

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

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, 14 January 2021, convened at 19:36 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair John Malone.

R21-01-19

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

Commissioner Walthall-Moon administered the Oath of Office of Volunteer Firefighter to Logan Mensch.

R21-01-20

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the minutes of the regular meeting of 10 December 2020 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.

R21-01-21

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the minutes of the special meeting of 28 December 2020 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

R21-01-22

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board affirms its approval to sell the 2011 Spartan Rescue truck to East Eden Fire Company of Eden, New York for a total price of \$75,000, agreeing to \$5,000 to Signal 5 Fire Apparatus as a commission on the sale. The Fire District net total is \$70,000:

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



The Committee has started to research the value of the Ahrens Fox antique. The Reliance Fire Museum estimated that, at auction, the truck could potentially sell for between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

House & Grounds Committee

The LED lights for the Headquarters apparatus bay have been delivered and will be installed.

The Committee should schedule a meeting soon.

Chief's Report

Due to COVID-19, external department training is off to a slow start. The 2021 Annual Andy Fredericks Seminar, usually held in Elmsford, was postponed until 2022.

Code Enforcement in-service training, which usually begins in March, was postponed until June.

2021 Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence has been made available.

As head of the Westchester County Career Fire Chiefs Organization, Chief Reiss met with the newly appointed Department of Emergency Services Commission Richard Wishnie and Deputy Commissioner Susan Spears on 13 January 2021. The meeting went very well, and they both seem to be very motivated in their new positions.

Group changes for 2021 have been implemented.

The Department is currently at full staff in regards to COVID-19. The Chief reported that approximately 70% of the membership has begun the vaccination process for the virus.

Car 2122 is in-service. All dispatch protocol has been updated with 60 Control.

Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York has scheduled the annual conference and meeting for May 2021 in Verona, New York,

Hartsdale Fire District Commissioner Peter Woods has passed away. Commissioner Woods was a retired FDNY Sergeant and 9/11 first responder.

The Santa Claus detail went very well. The career and volunteer staff assisted and made it a success.

Chief Reiss attended a meeting with Greenburgh Housing Authority via Zoom on 30 December 2020 to discuss Knox Box access.

The Department responded to 196 alarms in December 2020, including 76 EMS and Extrication calls, 17 mutual aid-out responses, and 7 mutual aid-in responses.

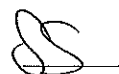
In 2019, the Department responded to 2,193 alarms, 1,060 EMS and Extrication calls, 119 mutual aid-out responses, and 85 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

Commissioner Walthall-Moon expressed that she feels the website should have more information regarding what is going on with the Department. She said the members do many great things that the Fairview community may not be aware of.

Chair Malone presented the Committees of the Board for the year 2020. The Chief of Department will provide support to all committees. The Chair will be a standing member of all committees.

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| Apparatus Committee – | Commissioners Yizar & Malone |
| Finance Committee – | Commissioners Simmons & Walthall-Moon |
| Health & Safety Committee – | Commissioners Yizar & Robinson |
| House & Grounds – | Commissioners Malone & Walthall-Moon |



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| Insurance Committee – | Commissioners Yizar and Walthall-Moon |
| Newsletter/Website Committee – | Commissioners Walthall-Moon & Robinson |
| Personnel Committee – | Commissioners Simmons & Robinson |
| Public Relations Committee – | Commissioners Simmons & Malone |
| Training Committee – | Commissioners Yizar & Malone |

R21-01-23

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons 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 Report for December 2020:
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 19:59 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 20:31 hours.

R21-01-24

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.

R21-01-25

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Agreement between the Fairview Fire District and Secretary Sarah Senior for the period 1 January 2021 through 31 December 2021 shall be approved and that the Board shall execute the Agreement at this time:
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent.
The motion was carried.

R21-01-26

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Agreement between the Fairview Fire District and Treasurer Matilde Abate for the period 1 January 2021 through 31 December 2021 shall be approved and that the Board shall execute the Agreement at this time:
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent.
The motion was carried.

R21-01-27

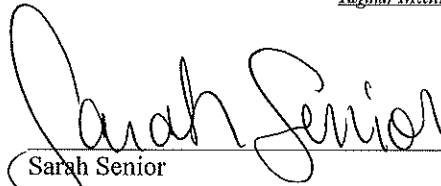
Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time set forth in the Sick & Late Report for December 2020:
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent.
The motion was carried.

R21-01-28

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 20 December 2020 in the amount of \$332,482.46 and the Account QuickReport as of 13 January 2021 in the amount of \$1,996,312.00:
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent.
The motion was carried.

R21-01-29

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 20:35 hours:
Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Malone voting aye, nays none, none absent.
The motion was carried.



Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary

