

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
10 APRIL 2025

Present: Commissioner Reginald Johnson
Commissioner Vikki Simmons
Commissioner Daymon Yizar
Commissioner John Malone

Absent: Commissioner Emma Walthall

Also Present: Chief Howard Reiss
Secretary Sarah Senior
Treasurer Joseph Marra

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District, Westchester County, New York, of Thursday, 10 April 2025, convened at 18:12 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Johnson.

R25-04-01

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 Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Walthall absent. The motion was carried.

Chair Johnson called the roll: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Malone, and Johnson present. Commissioner Walthall absent.

R25-04-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the minutes of the organizational meeting of 13 March 2025 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

Apparatus Committee

The MOU regarding the Squad 6 vehicle is still being resolved. E-174 has completed its warranty repairs.

The Chief reported receiving multiple quotes for the exhaust system repair to E-176, most of which were more than \$5,000.

R25-04-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Simmons, the Board shall approve Leggio Corp of Brewster, NY, to repair the E-176 exhaust system at the cost of \$3,230.31

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

House and Grounds Committee

The committee received the programming results from H2M regarding headquarters and is still awaiting the results for Station 2.

Chief Reiss reported that a sinkhole has developed near the shed in the rear of Headquarters. It is being investigated to determine the cause and the best method of repair. New York 811 has been notified as well.

A compressor in the Headquarters HVAC system has seized, and we are seeking quotes for its replacement.

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for 16 April 2025 at 18:00 hours.

Chief's Report

R25-04-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone, the Board approves Chief Reiss to execute the Employee Assistance Program Contract with Westchester County for the years 2024-2029:

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

The Department received a PILOT payment of \$3,385.74 from the Greenburgh Housing Authority for the Manhattan Ave Senior Housing.

Spring Training days will be 5/9/2025 and 5/16/2025 at the Rockland Fire Training Center. Hartsdale, Greenville, and Scarsdale Fire Departments have been invited to participate.

Greenville Fire District has invited us to participate in their training days on 5/05/2025 and 5/09/2025.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the FEMA grant for HazMat training.

Newly promoted officers will be sworn in on 05/31/2025 at 11:00 hours.

The Chief discussed the state-mandated reporter training for EMTs.

On 3/14/2024, the Chief met with Commissioner Johnson to review the current CBAs and discuss upcoming negotiations.

The Chief is still working with the Town of Greenburgh to remedy Fairview Circle Housing Complex's water supply issues.

The 2024 Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, 05/26/2025, at 10:30 AM. The program will mirror previous years, featuring a short ceremony at the Greenburgh Police Department Headquarters, followed immediately by a brief service and community barbecue at Fairview Fire Headquarters.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ardsley sent a thank you letter to the department for our response to their structure fire.

The Department responded to 204 alarms in March 2025, including 104 EMS and extraction calls.
End of Chief's Report

Commissioner Malone expressed that the District should be involved when PILOT contracts are discussed and agreed upon with the Town of Greenburgh.

Commissioner Simmons reported attending a Women in Uniform Services program at Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains. The aim was to expose young women to the career opportunities in uniform services.

Secretary Senior reported that a bid to purchase Station Uniforms was received at Fairview Fire Headquarters via UPS on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 19:16 hours. The bid was publicly opened and read on 4 April 2025 at 14:31 hours in the Boardroom at Fairview Fire Headquarters. The District received one (1) bid. Please note that specifications were sent to five (5) vendors, and solicitation for the bid was published in the Journal News.

R25-04-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Board accepts and approves the Bid for Station Uniforms from Fairfield Uniform Company, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, in the amount of \$30,136.00:

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

R25-04-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Simmons, 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 March 2025:

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 18:59 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 20:03 hours.

R25-04-07

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

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

R25-04-08

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time outlined in the Sick & Late Report for March 2025:

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

R25-04-09

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 QuickReports as of 11 April 2025 in the total amount of \$267,551.44:

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

R25-04-10

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the meeting shall be adjourned at 20:12 hours:

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

Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary