

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
10 FEBRUARY 2022

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, 10 February 2022, convened at 18:32 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Vikki Simmons.

R22-02-01

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

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

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

R22-02-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the organizational meeting of 8 January 2022 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

R22-02-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes of the regular meeting of 8 January 2022 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

House & Grounds Committee

The old air conditioning wall units and the wallpaper have been removed from the Headquarters Boardroom. The ceiling tiles and light fixtures have been replaced. Commissioner Walthall-Moon will research carpet, paint, and replacement chairs.

Health & Safety Committee

Governor Hochul ended the NYS indoor mask mandate. The Chief plans to revisit internal mask policies.

2022 medical exams are underway. The department is approximately halfway through completion.

The cleaning and sanitizing of the Station 2 and Headquarters HVAC system ductwork is complete.



Chief Reiss received two quotes to purchase SCBA regulators from AAA Emergency Supplies and MES. Both companies use NYS contract pricing. MES is willing to honor 2021's pricing saving the District \$6000.

R22-02-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board shall approve the purchase of thirty-two (32) SCBA regulations from Municipal Emergency Supplies, Inc. of Sandy Hook, CT at the total cost of \$51,927.68:

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

Chief's Report

R22-02-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that DC John Baker and DC Timothy Ryan shall be approved to attend FDIC, International in Indianapolis, Indiana from 24 April 2022 through 30 April 2022 at no registration cost for DC Baker, and registration cost of \$640.00 for DC Ryan plus lodging, travel and meals:

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

Seven (7) members attended the Annual Andy Fredericks Elmsford Seminar held at the Westchester Marriot. Feedback on the seminar has been positive.

Spring training days are in the process of being planned. Water rescue is being considered as the training topic.

On 27 January 2022, The Department, in collaboration with Hartsdale and Greenville Fire Departments, gave a presentation at the Town Board meeting in response to the deadly Bronx fire that took place earlier this year. Captain James Malone Jr. coordinated and executed the presentation very well.

The new Physio Control Life Pak 1000 AEDs, purchased with the donation from Metropolis Country Club, have arrived and are in service.

The Department received a generous allotment of at-home COVID-19 tests to help mitigate the spread of the virus.

The 2021 uniform order is currently arriving. The 2022 Uniform Bid is prepared and will be made available to interested parties shortly.

Westchester County's new digital radio system is up and running. The Department is no longer on Fire Channel 14 with the villages. We now operate on Channel 22 with Hartsdale, Greenville, and Scarsdale Fire Departments.

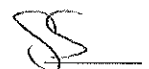
The Fire Academy is scheduled to begin on 15 March 2022. The Department currently has two spaces reserved for this spring. Candidates will complete the CPAT on 12 February 2022. The Board scheduled two special meetings for 22 February 2022 and 23 February 2022 to interview candidates. The ideal start date for potential new recruits is 7 March 2022.

On 5 February 2022, the Department responded to a house fire in Ardsley. DC Simmons, Capt. Lester, FFs Manchess, Stone, and Vargas did an outstanding job at the fire.

The Chief was invited to attend Alexander Hamilton High School's career day virtually on 11 March 2022.

The Department responded to 197 alarms in January 2022, including 94 EMS and Extrication calls, 16 mutual aid-out responses, and 4 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report



Chief Reiss reported that the District received a request from the Town of Greenburgh for repayment of taxes to the Greenburgh Housing Authority due to an error in the tax roll for the years 2019 and 2020 in the amount of \$268,877.26. The Town Board is currently reviewing whether the District is genuinely responsible for refunding the Housing Authority as we did not receive any monies in excess of our budget. The error was how the Town of Greenburgh collected tax payments, not how they remitted any monies to the District.

Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York's annual conference is scheduled to take place 7 May 2022 – 9 May 2022 in Verona, NY.

Firehouse Expo is scheduled to take place 26 September 2022 – 30 September 2022 in Columbus, OH.

R22-02-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar 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 2022:

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 19:14 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 19:54 hours.

R22-02-07

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

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

The Board will allow the Chief, at his discretion, to permit the Deputy Chief occupying the Training Officer position to take an appropriate Department vehicle home in the evenings.

R22-02-08

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 January 2022:

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

R22-02-09

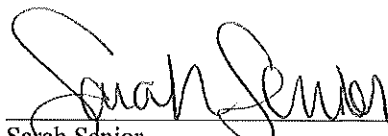
Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 27 January 2022 in the amount of \$351,373.98:

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

R22-02-10

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the meeting shall be adjourned at 19:56 hours:

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



Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary