

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

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

Absent: 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, 8 June 2023, convened at 18:00 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Daymon Yizar.

R23-06-01

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

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

The motion was carried.

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

R23-06-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the minutes of the regular meeting of 11 May 2023 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

The motion was carried.

Apparatus Committee

The Committee is waiting for the final drawing of Ladder 1 from Seagrave. FF Batchie has contacted them in hopes of accelerating the process. The Committee plans to discuss replacing Engine 176 when they can meet with Seagrave about Ladder 1.


House and Grounds Committee

T.F. Andrews of New Rochelle completed the carpet installation in the Headquarters Boardroom and offices.

NBB Officer Environments will be in Headquarters on Tuesday, 13 June, to discuss chairs and other potential furniture needs.

The women's restroom needs retiling, and the fixtures need to be replaced.

DC DiGilio is getting building repair quotes to address the headquarters exterior. Once the exterior of the building has been repaired, it can be painted. The Apparatus Bay also needs to be painted.



Chief's Report

The Department is still waiting for the funds to be released for the Healthcare Workers' Bonus. Chief Reiss has been in contact with New York State regarding the delay.

The Squad 6 HazMat training is underway. The final hands-on drill will be on 26 June at the Department of Emergency Services.

Chief Reiss is still discussing replacing the Squad 6 trailer with a box truck with Westchester County.

The 2023 Memorial Day Ceremony took place on 29 May. The program was moving.

Captain Davino is in the process of getting a valuation for the Antique Ahrens Fox.

The 2nd Officer's Meeting was held on 6 June. The discussion topics included officers' discretion in counseling members and the difference between counseling and discipline. They also discussed how to ensure effective radio communication with 60-Control and what to look for to confirm that 60-Control is receiving your communications, especially when calling for a 10-75.

Chief Reiss explained to the Board that a radio issue caused a 10-75 not to be received by 60-Control, and, therefore, not transmitted to the other necessary parties.

*Treasurer Abate left the meeting at 18:25 hours.

On 1 June, The Department responded to a deck fire that expanded into the attic on Pondside Drive. The Department provided mutual-aid responses to Scarsdale on 15 May for a structure fire and Valhalla on 7 June for a structure fire.

The Department received a thank you letter from the intern we hosted from Horace E. Greely High School. He thoroughly enjoyed his time at Fairview and looks forward to a career in the fire service.

In May 2023, the Department responded to 174 alarms, 101 EMS and Extrication calls, 10 mutual aid-out responses, and 2 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

Commissioner Walthall-Moon asked Chief Reiss to explain a 10-75. Chief Reiss explained that a 10-75 is transmitted when we respond to a confirmed structure fire and triggers 60 Control to notify the Chief, an automatic recall for relief, mutual-aid companies to our headquarters, and more. It provides the members on the fire scene with the necessary resources to fight the fire effectively and safely while still ensuring that we continue to provide vital services to the rest of the district. He also explained the difference between a STRU response and a 10-75.

The Board discussed the proposed Legislation from Assemblywoman Mary-Jane Shimsky that aims to align the Fire District Election with the School Board Election. The Board is firmly against this legislation. The Board mailed a letter to the Assemblywoman expressing their opinions shortly after the Memorial Day services. Commissioner Malone expressed that he would have preferred the Board to have mailed the letter sooner as the bill had already been introduced into the assembly. The Board agreed to do a poll in the future to communicate what they would like to do more clearly.

Commissioner Malone stated that while attending the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York's Annual Meeting and Conference, someone questioned the appropriateness of meals during or after Board meetings. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding past practices and what to do going forward. The Board decided to speak to counsel before making a decision.

R23-06-03

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 January 2023:



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

The motion was carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 19:05 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 19:23 hours.

R23-06-04

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

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

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Simmons informed the Board that the Westchester Community Health Center is hosting a fundraiser and Golf Outing on Monday, 26 June. She said she would disseminate the information to anyone interested in participating and donating.

R23-06-05

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 May 2023:

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

The motion was carried.

R23-06-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 9 June 2023 in the amount of \$375,264.95:

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


The motion was carried.

R23-06-07

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the meeting shall be adjourned at 19:30 hours:

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

The motion was carried.



Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary

