

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1901 hours by C/JA with a salute to the flag.

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

**Minutes from the Previous Meeting** – Motion by C/WG seconded by C/JC to approve the minutes from December and from the 2025 Re-Organizational meeting. Passed by all.

**Open Meeting to the Public**

None

**Close Meeting to the Public**

**Communications:**

- Letter from Secretary Murphy
- Communications with Insurance company
- Communications with Hannigan Law Firm
- Communications with Firefly
- Christmas cards
- Fire District Affairs
- Letter from Station 1 and 2 for fundraisers

**Membership**

- Steven Sgaramella – 79 West Rd Pleasant Valley – Station 1
- Eric Abruzese – 140 Stratford Dr, Poughkeepsie - Station 1

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

- Kick-off meeting this week. We are going to be moving along.

**Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.**

**Buildings & Grounds – Station #1**

- Heater behind ambulance repaired
- Called in Waverly for an infestation of mice
- Will have a quote to get the office of 56-3 painted
- The side door behind 56-63 seems to be sticking again. C/JA asked that we find someone to look at the concrete. Can we get an alarm on the door like the quartermaster room yes we will get a quote. Let's do both side doors

**Building & Grounds – Station #2:**

- Any update on the gutters? C/WG will reach out again.

**Insurance Committee:**

- Claim in for the member who just passed away.

**Service Award Committee:**

- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be our first one of the year.

**Policies:**

- C/JA made a motion to accept the Procurement policy changes it was seconded by C/JC and Roll call was taken
  - C/JC – aye
  - C/EJ – aye
  - C/WG – aye
  - C/JA – ayeMotion passed.

**Safety:**

- The chief staff has some members who would like to be on the committee

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

- Thank you for the opportunity again for this position.
- Thank you for Sunday. It's a great way to start the year. I think we got somewhere. We are getting stuff done.
- New Ballistic Vests are in
- Had a nice meeting with the career staff today. I will meet with the ones not on shift. We agreed on a breakfast with them.

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

- We will need to purchase the defroster motor for 56-11 and then give it to Garrison to install. The REV group will not allow Garrison to purchase any parts from them., so we will need to purchase it direct.
- The upgrade to LED for the light tower on 56-11 will cost \$7200.00. Garrison cannot get the needed parts any longer. Please remember that we will be keeping this engine for at least another three years.
- We need to purchase a Knox box for 56-1 vehicle. We will get a price.
- 56-2 and 56-3 vehicles will be going to DB Graphics on Friday to have the graphics changed it will cost a total of \$100.00
- Chief360 have you received an invoice for \$1000.00? yes, it is in the bills for tonight. Discussion on PV Channel 56 being added yes we will start working on this in the next week or so.
- Red MNX we have a revised quote for \$11487.00
- Went over all the details for the New Command Vehicle that is being discussed. The whole estimated price would be \$165,000

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

- No report tonight
- EMS Report – 56-72 tablet is no longer working and 56-71's is almost on its way out. \$10,093 for both tablets through GTech we can have the new tablets here within a week. We will discuss this and get back to you.
- Will we be able to get a LUCAS or Monitor device out this year? We will report back.
- I am going to be sitting down with the EMS division and the officers first so we can all get on the same page.

**MTO Murphy – reported the following:**

- Presented report on 2024 yearly required training. A discussion followed.
- Permission to sign up FF Bolner for car seat class it is \$65. Approved.
- Feb 6 and 7 or 8 and 9 Ice water Schmelz and Bolner and Lt Steve Tarantino it is free
- Permission for Captain Wallace to go to NYSAFC for Fire Behavior on the Inside in Kingston on March 23. The cost is \$250.00
- We are having conversations with the county to use the Scout Camp for training. We will be able to use it for training year-round. Working on a formal agreement.
- I will be in contact with Chief Champion from LaGrange, it doesn't appear that FF Bolner has been paying for fuel like we agreed. I will check and if it is true then I will work with them to re-imburse them.

**PURCHASING APPROVALS**

1. \$132.43 – energizer batteries for SCBA
  2. \$410.96 – replacement chairs for Station 2
  3. \$82.00 – O2 tank refills
  4. \$1602.70 – Dell extension server warranty
  5. \$1188.00 – Globe Particulate hoods
  6. \$96.60 – Misc items
  7. \$153.58 – replacement lights bulbs for outside
  8. \$1439.91 – replacement chairs for commissioners and chiefs
  9. \$370.47 – replace battery charger
- C/JA made a motion to approve all purchases it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor

**Bills** – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for January that totaled \$4,917.81 from the general fund and \$4235.40 from the LOSAP account. Motion by C/JA seconded by C/EJ to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

C/JA made a motion for T/WS to transfer \$250,000 from NY Class to M & T Bank it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.

**Unfinished Business:**

- C/JA made a motion to spend \$100.00 at DB Graphics for the Chief vehicles it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor
- C/JC made a motion to spend \$11,487 with RedMNX it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor
- C/JC made a motion to spend \$7200.00 on the light tower for 56-11 it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.
- FF Murphy has ordered 2 new flags for out front we will have a spare
- C/JC brought up that the store for station 1 still has Department listed on the clothing. S/JB said she would take care of it with the clothing committee at station 1.
- The old 56-71 lettering will start to be removed on Thursday per FF Murphy
- S/JB reviewed all the details of the Inspection dinner.

**New Business:**

- The career staff brought 2 picnic tables which are out back. They have no problem with the other members using them as long as they respect our property.
- C/WG made a motion to spend \$1000.00 for the prep and painting of 56-3's new office it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor.
- C/WG reviewed the Long Island Fire Expo it is on 2/1 it will cost \$25 each. Would like to see if any members are interested in going. If it is enough then we may need to rent a van for the day. FF Murphy will post a sign-up sheet

**Adjournment:** There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/WG seconded by C/JC 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 2051 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2115 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/WG made a motion to adjourn at 2117 and it was seconded by C/JC, all were in favor.

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Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas

District Secretary