

## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MONTHLY MEETING MAY**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1945 hours by C/JA with a salute to the flag.

Prior to the meeting starting Probationary Firefighter Marcus Marillo was sworn in as the new career firefighter for the Pleasant Valley Fire District.

Commissioners present:      C/ALBRECHT  
   C/JOHNSON - Absent  
   C/LUBY  
   C/GEERLINGS  
   C/LAWLOR  
   T/SAUER  
   S/BROAS

**Minutes from the Previous Meeting** – Motion by C/WG seconded by C/JC to approve the minutes from April 2024. Passed by all.

### **Open Meeting to the Public -**

Bob McRitchie discussed the water spot issue at the station 1. The UTV can't be washed at the firehouse due to the water issues. Someone should come in and test the water. Discussion on the well being filled it has probably been 10-15 years. The Board will investigate all of this and come up with a plan.

### **Close Meeting to the Public**

### **Communications:**

- Copy of certificate from C/JC for his yearly training
- Fire District Affairs
- Copy of Taxation & Finance from Town of Pleasant Valley
- Letter from John Siderais
- Thank you from Conway's
- Memo's from MTO Murphy
- MVP packet

### **Membership**

- Josh Tarantino, 3 South Quaker Ln, Hyde Park
- Patricia Castano, 31 Martin Rd, Pleasant Valley
- Thomas Gajarsky – Clark Heights, Pleasant Valley
- Jarrod Balestrieri – Eagle Circle, Pleasant Valley

C/ML made a motion to accept all applications it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor.

### **Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:**

- Discussion on the different options for lease and return, lease or purchase on the new tanker

### **Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.**

- 56-69 needs an inspection that was not listed

### **Buildings & Grounds – Station #1**

- Meet with Ryan about the storm drains.
- Blacktop replacement by the dumpster will be done as well
- Apparatus bay ramp is cracking and splitting
- Septic smell inside the firehouse is horrible. Especially when it is raining outside.
- Mold concerns in the Quarter Master room is still there and there are new spots of it. Can we put a ventilation fan in between the 2 floors.
- The landscape looks great at station 1, the back hill and along Quaker Hill can we get that fixed
- The hose reel on the east side of the bay doesn't stay locked. We will put the cart out and stop using the broken one

- The men's room downstairs really needs to be replaced. All the bathrooms need to be replaced. C/WG this will be discussed at a workshop.

**Building & Grounds – Station #2:**

- Same mold issues at Station 2
- Leak in the center sink, Elliott plumbing fixed it and the whole underneath needs to be fixed
- We had no hot water called Taylor and they showed up
- C/JC made a motion to spend \$750.00 on new planters, flowers it was seconded by C/ML. All were in favor

**Insurance Committee:**

- Meeting with Keith on 5/22
- Life Insurance we might have the wrong forms we will see what comes back from the agent.

**Service Award Committee:**

- All points have been submitted retro payments will be in June

**Policies:**

- We are lacking in the policy department. We will be working on them.

**Safety:**

- Lime green helmets is the new safety officer helmet

**Officer's Reports – District Chief Cosenza reported the following:**

- How many rooms do we have for the Chief Show?
- District meeting on June 6
- Asher Training MTO Murphy and Captain Ferris signed up
- The construction on Route 44 we will be monitoring it and if we must make changes we will. Start paving mid-June end of August beginning of September will be the end date. Salt Point Turnpike will start mid-July. The Chief Staff will monitor and make changes as needed to make sure we can get career staff

and volunteers to the stations for calls. Response times will be affected.

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief –AC/Cronk reported the following:**

- Thank you for allowing me to attend FDIC again this year. I took 26.5 hours of training. Please continue to allow firefighters to go it truly is an experience and great training.
- I have spoke with MTO Murphy we will have a total of members who must finish the IAFF training. Tomorrow is the deadline. Captain Ferris feels that everyone in the department needs to take it. What is the next step with vests? Let's review the policy at the workshop and get it going.
- The new members need to be handed a binder of everything in it. They will be signed that they have received it.
- ID's card has been started. 90% accountability tags have been done

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief –AC/Broas reported the following:**

- 56-96 and trailer are both in service
- We will still need to work on the 56-63 trailer brake controller
- Workbench/storage cabinet in the trailer can we have D/of P Harmuth work on that?
- Paint trailer floor (top and bottom)
- New Mobile Radio's for the new 56-71
- Wish list items will be ready at the Workplace
- 2nd Mobile radio discussion for 56-11 and 56-12
- EMS/driver/Fire Police boots will be between \$120-389 we are waiting on the final quotes
- 56-33 updated quote it will be 4 x weeks
- 56-45 updated quote it will be the fall time frame
- Apparatus pump service and testing mid to end of June at Garrison's
- Garden Hose Reel broken (East Bay)

**Captain Rescue Squad – Rescue Captain Ferris reported the following:**

- Thank you for allowing me to attend the RTF training. I would like to order 25 tourniquets. They will be \$600.00 for 25 they come direct from the distributor.

- EMS week next week. EMTs and drivers will be getting polos and duty shirts. I have \$500.00 from the EMS account for various gift cards.
- Stryker will be here next week for demo on 12 lead. I would like to provide dinner
- A friend of mine who is a nurse is willing to do an assault class here this summer.
- May 31<sup>st</sup> I would like to take 56-71 out of service permanently. DOH will be in June or July for inspection. It will not pass inspection. Remove it from service. We need to make sure we are up to date on everything else
- May 22 is the EMS awards dinner is anyone going from Pleasant Valley? We can check with Lt Gates or LT Synder

**MTO Murphy – reported the following:**

- Monthly training report. Isabel Czech should be finishing up her EMT class shortly.
- The Resiliency Training in-house I will update the list.
- I will add the BEFO list to next month's report.
- 2 confirmed seats in the Westchester class. I will be detailed 2 Westchester for training. We will have to
- FF Bolner will be back in early June. His physical has already been scheduled and we will have him here June 10<sup>th</sup>
- FF Marcillo's uniforms have been ordered
- Rescue Task force proposal please review it. Cold Zone training should be the next one out.
- SOG #35 UTV operations. 2 adjustments from last month's approval. I have circled what was added. C/ML thank you again to the whole committee for the UTV work. Discussion on the stretcher wheel being purchased. Still doing research on it. C/WG made a motion to accept the changes it was seconded by C/ML, and all were in favor.
- Discussion on internship for Andrew Faneule through BOCES for his Senior year. Forward a copy of the description to Terry for review. We will finish this conversation at a workshop.
- In-house BEFO class starts here Thursday night until August.
- Thank you for the Forcible Entry door. We have started banging on it

- Thank you for the RTF class, it was amazing. Very educational and eye opening.
- We have been in contact with Soil and Water, we will be replacing the dry hydrant at Smith Rd, but it is a protected waterway, so we need permits. It will probably be summertime before we do it.
- I have spoken with the woman at Francis Court she has valid concerns, but I will be asking Soil and Water over to see what is going on. We have flushed it many times and never had an issue. Discussion on water agreements being signed by the homeowners.
- State Chiefs 2 people have signed up for the hands on \$295.00 each
- Ambulance certification will be sent in this week
- Continuing the UTV training

### **Captain Baxter**

- Thank you for the opportunity to go to FDIC this year. The training was out of this world. I have never attended anything like this before.
- If we can get more people out there next year it would be well worth it.
- Thank you again, it was worth every penny.

### **Captain Wallace**

- Thank you for the opportunity to attend the FDIC conference.
- I hope the Board can keep this as part of the training every year.
- I met a vendor from Italy, and they are interested in us possibility demonstrating one of their products here in the USA.

**Bills** – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for May 2024 that totaled \$208,324.54 for the general fund. Motion by C/JA seconded by C/WG to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

**PURCHASING APPROVALS – \$649.18**

1. Velcro - \$73.25
2. Plastic bags for CPR mannequins and offset screwdrivers - \$31.57
3. Replacement ceiling lights tiles for elevator - \$246.47
4. Helmet Light for Safety Officer Harmuth - \$93.00
5. Supplies - \$190.02
6. Pencil Sharpener - \$14.86

C/JA made a motion to approve the purchases. It was seconded by C/WG and all were approved.

**Unfinished Business:**

- We must pay the tax bill and we will get reimbursement from the County
- Discussion on the landscaping project for Station 2. C/JC made a motion to spend \$6250.00 it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor

**New Business:**

- C/JC made a motion to appoint Career Firefighter Marcus Marcillo it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor.
- C/ML made a motion to take Firefighter Schmelz off Probation effective April 21 it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.
- C/JA made a motion to spend \$600 it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.
- C/WG made a motion to spend \$6272.84 for radios it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor.
- C/ML made a motion to spend \$590 to send 2 firefighters for hands on training at the New York State Chief Show it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor.
- C/WG made a motion to spend \$4880.14 it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor.
- C/WG made a motion to spend \$9236.00 for hose testing with Reliant Fire Hose Testing. It was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor.
- C/JC made a motion to purchase a new floor washer for \$7899.78 it was seconded by C/WG, and all were in favor.

- C/JA made a motion to spend \$49887.73 to get 56-33 repaired at Bulldog it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor.
- C/JA made a motion to spend no more than \$40,000 to get 56-45 repaired at Sutphen East it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor. This will be a Fall 2024-time frame.
- C/JA made a motion to allow T/Sauer to move money around as needed to cover the budget deficiencies it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/JC seconded by C/ML to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person(s) or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation Passed by all. The meeting was adjourned at - 2133 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2142 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/ML made a motion to adjourn at 2145 hours and it was seconded by C/JA, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas  
District Secretary