub-meter has been installed. The Department shall receive monthly reimbursement for electrical usage.

The Secretary reported that the annual Fire District election was held on 10 December 2019 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 325 votes cast. There were 2 void ballots, and there were 2 affidavits submitted that would not impact the election results. Emma Walthall received 192 votes. Claire C. Pizzuti received 133 votes.

The Board agreed that the End of Year Meeting would be held on 30 December 2019 at 1:00 p.m. and that the 2020 Organizational Meeting would be held on 4 January 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Chief's Report

**R19-12-04**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that up to ten (10) members of the Department shall attend the Westchester Fire Marshals Codes Seminars to be held at the La Quinta Hotel in Elmsford, New York on 12 March 2020, 26 March 2020, 16 April 2020, and 14 May 2020 at a cost of \$200.00 for the series:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.

Chief Reiss noted that 2 to 3 people would attend each Codes Seminar.

**R19-12-05**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone that FF. Daniel Lester and FF. Edward Carranza shall attend the Gas Emergency Course to be held at the Westchester County Fire Training Center in Valhalla, New York on 30 January 2020 and 31 January 2020 at no cost to the District:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.

Representatives from Metropolis Country Club presented a \$7,000.00 donation to the Fire Department on 15 November 2019. The donation will be used to purchase a new smart board for training.

Department members attended the Metro North Training course on 18 November 2019.

The Westchester Career Fire Chiefs Academy held a family day on 22 November 2019. FF. Joseph Apostoli and FF. Sanjay Singh demonstrated their skills at the event.

The PESH inspection has been completed.

60 Control will begin dispatching the Department effective 6 January 2020.

The response to structures fires that was changed under Special Order 19-16 is progressing well.

All fire apparatus passed pump testing.

The Department is looking at purchasing a different type of hood, as the hoods that are currently being used have been shown to trap contaminants.

The Career Chiefs met and discussed Collyer's mansion conditions and methodology to address these situations.

Chief Reiss reported that he met with the Town Community Development & Conservation Department regarding possible building code changes.

The Chief noted that there are several plans to develop housing units in the fire district. Metropolis Country Club is planning to build 160 assisted living units. There is a plan to construct approximately 170 condominium style independent living units on the former Elmwood Country Club site. In addition, 74 affordable housing units will be constructed on the former WestHelp site.

The Westchester Career Fire Chiefs Academy graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, 20 December 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

The Department will accompany Santa Claus throughout the Fire District to deliver candy canes on 21 December 2019 and 22 December 2019. The schedule is posted on the Department website.

The Union and the Fire Department are working together on the Toys for Tots drive.

The Chief attended a luncheon at the Greenburgh Housing Authority on 21 November 2019.

The Valhalla Fire Department sent a letter thanking our Department for responding to an alarm in Valhalla on 6 November 2019.

The Department responded to 161 alarms in November 2019 including 84 EMS and Extrication calls, 12 mutual aid-out responses and 6 mutual aid-in responses. The Department assisted 9 families with child passenger safety seat inspections.

End of Chief's Report

Public Participation Period

Ms. Patricia Weems inquired about the Codes training in Elmsford. Chief Reiss noted that each member would attend 2 or 3 of the sessions. So, the 4 sessions would be split between members. Ms. Weems inquired about the fire hydrant fees. Chief Reiss stated that he understands that the Town is still discussing how to bill for the hydrants. Ms. Weems stated that she is concerned about the condominium style developments. She noted that condominiums pay 60% as opposed to 100% paid by individual homes. Ms. Weems inquired whether the Board lowered the 2020 budget. She was informed that the 2020 budget was lowered by \$100,000.00.

**R19-12-06**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Yizar 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 2019:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 20:26 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 21:26 hours.



**R19-12-07**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Public Session shall resume:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.

Chief Reiss reported that the Fire District received notification from the New York State & Local Retirement Systems that Capt. Harry Stone, Jr. would retire from the Fairview Fire District effective 23 December 2019. Chief Reiss noted that Capt. Stone does not want a dinner.

**R19-12-08**

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 2019:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.

**R19-12-09**

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 December 2019 in the amount of \$118,341.16:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.

**R19-12-10**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar and Chief Howard Reiss shall attend the Firehouse Expo conference to be held in Nashville, Tennessee on 22 July 2020 to 25 July 2020 at a cost of \$299.00 per person if registered before 16 December 2019 plus the cost of travel, lodging, and meals at the per diem rate of \$60.00 prorated for partial days and meals included in the cost of the conference:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti voting aye, nays none, none absent.

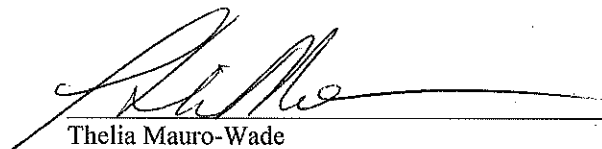
The motion was carried.

**R19-12-11**

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the meeting shall be adjourned at 21:28 hours:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Pizzuti voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.



Thelia Mauro-Wade  
Fire District Secretary

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\*There is one (1) vacancy on the Board of Fire Commissioners due to the resignation of Michael Cotter.

