

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024, at the Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by C/EJ with a salute to the flag.

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

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Motion by C/JC seconded by C/ML to approve the minutes from August 2024. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public -

Kia Vynorius was at the meeting would like to donate items for the 1922 Firehouse to use as a fundraiser.

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- VESO paperwork
- VFIS payment
- Address change from the Long's
- Letter from Commissioner Melissa Lawlor stating her request to be on the ballot in December
- Letter of membership change from Shawn Castano
- Letter of membership change from Shane Andrews

Membership

- None

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- Nothing to report this month

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Tree came down in the parking lot. CMJ came to take care of it immediately to clean it up.
- We need to really investigate getting “Park at your Own Risk” for the parking lot. We will call Captain Baxter in the morning to find out exactly what size and type of sign we need.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- Work in progress with Derrick right now, but it all looks great. Please check it out if you haven’t already.
- Can the garbage cans go on the bricks? Yes that is not a problem
- Still looking for someone for the ceiling

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Service Award Committee:

- No report

Rules & Regulations:

- No report
- AC/Cronk did ask if we should have a policy for bail outs? We will investigate this.

Safety:

- No report

Officer’s Reports – District Chief Cosenza reported the following:

- No report he was absent

1st Assistant Chief –AC/Cronk reported the following:

- Can I order Ballistic vests that were discussed last month. Yes, they were approved last month
- We had a drill up in the back house last month and the young members were sitting on the front lawn when cars were traveling up and down the road going rather quickly. Can we get jersey barriers for the front lawn? Yes, we will contact Captain Baxter regarding as well.
- We will need to fix the stairs to get into the house out back as well.

2nd Assistant Chief –AC/Broas reported the following: Absent but report given

- Reviewed 56-45 issues
- Reviewed the Fire Apparatus Service update for the rest of the year
- Career staff gear is in, and it will start to be handed out
- Parr Lighting will be doing the new 71 wiring and lighting

Captain Rescue – Rescue Captain Ferris reported the following:

- Sign-up sheets for PV Day are downstairs
- CT EMS Conference 10/23 to 10/26 I have 3 interested in going. EMT Gates, EMT Nau, EMT Kane. We are trying to locate another female EMT to go. It will cost a total of \$3374.00 that is a total for 4 people

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- Reviewed monthly report
- Yearly training reminder emails will be sent out
- FF Bolner is in week 2 of recruit academy. He is carpooling with City of Poughkeepsie and LaGrange. City of Poughkeepsie drives so we will pay for gas a few times. January will be graduation
- EMT cards will be a 4-year renewal now as of 7/1/24. They will probably increase what is needed
- Kelsie Nau passed her EMT
- Aidan Drum completed Firefighter 1 Boot camp during the summer. He did great
- RTF class 3 just finished the class
- BEFO is finished. Hazmat starts tomorrow night. 16 total completions. EVOC will be in October and Pump Ops in November.
- Tomorrow night bail out starts. Went over the email that will be sent to members. We need to offer another more dates evening and Sunday.
- Fairview will be doing an FPAT shortly. But since we are on the County list we don't need the FPAT

- Sloper Grant is due mid-October. I will write the grant, and it will be for RTF supplies and CPR manikins. It is a matching grant keep that in mind.
- I will have the update on the Online CME's report at the workshop or at the October Workshop. JEMS is looking like the winner.
- September 25th is the Extrication class in Beekman we will be supplying a rescue truck.
- October 4th, 9th, and 10th are Fire Prevention Days.
- The career staff would like permission to wear the cancer t-shirts that company 1 is selling as our uniform shirt in October. You can wear them whenever you would like in October.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for September that total \$180,661.19 for the general fund. Motion by C/JC seconded by C/ ML to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

C/EJ made a motion to approve the transfer of funds that T/Sauer is requesting it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor.

Purchasing Approvals

- Howie's Hockey Tape - \$121.50
- Replacement Ethernet cables - \$57.47
- Renewal of Amazon Prime - \$139
- Pig mats and booms - \$307.31
- Sawblades for extrication, smart TV - \$271.37

C/EJ made a motion to approve all purchases for a total of \$896.65 it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business:

- C/ML made a motion to accept the 2021 audit it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor
- C/ML made a motion to send 4 EMS members to the CT EMS conference for \$3374.00 it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor

- C/ML accepted Jacob Gates driver application it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor.

C/JC announced station 2 dates for activities

- 11/9 – Chicken BBQ
- 12/7 – Pet Photos with Santa and vendor fair
- 9/21 – Coin Drop

S/Broas announced Station 1 dates

- 12/14 will be the Santa Run
- 12/21 will be the Christmas Party

Captain Ferris said that SOG #33 needs to be changed “Active Shooter”

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/EJ 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 2030 hours to executive session.

The meeting was reopened at 2040 hours with a motion by C/JC. C/ML made a motion to remove FF Bolner from probation effective August 14, 2023 the motion was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor.

C/JC made a motion to adjourn at 2045 and it was seconded by C/EJ, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary

