

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1900 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/JA to approve the minutes from February. Passed by all.

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

- None

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

### **Communications:**

- Fire District Affairs
- Thank you note from George Gruntler

### **Membership**

- Alison Hopper introduced herself as a new member

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

- Bob McRitchie represented the Tanker committee and went over the one spec they had and requested that they receive a dollar amount as soon as possible, so they move forward. It will be an 18 plus

month for delivery. The thought is to build a 20-year apparatus. It will be undercoated before we get it. There will be no chrome on it.

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

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

- Thank you to C/WG for taking care of getting this room done. We will need to get some more done
- New table has been ordered and new chairs
- Storm drains will be cleaned this month. Can we get a phone call first so we can do a work detail first to clean off the driveway? Yes!
- Bay door windows will be changed out March 25
- Meeting room ceiling room tiles...the worse of the worse have been changed out. I don't want to change them all until the leaks are done

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

- Just waiting on Taylors to give me a date on the heaters
- A discussion was had about making the bathroom single occupancy bathrooms. Let's incorporate the ADA handles in both bathrooms.
- Look at the leak in the kitchen ceiling
- Look at the door to get that finished
- The leak in the north bay
- Ceiling in the member's room
- Vanguard went up and fixed a possible 2 leaks
- Have the gutters looked at and get the gutter covers. Get pricing from Eric Foster
- Members room we are moving forward with a few things. We are going to order sheet rock next week. Baby steps!

#### **Insurance Committee:**

- Need to get license plates for the new 56-1

#### **Service Award Committee:**

- Grievances 6:30 to 7:30 tomorrow night

**Policies:**

- Received quite a bit of feedback on the dress code policy, we will need to review this and get back to the membership with it.
- FF Murphy handed out Elections policy to review and move forward with.

**Safety:**

- Need to have a meeting soon with Chiefs

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

- 125 calls this month
- 16 LODD's this year
- The webbing is being distributed
- Thank you to C/ML for all the hard work on the mental health grant
- 56-96 has been used for the first time on the committee chairman at 909.
- What is the status on the phones at station 2?
- Mill pump bids are open on Friday correct?
- AC/Luby can you please confirm with Highway Supt Baxter that the water truck will be available to us for brush fires?
- We had a discussion on fast tracking a new member
- We had a great first officer's meeting

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

- PVFD 56 tower status? C/WG will go to the Town Hall and see what he can find on it.
- Portable scene lights are in and on 56-12
- REDNMX is moving along
- FRS update, I spoke to Andrew and he doesn't have any access for the tablets/everything else is good. We will give a tablet to Craig and see if he can get in it.
- 56-55 the cribbing compartment is being redesigned
- 56-11 is getting it's NYS inspection at Del Hatt
- New chiefs' truck do we have a pickup date yet?
- We had a great first officer's meeting

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

- This past Thursday myself and a few younger members went to Arlington High School for the Skills Trade Show, it was a great experience for the members.
- Jenn and I are working on getting a list together for Fire Prevention items.
- We had an EMS meeting prior to this meeting. We will be having one a quarter.

**Captain EMS Division – Acting Captain Brandon Kane – No report due to EMS call at same time**

**MTO Murphy – reported the following:**

- Went over monthly training
- FF Bolner is progressing well.
- REDNMX is moving forward well.
- We should be receiving CME reimbursements for EMT Hopper and FF Schmelz
- Got all the information on the AV's and just waiting for the grant to open.

**Bills** – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for March that totaled \$130,710.03 for the general fund. Motion by C/JA seconded by C/WG to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

**PURCHASING APPROVALS**

1. Ice Water Rescue Suits - \$1990.00
2. Tires for 56-55 \$685.95 per tire and \$45 to dismount and install
3. Restocking items - \$86.96
4. Items to finish Commissioner Meeting Room - \$159.58
5. EMS restock - \$512.30
6. Trash liners - \$197.42

C/JA made a motion to approve all purchases it was seconded by C/ML

**Unfinished Business:**

- Maria from NY Achieves took 45 boxes to be destroyed. She took all but 16 she'll pick those up next time she is down here. This gets us through 2017.
- We will need help setting up our file system. Thank you to FF Murphy and FF Simoni for helping her load on Friday. Great Job C/Johnson on getting this project taken care of.

**New Business:**

- C/JA made a motion to spend \$220,000 on the 2025 Command Vehicle and the Upgrade of Radio System it was seconded by C/WG and roll call was taken
  - C/JC – aye
  - C/EJ – aye
  - C/ML – aye
  - C/WG – aye
  - C/JA – ayeMotion passed 5 to 0
- Tablets for the EMS division – we are going to look at FDIC but can we get an iPad to hold us over until then? 56-72 has nothing at all. C/Cronk will go to AT & T tomorrow and get the First net iPad. C/JC made a motion to spend no more than \$2000 on an iPad it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor.
- C/WG made a motion to spend \$500 on new elevator carpet it was seconded by C/JC and all were in favor
- Captain Wallace discussed a donation he was receiving from Ulster Firearms for the Wing Fest; the owner would like to donate 500 t-shirts to hand out at the wing fest. It would have our PVFD logo on it and his logo on the back. It will have supporters on it on the PVFD. There are concerns about the fire district getting support from a firearm business. C/JA will contact the lawyer tomorrow to discuss this. C /JA will contact Captain Wallace with an answer.
- C/ML sat through 4 hours of grant sessions on youth grants today. We should be able to get between \$5,000 and \$25,000 should we be able to get Arlington to help with the Girls and Firefighter class. I won't do it we don't have teamwork and in agreement to do it. Do we move forward with it? Yes, you should move forward.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/JA 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 2011 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2040 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/ML made a motion to adjourn at 2045 and it was seconded by C/WG, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas  
District Secretary