

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
13 APRIL 2023

Present: Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar
Commissioner Vikki Simmons
Commissioner John Malone
Commissioner Emma Walthall-Moon
Commissioner James Robinson

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, 13 April 2023, convened at 18:31 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Daymon Yizar.

R23-04-01

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the meeting shall be called to order:

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

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

R23-04-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the organizational meeting of 9 March shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

Apparatus Committee

The committee will travel to Clintonville, WI, from 16 April to 18 April to discuss Ladder-1 truck specifications with Seagrave.

Commissioner Malone recommended that the Board look into the possible sale of the 1928 Arons Fox Antique Firetruck and declare it surplus and obsolete.

R23-04-03

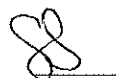
Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board 1928 Arons Fox Antique Fire Truck shall be deemed surplus and obsolete equipment and the sale of the 1928 Arons Fox Antique Firetruck in 'as is' condition without Fire Department equipment, or insignia:

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

House and Grounds Committee

The Committee awaits a quote from TF Green of Portchester for the Boardroom carpet.

Tri-State Construction quoted \$13,500 for concrete work in the front of Station 2 and \$11,500 for the rear. The work would address the current hazards on the property. The committee is looking to receive additional quotes at this time.



Chief's Report

R23-04-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board approves the 1-year contract with Superior Communications to maintain the telephone system from 11 May 2023 to 10 May 2024 at the cost of \$1,292:

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

The Healthcare Workers' Bonus pay request has been submitted.

The Department submitted a reimbursement request to the Department of Emergency Services in the amount of \$31,380.10 for the cost of the Active Shooter Hostile Event training.

The Spring training days will take place on 21 April for groups 2 and 4 and 5 May for groups 1 and 3. The groups will review basics at the Westchester County Fire Training Center, including air pack operations and mask confidence.

Chief Reiss received a request from the Town of Greenburgh to make the firehouses drop-off locations for their Food Scrap and Recycling program.

Secretary Senior published a legal notice in the Journal News on 28 March 2023 for bids for station uniforms.

R23-04-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the accepts and approves the Bid for Station Uniforms from Fairfield Uniform Company, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, in the amount of \$27,018:

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

Chief Reiss met with the County to continue to discuss replacing the Squad 6 trailer with a box truck. They also discussed the relationship between the squads and the County HazMat team.

The Department is again partnering with the American Red Cross to bring back the Sound the Alarm smoke detector program. The program will run from 24 April until 27 April.

On 11 April 2023, the Department participated in a career fair at the Theodore D. Young Community Center.

We received a thank you letter from Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, thanking us for our mutual aid response to their 8 March fire.

In March 2023, the Department responded to 197 alarms, 98 EMS and Extrication calls, 17 mutual aid-out responses, and 5 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

Treasurer Abate reported that the external auditors, BST were in the office the first week of April to conduct their financial audit for 2022.

R23-04-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Malone, the Board approves Chair Yizar's execution of the Arrangement Letter between BST & Co. CPAS, LLP and the District:

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

R23-04-07

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board approves Commissioner Yizar to attend the 2023 Firehouse Expo in Columbus, OH, from 25 September until 29 September at the registration cost up to \$425 plus travel, lodging, and meals:

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

R23-04-08

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons 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 March 2023:

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 19:00 hours.

The Executive Session concluded at 19:15 hours.

R23-04-09

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Public Session shall resume:

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

R23-04-10

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone 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 March 2023:

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

*Commissioner Malone left the meeting at 19:20 hours.

R23-04-11

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 30 April 2023 in the amount of \$287,109.82:

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

R23-04-12

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the meeting shall be adjourned at 19:45 hours:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Yizar voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent.

The motion was carried.



Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary