

**PLEASANT VALLEY BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONER
MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 11TH, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by C/Albrecht with a salute to the flag.

Commissioners present: Commissioner Albrecht
 Commissioner Johnson
 Commissioner Harmuth
 Commissioner McRitchie
 Commissioner Lamoree
 District Secretary Jennifer Broas
 District Treasurer Jayne Murphy

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Motion by C/McRitchie seconded by C/Harmuth to approve the minutes from December 2010. This was passed by all.

Meeting open to the Public.
Close Meeting to the Public.

Communications

- Letter from John Murphy regarding the Fire Safety Trailer
- Operating Permit from the Town of Pleasant Valley for Station 1 and Station 2
- Fire Commissioner Training
- Letter from ESS Lt Murphy thanking the Board for the purchase of lumber for the cribbing

Membership –C/Albrecht made a motion to accept the following 3 as members of the Fire District this was seconded by C/Johnson; all were in favor.

- Jason Underhill, active Station 1, 1434 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569
- Daniel McAndle, active Station 1, 1279 Salt Point Tpke, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569
- Nihuche Lopez, active Station 1, 29 Parksville Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for January 2011 that totaled \$45872.13 for the general fund. Motion by C/Johnson seconded by C/McRitchie to pay the bills if found correct. This was passed by all.

Committee- Equipment & Apparatus -

- A new committee will be forming in February

Monthly Maintenance Report – Not Attached

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- New knobs will be ordered for the stove. Need to find someone professionally to clean the stoves. They will contact Apple Pressure Washing to get it done. The ground faults need to be removed on outside by ovens. And all ovens have been set to the proper temperatures.
- President Luby would like to know if the weight room proposal has been reviewed. Need to get a copy please bring it to the workshop next week.
- Timmy Davidson will be here next Wed the 19th at 1930 hours to go over the door quote.
- C/Johnson found out that the blinds down stairs are the responsibility of the Commissioners' and the ones in the back hallway as well. She will get pricing. She will look into window tint for the back hallway.
- Audio system in the meeting room needs to be replaced. It is still being worked on. We need a better quote and/or to find a new vendor. FF Murphy will work on it.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #2

- The proposal for Station 2 has been reviewed. A discussion was held on this; they will get more quotes and they will also look into HVAC contractors that will have to quote as well.
- There was a heat problem there today. Love Efron was called in there was no heat in the 56-72 and 56-42 bays. They fixed the problem and now there is heat.
- AC/Corns would like the Board to know that the floor is worse than it was before. C/Albrecht will go up and look at it and see what if anything can be done. If nothing can be done they will start from scratch.

Insurance Committee –

- NONE

Service Award Committee –

- NONE

Rules & Regulations –

- They are still being worked. DC/Broas will work on getting a committee together to get this finished. There are a lot of changes and additions that need to be made.

Safety –

- A new safety committee will be formed by the end of January.

Officer's Reports – Chief of the Department – District Chief Broas reported the following:

- John Murphy has retired as Dutchess County Fire Coordinator; Dana Smith is acting Coordinator until the new one is appointed.
- Dutchess County Weekend at Montour is March 12th and March 13th. It cost \$135 per student. I would like to request permission to send no more than 15 students and I would like permission to rent the van again this year. C/McRitchie made a motion to send no more than 15 students to Montour; it was seconded by C/Lamoree. All were in favor. There was a discussion held on who was paying for the class. C/Harmuth wanted to know if we had to have the students pay and get reimbursed since we made that rule with the Rescue Squad; C/Albrecht said no if the Fire Company starts to abuse the paying of classes then we will discuss that.
- Thank you for allowing the text messaging. The boards will be here next week. When issues are found they need to be reported so we can get them fixed.
- The new siren and siren control is in for station 2. I need to get it programmed and have Cotte Electric install it. AC/Cady has a company up north that wants the old one.
- The mill pump is collecting a lot of debris, I have spoken with the Chief of Hughsonville and he is willing to come out to see if they want to dive and clean it out. C/Albrecht mentioned that Timmy Albrecht would be changing the thermostat in it.
- A meeting has been set up with DC911 to review all run assignments.
- OSHA will be scheduled for Feb and March
- East Clinton Fire District has assigned a “Fab Key” to us for 56-14 and 56-1.
- Garrison is no longer a Ferrera dealer. We will get information on who the warranty dealer will be for Ferrera.
- DC/Broas will have information to review at the next work shop for On-Line CME's through Mobile Life.
- T/Murphy asked DC/Broas if he could please get a bill from Fairview for the Hurst Power Unit. He will take care of it tomorrow.

Deputy Chief Corns –

- Are there valves on the mill pump to open and close it when we start it?
- Simmons Fabricating quoted \$800 and Dutchess Metal Supply quoted \$750.00 to have the hose shelves built for 56-12. Simmons said they would match the price from Dutchess Metal. Also, Garrison will be sending a quote so that we have 3.
 - C/McRitchie made a motion to spend \$750.00 to have the shelf built at Simmons Fabricating; this was second by C/Johnson and all were in favor.
- 56-12 has a battery tender that keeps failing. Garrison quoted \$965 to replace the unit.
 - C/Albrecht made a motion to purchase the battery tender unit; it was seconded by C/McRitchie and all were in favor.

- We cannot get a quote on the front suction right now.

Assistant Chief Station #1 – Wayne Gruntler - Absent

Assistant Chief Station #2 – Matt Cady – Absent

Captain Rescue Squad – Rescue Captain Cassidy – Absent

Unfinished Business

- C/Harmuth discussed the FEMA Grant and that we are 1 step away from getting the grant. We have sent in all information that they have been looking for.
- President Luby has 6 members coming off probation for the dinner and needs to know what is going on with the badge numbers. S/Broas said that the list that was needed for the vested members has been turned in. FF Murphy will go over it with AC/Corns.
- The active member list needs to be reviewed so that we can get gear returned.
- C/Albrecht asked how many EMT's the district has; 23 EMT's on the books.
- 2 Blackberries have been purchased for the 2 Assistant chief's. The bill should be around \$253.00 if it goes higher than \$300 we need to let them know so they can figure out a better plan for us. A commissioner needs to go sign the contract for the new phones.
- Corrosion Products in TN has contacted C/McRitchie and he can't do anything until the pump is pulled. There was a discussion held on this.

New Business

- FF Murphy told the Board that Mark Butler will have a proposal by next Wednesday to them and Rod MacLeod will also get a proposal to you.
- C/Harmuth would like to know if the Board would like to go the same route as last year with the Grants. They will be opening up in April. We need to get a list together by the March meeting and it will cost us \$300.00 again.
- FF Murphy has turned in the training list to the state that he would like to have classes for.
- A motion was by made C/Albrecht that Ray Broas be appointed to the position of **Chief of the Department** for a one year term to commence on January 1, 2011 and expire upon successful appointment of a successor.

Seconded by C/McRitchie

- Vote: Commissioner Albrecht yea
- Vote: Commissioner Johnson yea
- Vote: Commissioner Harmuth yea
- Vote: Commissioner McRitchie yea
- Vote: Commissioner Lamoree yea
- **Result appointed**

- A motion was by made C/McRitchie that Bryan Corns be appointed to the position of **First Assistant Chief of the Department** for a one year term to commence on January 1, 2011 and expire upon successful appointment of a successor. Seconded by C/Johnson
 - Vote: Commissioner Albrecht yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Johnson yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Harmuth yea
 - Vote: Commissioner McRitchie yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Lamoree yea
 - Result **appointed**

- A motion was by made C/McRitchie that Wayne Gruntler be appointed to the position of **Assistant Chief assigned to Company 1** for a one year term to commence on January 1, 2011 and expire upon successful appointment of a successor. Seconded by C/Harmuth
 - Vote: Commissioner Albrecht yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Johnson yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Harmuth yea
 - Vote: Commissioner McRitchie yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Lamoree yea
 - Result **appointed**

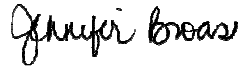
- A motion was by made C/Albrecht that Matt Cady be appointed to the position of **Assistant Chief assigned to Company 2** for a one year term to commence on January 1, 2011 and expire upon successful appointment of a successor. Seconded by C/McRitchie
 - Vote: Commissioner Albrecht yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Johnson yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Harmuth yea
 - Vote: Commissioner McRitchie yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Lamoree yea
 - Result **appointed**

- A motion was by made C/Albrecht that the list of candidates, hereby attached, elected by qualified voters of the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Company #1, Salt Point Fire Company and the Pleasant Valley Fire Department Rescue Squad during the annual meeting held in December 2010, be accepted for a one year term to commence on January 1, 2011 and expire upon successful appointment of a successor. Seconded by C/McRitchie
 - Vote: Commissioner Albrecht yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Johnson yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Harmuth yea
 - Vote: Commissioner McRitchie yea
 - Vote: Commissioner Lamoree yea
 - Result **accepted**

Open Meeting to the Public – None

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/McRitchie seconded by C/Johnson that the meeting be adjourned. This was passed by all. The meeting was adjourned at 2021 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary