

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by 1900 hours 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 January. Passed by all.

**Open Meeting to the Public -**  
None

**Close Meeting to the Public**

**Communications:**

- Royal Carting Contract
- Dutchess County Camp Nooteeming Letter
- Documents from Perma for file
- Veso documents
- Associations of Fire Districts – proposed by-law change
- Fire District Affairs
- Letter from MTO Murphy regarding FF Nau being cleared to drive Ambulance
- Letter from Zach Ferris resigning as EMS Captain
- Letter from Town of Hyde Park regarding dangerous animals
- Return to work notice

- Letter for a change in membership status to be discussed in Executive session.

### **Membership**

- Alison Hopper – Martin Rd – Station 1 C/JA made the motion to accept the application it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor.

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

- Meet with Sutphen passed around drawings. This one is 10' longer than current
- Meeting with Rosenbauer this Thursday
- Will be meeting with Four Guys via zoom

### **Monthly Maintenance Report**

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

- Construction in the Board meeting room will start next week with Peak Construction
- Meeting with Central Hudson about more lighting in the parking lot
- Where are we with phone boosters? DP/Harmuth said something was done today
- The keypads are not working now at 45 and 11 doors. 4 keypads at station 1 and 3 at station 2.
- The parking lot is sinking again. You can see it happening
- Do we have a new NYS DOL poster? We will get a new one – 2 of them.

#### **Building & Grounds – Station #2:**

- Phones are out again. We need to come up with a solution at least at station 2
- Discussion on replacing the 2 new heaters.
- Hudson Valley Overhead door discussion.

#### **Insurance Committee:**

- Will remove old 56-71 and it appears that the UTV was never added. C/WG will call Keith's office first thing in the morning to get this taken care of.

**Service Award Committee:**

- Final points have been posted, and grievances will be March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Policies:**

- Dress code policy will be posted as proposed. It was never announced at the Station 2 meeting, so they are not aware there are changes. We will get better at making sure the same thing is announced at both meetings.

**Safety:**

- None

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

- The chief staff have met with some members of the EMS division we removed officers.
- I did send out an email of the things that were completed in January.
- Can we pay the invoice to get the webbing that was ordered in July
- Wi-Fi thermostat has been set out. Can we look at it for both stations. So, when we have door issues again, we are aware of them.

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

- I would like personally to thank the board for the dinner. It was a great time and was well received by all.
- Radio programming being updated
- 56-1 install 2" strut spacers to level out the vehicle for a total of \$529.00 that way we stop hitting heads on the back hood.
- Radios to replace the Kenwoods in car 1 now, discussion on adding it to the referendum and doing everything at the same time.
- Chief360 we need to come up with date to go to City of Beacon HQ
- RedMNX update, we have an appt set up for 2/20/25 to start the process.
- The cost to replace the 56-12 portable scene lights is \$2344.00
- Went over in detail the Command Truck Proposal

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

- Meet with the new EMS Captain and EMS Lt went over the years plan and what needs to be done.
- Need to switch out Captains computer.
- Captain Kane and LT Nau need access to the rooster calendar on the website.
- Lt Nau's email needs to be fixed, it is just pvfd.org
- PET CPR would like to offer this class at the Firehouse. The Dutchess County MRC hosts the class so check with them about coming here.
- Still working on the Toughbook situation. Panasonic gave Captain Kane a price of \$1100 each and we would need 3. Discussion on using an iPad in place of the Toughbook. Access to be able to add apps. We need to be able to access a lot of information.
- Our new members can go to NY State and get reimbursed for the classes they are taking.

**MTO Murphy – reported the following:**

- Bolner is progressing. Completed his bailout training, and there is car seat class at the end of March
- We did receive the Sloper Grant again this year for \$3500 which will cover a second set of maniacs for CPR and supplies for RTF
- RTF training at the end of the month will be FF Schmelz and LT Hopper will be attending
- All set to train at Camp Nootteeming.
- IFO 2 more classes and then break again until we figure out live fire training
- Almost everyone in this room has completed 2025 training thank you and if you haven't completed it you have at least started it. It shows the membership the importance of getting it done.
- Mandy Winslow completed 2025 training and additional training from last year. Jacob Gates started it and no one else has started it.
- Workplace Violence was not assigned to anyone yet. We were going to do IFAA training.
- Firefighter Cancer class C/ML just got trained to do the class and will be doing classes in house

- HazMat we are working on getting dates with a new instructor for this year.
- County Weekend the replies are coming back slow it will be \$100 per person can we approve 15 members. We would rather not turn anyway away from the training it is only in East Fishkill.
- The Leary grant opens in the next couple of weeks. I would like to upgrade the training AV in the meeting room, with Blue Tooth speakers as well. Great idea!
- Yearly EMS packet with the numbers
- Discussion on the 1432 Route 44 calls. We could have a meeting shortly.
- Proposal for online CME's, C/JC made a motion to move ahead with the Fire/EMS CME training and Fire training through JEMS for \$86.00 per member, it will be for a total of \$3163.00.

#### **PURCHASING APPROVALS**

1. 5 Gallon water jugs - \$99.90
2. Camera for DP/Harmuth desktop, pens, scanner and antenna - \$224.19
3. Yearly NFPA renewal - \$225.00
4. Portfolio for C/JC - \$39.99

C/JA made the motion to purchase the above it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.

**Bills** – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for February that totaled \$84,494.59 for the general fund. Motion by C/JA seconded by C/EJ to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- C/JC made a motion to spend \$3689.00 with Taylor Oil for the new heaters over 56-32 it was second C/JA and all were in favor.
- C/JC made a motion to spend \$4268.00 Taylor Oil for new heater over 56-72 it was second C/JA and all were in favor.
- C/JC made a motion for Hudson Valley Overhead Doors Furnish installing new receivers at station 1 for \$2100.00. It was seconded by C/ML price with extra remote it was approved by all.

- C/JC made a motion for Hudson Valley Overhead Doors to furnish and install new receivers \$1050.00 at station 2. It was seconded by C/WG price with extra remotes it was approved by all.
- Went over final Dinner cost was \$154.55 per member that includes, dinner, DJ, awards, and flowers. There will be another committee meeting to finish up everything and we will be sending out a survey to the membership.
- FF Murphy will be doing a webinar with NYS to switch to NFIRS
- C/JA made a motion to accept the sale of the old 56-71 for \$7400.00 it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.
- We will be re-bidding the Mill Pump. Bids will be opened on 2/28 at 12 noon.
- S/JB explained that she will be emailing out the cover letter to all new members then follow up with the packet in the mail.

**New Business:**

- C/JC would like permission to add stickers to the apparatus saying proud support of Trees for Troops. A discussion was held on this. 56-24 is a compromise and everyone is ok with that, 56-45 will take one for station 1.
- Wi-Fi Thermostat motion by C/JC second C/ML \$150.00 will be for both stations.
- Discussion on the rapid flow shut off for the ice machines at both stations. The Safety Committee will investigate this.
- Station 2 picked 2 dates for the Sporting Clay Shots, one in August and one in September. We are just waiting for an answer from the location.
- C/ML had a meeting with Battalion Chief Rinck last week about having a Girl in Fire Day we will be a lead agency in that day. Girls ages 10-16 and there will be 20 girls total
- C/JC has been asked to talk on the radio with Uncle Mike. They will talk about the Tree for Troops and Recruitment. He will talk to AC/Luby about it.
- C/WG motion to spend \$2972.64 with Hobson Windows to replace additional 8 windows it was seconded by C/JC
- Received over \$11,000.00 in interest from M & T Bank in 2024

- C/JA made a motion to spend \$220,000 on the new 2025 Command Vehicle and an upgrade to our communication system it was seconded by C/JC and roll call was taken
  - C/JC – aye
  - C/EJ – aye
  - C/ML – aye
  - C/WG – aye
  - C/JA – aye
  - Motion was passed 5 to 0
- Appoint new acting Captain of EMS Division Brandon Kane and appoint Kelsey Nau as LT. They were both sworn in.
- NYS Cares Up Grant was submitted on 1/31

**Adjournment:** There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/WG 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 2040 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2100 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/WG made a motion to adjourn at 2100 hours and it was seconded by C/JC, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas  
District Secretary