

PLEASANT VALLEY BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 8TH, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at Pleasant Valley Fire District Headquarters, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by C/Albrecht and adjourned until 2000 hours for funeral detail. C/Albrecht made a motion at 2000 hours that was seconded by C/McRitchie to re-open meeting with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Commissioners present: Commissioner Albrecht
 Commissioner Johnson – Absent
 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/Albrecht to approve the minutes from February 2011. This was passed by all.

Meeting open to the Public.

Closed Meeting to the Public.

Communications

- Various personnel letters have been received from DC/Broas
- Letter from Maryann Baker
- Resignation letter from Ron Holder
- Association of Fire District Monthly meeting notice
- Letter from Rescue Squad
- Letter from Andrew Murphy
- Letter from Grantgenies
- Association of Fire Districts annual meeting information
- Letter from Dan Weiser for NYS required training for Commissioners
- Association of Fire Districts Secretary and Treasurer training
- 2011 Assessment notifications for all properties

Membership – NONE

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for March 2011 that totaled \$51,899.68 for the general fund. Motion by C/Harmuth seconded by C/Lamoree to pay the bills if found correct. This was passed by all.

Committee – Equipment & Apparatus –

- Apparatus Committee signup sheet is posted. Meetings will start in the next couple of weeks.

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached for March 2011

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Need to start discussing what can be done with the parking lot.
- President Luby would like to know if we can get more lighting in the main parking lot.
- Can something be done with the septic smell? C/McRitchie has searched the ceiling and can't find the source of the smell.
- Station 1 executive board has made a decision that no one under 16 can be in the building unattended, they want to be sure that they have backing of the Board of Fire Commissioner's to enforce this and they will be hanging signs up.
- DC/Broas would like to know if anything has been done on glass doors for the offices downstairs. They are still being worked on.
- AC/Corns wanted to be sure that the Board knew rain is coming in through the vents. C/McRitchie is getting in touch with the roof guy again.
- Weather stripping needs to be replaced on the bay doors. FF Murphy will be call to have this taken care.

Building & Grounds – Station #2

- Back metal door needs to be replaced or taken out. A discussion was held on this matter and it was decided that it would be replaced.
- The committee is working on getting proposals for the work to be done. They will get a finalized list of everything they want and that will be the list that goes out to bid.

Insurance Committee –

- C/McRitchie will be meeting with Jerry Haight to go over various issues.

Service Award Committee –

- March 24th will be the Committee meeting to approve 2010 points at 130 hours.

Rules & Regulations –

- A small SOG committee will be formed to get a funeral SOG written and a Line of Death SOG written.

Safety –

- None

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

- Had a meeting with the disaster committee last week. Working on getting the changes done that they need; like an updated inventory list. Also a discussion was held on the Town's secondary EOC. They currently have the Town Highway Garage as the secondary EOC and they do not have enough room to spare. Can we let them use the Board room as the secondary EOC it would be for a maximum of 14 people and we would be able to give them a dedicated phone line and fax line along with internet usage. The town is also working on setting up day care for members' children to free up some members. C/Albrecht made a motion to allow the Board room to act as a secondary EOC during emergencies this was seconded by C/McRitchie with all in favor. S/Broas will send a letter to the town stating this.
- I would like permission for 56-4's vehicle to go to Montour this weekend. They will be using the truck for luggage and gear. The van that is rented is only a 12 passenger van and there are 13 members going. FF Murphy will give a credit card to AC/Cady.
- Quote for lettering and installs on 56-67 will be done at the workshop. Light bar quote went up.
- Pierce salesman showed up last Friday and is looking for business. He is going to have a demo truck in the area and will be here on 3/14/11 at 1pm until whenever.
- With the storms this week it looks like FEMA will be available again. We have been keeping track of everything.
- There seems to be an issue with the computer server. FF Murphy will talk to Brein Clark and see what the issue is.
- A discussion was held on the monthly call totals.
- Can we look into installing cameras on the outside of the building on station 1? It might help eliminate some of the abuse being done to the district equipment. This will be discussed at the workshop; it all needs to be re-done.
- Village of Fishkill Police Department has the identification program that is needed for the new accountability system. They are willing make our new tags for us for \$800.00. C/Albrecht made a motion to spend the \$800.00 it was seconded by C/Lamoree.
- I am requesting Executive Session for personnel issues.

First Assistant Chief - Bryan Corns –

- Members of station 2 would like permission to save the district money and mount the suction on 56-12 themselves. This is fine.

Assistant Chief Station #1 – Wayne Gruntler – Absent

Assistant Chief Station #2 – Matt Cady – Absent

Captain Rescue Squad – John Cassidy – Absent

- President Cussano presented information on having a mediator come in and help the Rescue Squad. The first meeting is set up for 3/22/11 the rate is \$100 per 2 hour session. The Rescue Squad would like the board to pay for 2 sessions for a total of \$200.00. President Cussano has found someone who knows nothing about the issues the Rescue Squad has been having. A letter will be mailed to all members asking 3 questions. They think that they will have 15 to 20 members show up. C/Albrecht made a motion to pay for 2 sessions for a total of \$200.00 it was seconded by C/McRitchie and they are requesting a report be submitted to the Board; all were in favor.

Unfinished Business

- C/McRitchie made a motion to spend \$12,453.00 on new exercise equipment this was seconded by C/Lamoree and all were in favor.
- Hudson Valley Audio will start work next week. The cost has gone down to \$7200.00 depending on if a new screen is needed.

New Business

- C/Albrecht made a motion to spend \$525.00 to put a liner in 56-67 this was seconded by C/McRitchie all were in favor.
- C/Albrecht made a motion to allow alcohol at the St. Patrick's Day Party.
- A discussion was held on who can hold house offices. A house officer cannot hold 2 house positions. We will do a more detail investigation on this and get a better answer.
- C/Lamoree made 2 appointments for Friday for locksmiths to come in for the new door system. FF Murphy will give them a 3rd company.
- C/Harmuth made a motion to accept the FEMA grant in the amount of \$84,340.00, we will receive \$79,173.00 from FEMA and the Fire District is responsible for \$4,167.00 this was seconded by C/Albrecht and all were in favor. C/Harmuth will work on getting this published in the newspaper.
- Electronic Policy needs to be reviewed at the workshop.

- DC/Broas would like to thank the Board of Fire Commissioner's for purchasing the new 56-67 it was a huge help yesterday during the flooding. Also, thank you for all the hard work put into applying for the FEMA grant.
- March's workshop will be 3/24 all the rest will be the last Thursday of the month.
- C/Albrecht made a motion to accept FF Holder's resignation effective March 7, 2011 this was seconded by C/McRitchie. We will start the process for hiring a new firefighter.
- DC/Broas would like to have permission to take 56-13 and 56-42 out of district tomorrow. That is fine.

Open Meeting to the Public – None

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/Albrecht seconded by C/McRitchie that the meeting be adjourned. This was passed by all. The meeting was adjourned at 2059 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas