

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, at the Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by C/JA with a salute to the flag.

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

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Motion by C/WG seconded by C/ML to approve the minutes from September. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public -
None

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Fire District Affairs
- Medical Notes
- Memo’s regarding new drivers
- 2 FOIL request for file

Membership

- None

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- 2025 Apparatus committee will be formed shortly and be chaired by Asst Chief Broas.

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- The flag is missing from the meeting room
- The copier in the common office has reached the end of life for half of the parts and sensors. To repair the copier, it is \$1945.00 a new black and white is \$3800, and a new color is \$5600. Can we get the information on toner prices, and can we lock the color printing on it? We will get more information for the workshop. 3-year service agreement. Email all of us with the information so we can get that moving forward.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- Phones are not working again. The phones are ringing but not ringing inside the building. Call Superior to have them come in and look at the phones tomorrow.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Service Award Committee:

- No report

Policies:

- No report

Safety:

- No report

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

- Absent

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

- The vests have been ordered and they will be on track for delivery
- The incidents on Saturday and Sunday we are all aware of it. We have reached out to the members that were on scene, and it seems they are all ok

- The text message that was sent out the other day was an actual sales pitch
- The ambulance is requested at Camp Nooteming on the 18th for Fright Night they are expecting 500 plus kids and adults. It is 5pm to 9pm. AC/Broas asked if they will need fire police as well. Could we use the UTV up there? It was also asked if there is an emergency plan for the event? A/C Cronk will check and report back.

2nd Assistant Chief –AC/Broas reported the following:

- 56-11 needs a new hose bed cover it is a safety issue. \$2200 to replace it installed. Fiberglass weights on the bottom.
- 56-45 update with Sutphen: they already lowered the bills. I did go through them, and they are ok. I stirred up a hornet's nest with them regarding the welds on the ladder. Once they have received all payments. They will have their welder come out and do the proper work. Discussion on the alignment. We still can't find anyone that is a class 2a welder so it will have to go back to Sutphen for the welding. We might be able to wait for the weld work to get done.
- Fire Police portable radios are in and issued out
- EMS boots are in and being issued out
- 56-55 is on all of Roosevelt's 10-75 assignments for the whole district
- Working on scheduling a driver meeting per your request. October is very full, so we are now looking at November.
- Electric Power to the UTV trailer before winter. We don't want to hit the extension cord with the snowblower.
- Presented a proposal to get the trailer undercoated for \$1300. They are willing to paint the floor of the trailer as well for \$350. \$2125 to get all of this done so we can protect the investment.

Captain Rescue Squad – Rescue Captain Ferris reported the following:

- 7 Open PCR's
- Moving stuff over to the new ambulance starting this week. Should hopefully be done by Friday
- Thank you for the vest purchase they were used this past weekend and only 2 POV's were at the scene.
- Can 56-69 be taken to the EMS expo? Yes, not an issue

- We need to order more epi-pens. Get everything together and send it to C/ML and Director of Purchasing Harmuth.
- We should order more trauma supplies, get a list together, and forward it to C/ML.

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- Yearly training update
- Bolner is doing well at the academy
- 10/21 live fire drill
- Bail Out training only 5 remaining to go through 10/27 last day
- FF Bolner will go down after graduation to get his training done
- Spoke to Terry Hannigan as requested last month, he is recommending that we follow what we have in place for other Labor Laws, so we need a policy for Bailout Training. MTO Murphy will work on a draft.
- Final Hazmat training for the year in-house will be on the 15th at 6:30 pm
- 20 people have finished the training on the new ambulance. There is only 1 duty crew driver left.
- C/WG reported that FF Bolner has been measured for a Class A uniform.

PURCHASING APPROVALS

1. Adobe - \$155.88
2. Cryo-Weld - \$5056.00
3. Signs for the parking lot - \$296.80
4. Misc Supplies - \$511.53

For a total of \$6020.21 the purchases were approved by C/JA and seconded by C/JC and all were in favor.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for October that totaled \$285,117.28 for the general fund. Motion by C/EJ seconded by C/WG to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

- C/JC made a motion to approve the transfer of funds of \$300,000 from NY Class to the General Fund at M & T it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.

Unfinished Business:

- Inspection Dinner committee was discussed, S/Broas, AC/Broas, AC/Cronk, LT Elliott, C/WG will join the committee for the board, and we will get another member from station 1 to join. We will come back to the workshop with an estimate of a number of guests for the dinner.
- Election Committee C/JA or C/WG will handle it.
- S/Broas review the picnic expenses. A total of \$2456.70 was spent. C/ML made a motion to spend the \$2456.70 and it was seconded by C/JA and all were in favor.

New Business:

- C/WG made a motion to spend \$2200.00 on a red hose bed cover for 56-11 it was seconded by C/JA and all were in favor.
- C/JC made a motion to spend \$2150.00 to have the trailer painted and the UTV undercoated was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.
- S/JB announced that the next physicals will be December 8th.
- S/JB announced that Station 1 voted to go to LaGrange Festival of Lights on 11/30, Hyde Park on 12/1, Millbrook on 12/6
- C/ML announced that the DC Department of Health received a grant to hand out LeBehind Narcan Kits, the Narcan kits will be left at patients' houses during calls. PVFD has been selected as one of the pilot agencies that can hand out the kits. This was based on the number of overdose calls. Do we want to try it? The training will be 10/15 and 10/25 both daytime training. Chris Maeder suggested we check with our Med director to make sure they are ok with this.
- C/ML asked did Battalion Chief Rinck contact any of the chief staff about the UTV or an apparatus going to Arlington on 10/19 between the walkway and Headquarters around 4-4:30? Yes, we have spoken with him.
- C/ML spoke about the AFG grant denial for 2024. This year 2025 the grants will be heavily funding health and wellness. PPE will be a high-ticket item. Chris Maeder asked if we got passed at the 1st round last time. If we could collaborate with neighborhood districts we could get through 1st round.

- C/ML made a motion to spend \$23.00 each per subscription to get the Crackly magazine for each station, it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.
- C/ML announced that Emergency Response Commissioner Smith is resigning effective 10/18. Deputy Commissioner Castano will be the interim commissioner.
- C/EJ announced that station 1 Ladies Auxiliary will be selling scratch-off tickets and the drawing will be Election Day Dinner.
- C/JC announced that there is a Veterans Picnic at Baird Park on 11/19 they asked if 56-45 could be there for the opening ceremony which would be 11:30-12:30; if we can get a crew that is fine.
- Both stations have approved to send pallets of water down south.

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTIONS 2024 FOR 2025 BUDGET

FOR FIRE DISTRICT OVERRIDING TAX CAP

PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 1:

OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2025 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 16, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 16, 2024 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2025 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2025 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2025 budget to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap with an increase in said tax levy over the two (2%) percent limit and result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$1,940,750.00, and

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

*Chairman Albrecht)
Commissioner Johnson)
Commissioner Lawlor) AYES
Commissioner Geerlings)
Commissioner Cady)*

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

*Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York
October 8, 2024*

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/WG seconded by C/ML 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 was adjourned at 2045 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2105 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/JC made a motion to adjourn at 2107 and it was seconded by C/ML, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary