

JANUARY 20TH, 2022

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
Held On Google Hangouts

PRESENT: Chairman Commr. Paul Carlo  
Commr. Thomas Roche  
Commr. Brian Keating  
Commr. Paul Ranellone  
Commr. Anthony Lore

IN ATTENDANCE:  
Chief Brian Tween  
Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom  
Secretary Marissa Isang Smith  
Legal Counsel Cheryl Sacco  
Legal Counsel Paul Sweeney

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MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranellone and unan. carried to open the meeting to the public, followed by a salute to the flag.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Lore and unan. carried that this meeting adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranellone and unan. carried to end the executive session and reopen the meeting to the public.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom reported that the financials as of December 31, 2021, present a net budget surplus of approximately \$1,100,000. As anticipated, this surplus was predominantly driven by the 2020 appropriated fund balance that was not used

in 2021, of approximately \$915,000. Of the \$1.1M surplus, approximately \$225K is committed to purchases that were initiated in 2021 but will not be completed until 2022.

Commr. Roche reminded the public that there was a \$1.1 Million surplus over a 0% tax increase.

Treasurer Hedstrom shared that there are a few accounts that will require a budget transfer to close out the 2021 year. At this time the District is waiting on any remaining 2021 invoices to trickle in, and the Treasurer will recommend year-end 2021 budget transfers at the next meeting scheduled for February 17, 2022.

Treasurer Hedstrom further reported that there were Property/Casualty Insurance Updates- Renewal Date 4/1/22 The current broker, Arthur J. Gallagher, has indicated that it plans to go to market for the upcoming property/casualty insurance policy renewal and solicit quotes from at least one additional carrier for consideration. The Treasurer will be issuing 1099's to vendors and other payees where required and W-2's and 1095-C's to employees by the end of this month.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO. 22, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranellone to pay the bills and vouchers as presented. The Board has been supplied with one set of bills and one credit card bill for Board approval. Chief Tween has reviewed all prior to the meeting, except certiorari claims and those specifically marked as reviewed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer has requested the Board approve the following:

Warrant 2- 1/20/22- \$376,475.11  
Credit Card - 1/18/22 - \$1,857.95  
Total \$378,333.06

The Board was polled as follows:

- Commr. Lore - Aye
- Commr. Ranellone - Aye
- Commr. Keating - No
- Commr. Roche - Abstain
- Commr. Carlo - Aye

MOTION CARRIED \*\*\*\*\*

CHIEFS REPORT

Chief Tween reported the Career Fire Academy is tentatively scheduled to graduate on Friday 1/28/22. One transfer candidate continues to go through the onboarding vetting process. The new rescue boat was delivered on 1/8/22. The new Ford F350 has been ordered and will hopefully be ready to be put in service in 2-3 months. The lease extension for the Historical Library has been finalized and signed by the Town and the Fire District, extending the lease until 8/31/2022. Thank you to the Eastchester Town Board and the Eastchester Historical Society for allowing us to maintain a presence in Chester Heights. Lieutenant Joseph Costanzo completed training the members on the new e-PCR software and set up the new iPads so we are able to comply with the NYS Health Department EMS record-keeping regulations which recently changed.

Chief Tween wished FF Tina Kapoor-Martinez good luck on her retirement on January 18th and thank her for more than 24 years of service to the Fire District as a Career member and more than two years of service as a Volunteer Firefighter with the Union Corners Engine and Hose Company.

Chief Tween shared that on January 8th, recently retired Captain Philip Pinto passed away. He was greatly respected by the members, and he was the leader of our Hazmat team. He served the Fire District for over 32 years. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our award ceremony last month, where Captain Pinto was to receive two commendations. Through the assistance of Captain Bruce Yozzo, the commendations were awarded to Captain Pinto on December 31, 2021. Chief Tween thanked FDMV and NRPD for covering our calls so our members could attend Captain Pinto's funeral. Chief Tween also thanked the Yonkers FD, Pelham Manor FD, Hartsdale FD and Fairview FD for assisting with the honor flag details in front of the North End firehouse and at the Ferncliff Cemetery. Chief Tween requested the Board to close the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Captain Philip Pinto. Chief Tween then read the commendations for Captain Philip Pinto.

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Commr. Carlo shared his condolences and thoughts on Captain Philip Pinto. Commr. Lore shared his condolences and how it is a terrible loss to the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 23, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Roche to appoint Monsignor Luke Sweeney, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church as Fire District Chaplains of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022.

The Board was polled as follows:

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| Commr. Lore      | - | Aye |
| Commr. Ranellone | - | Aye |
| Commr. Keating   | - | Aye |
| Commr. Roche     | - | Aye |
| Commr. Carlo     | - | Aye |

MOTION CARRIED \*\*\*\*\*

RESOLUTION NO. 24, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Lore to authorize an amendment to the employment terms with Tim Dalton to increase his holidays from six to eight; to include MLK Day and President's Day effective immediately. Due to the timing of this motion, MLK Day will be substituted for a floater holiday in 2022.

The Board was polled as follows:

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| Commr. Lore      | - | Aye |
| Commr. Ranellone | - | Aye |
| Commr. Keating   | - | Aye |
| Commr. Roche     | - | Aye |
| Commr. Carlo     | - | Aye |

MOTION CARRIED \*\*\*\*\*

RESOLUTION NO. 25, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranellone to approve the purchase of a photography/videography package with Westchester Drone Ops, LLC for the purposes of providing Eastchester Fire District with content to use on the upcoming redesigned website at the cost of \$2,426.75.

The Board was polled as follows:

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| Commr. Lore      | - | Aye |
| Commr. Ranellone | - | Aye |
| Commr. Keating   | - | Aye |

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| Commr. Roche | - | Abstain |
| Commr. Carlo | - | Aye     |

MOTION CARRIED \*\*\*\*\*

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Union President Steven Ranellone congratulated Tina Kapoor-Martinez on her retirement, and thanked everyone for their kind words thoughts on Captain Philip Pinto and that, while his spot will be filled, but someone like Captain Pinto can not be replaced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were provided.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commr. Ranellone shared how he was contacted by a member of the Chester Heights Condominium Association, where they wish to write a letter of concern about the number of accidents occurring near their building on the parkway. Commr. Ranellone requested Chief Tween to pull the number of incidents that took place on the Cross County Parkway and the Hutchinson.

Commr. Lore shared that he checked with the Union that the volunteer meeting will not conflict with the Union meetings. Commr. Keating asked Chief Tween if the Benevolent was told to stay away from the firehouse. Chief Tween said he defers to the Board on the matter. Legal counsel Cheryl Sacco advised she would speak with colleague Paul Sweeney on the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 26, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Lore to allow the Benevolent access to Station 2 every two to three months.

The Board was polled as follows:

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| Commr. Lore      | - | Aye     |
| Commr. Ranellone | - | Aye     |
| Commr. Keating   | - | No      |
| Commr. Roche     | - | Abstain |
| Commr. Carlo     | - | Aye     |

MOTION CARRIED \*\*\*\*\*

A moment of silence for Captain Philip Pinto Jr. followed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranellone and unan. carried that this meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marissa "Isang" Smith  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF  
FIRE COMMISSIONERS