

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONTHLY MEETING APRIL**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Wednesday, April 16, 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/GEERLINGS - Absent
 C/JOHNSON
 C/LAWLOR
 C/CADY
 T/SAUER
 S/BROAS

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

Open Meeting to the Public - None

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Fire District Affairs
- Notice of change in RX with Fire District Mutual
- Thank you note from Matt Cady
- Board of Elections notice

Membership

Dominic Cussano - Station 1
Spencer Simoni – Staton 1
Dave Carao – Station 1
Ashleigh Burgess – Station 2

C/ML made a motion to accept the above applications, and it was seconded by C/JC and all were approved.

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- Reviewing the specs and should have a final draft at the May meeting
- C/JC talked to another mfg. at FDIC, and he sent specs today, it has been forwarded to AC/Broas

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Don Way was here there is an issue with the downstairs urinal still has an out of service sign on it
- The heat is miss-firing in the bays. FF Murphy will check with Don Way on this.
- 3 rooms need new door handles. Watch desk, EMS room and MTO Murphy's office. Just get a blank doorknob for them.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- Got prices from Peak Construction for the work. Drop ceiling, awning over members rooms, the main door. Peak was over \$20,000 for all the above work. Talked to a member's father who is in construction he looked over all the work that needs to be done and gave me a price of \$925 to put up the dropped ceiling in the members room the material will cost \$1,313.00 for a total of \$2,500 he is insured.
- The awning we can purchase for \$738 from Home Depot and the members are willing to put it up ourselves.
- I am going to talk to Garrett Camburn about the bathroom work he said he can do it.
- Sheet rocking is done, coat of primer on it today.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Service Award Committee:

- Final points have been submitted, and you should all see the increase in the May payment.

Policies:

- CME policy is just cleaning up the language in the previous one. It is changing to add today's protocols – C/JA made a motion to accept the new CME policy it was seconded by C/ML and roll call was taken
 - C/JC – aye
 - C/EJ – aye
 - C/ML – aye
 - C/WG – absent
 - C/JA – aye
 - Motion passed 4 to 0

It will be sent out to all EMT's, and they will have to sign that have received it. This can go through the new JEMS program.

- FOIL Policy – This was written by our lawyer Terry Hannigan, C/JA made a motion to accept the policy it was seconded by C/JC and roll call was taken
 - C/JC – aye
 - C/EJ – aye
 - C/ML – aye
 - C/WG – absent
 - C/JA – aye
 - Motion passed 4 to 0

- Draft for Pre-Plan Policy was handed out, MTO Murphy took the State policy and just changed our names to it. C/ML mentioned that FDIC was encouraging members to do pre-plans as a class to teach back. This will be reviewed and discussed

- Dress Code policy will be reviewed again C/WG has the notes that were taken at the last workshop.

Safety:

- Schedule a meeting

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

- 348 calls so far this year, we are behind from last year

- 21 LODD for the year, 5 this month so far.
- Thank you for allowing me to go to FDIC again, I was able to get 30 hours of classroom training.
- I was also able to get in touch with a few people for training here. The Captain from FDNY will still be coming for training that we had to cancel due to snow, and the webbing company would like to come do training here.
- FDIC had 37,000 people attending, from 55 countries there were 345 total hours of education available, 845 vendors.
- We are going to keep moving forward with the mental health campaign.
- We will also be moving forward with more cancer training and education. It will be a much more important topic.
- 10-75 assignments are almost complete. We will be putting memos out that Per Diem firefighters will be allowed to come back for 10-35's and we will be putting a time limit on it.
- C/JC how are the station 2 phones coming along? Still working on it
- Radios are in and in 56-2's office.
- Engineers are doing a great job
- I purchased 400 fire wipes at FDIC for \$324.00
- I also got 4 utility bags to hold them for \$8.00 each. I will be getting 2 more for the mutual aid engines

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

- Radio Tower – waiting on Austin from American Towers to get us solid information from AT & T and access the site. Once we have all that, A-1 Communications will get us a quote.
- RedNMX – is loaded on 3 machines, We have another meeting next week.
- New Chief Truck – The uplifter has most of the equipment and will be starting the install next week. Allow 3 – 4 weeks for completion of everything
- Motorola APX Radios- are in, waiting on programming. The Green mics for the portables are back ordered until 5/16
- 56-45 & Career Staff Radio's – it seems all of the batteries have done bad. The quote to replace 10 batteries is \$109.37 each total \$1,093.70

- 56-71 & 56-72 – I just want to let you know that speaking with Brian at Henderickson's about the O2 leak, he says this can be very time consuming to find such a small leak to trace the lines. His recommendation was to shut off the onboard tank when not being used. Let me know how you want to proceed.
- 56-45 – Once 56-11 comes back, 56-45 will get scheduled to go to Sutphen PA for aerial service and welds.
- New PPE – was delivered today.

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

- iPad are here and installed

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- Monthly report
- Online training is going well. Most officers are completed for the year.
- IFO/SCBA finished last week. We have one that must retake the final, one stuck at work. 10 of ours passed
- Sloper Grant update. \$3,500 for the grant to upgrade CPR equipment and STOP the bleed, \$4,695 - \$3,500 = \$1,195.00 total guessed at the shipping of \$200.00.
- RTF training LT John Hopper and Mandy Winslow completed the class in Westchester we have submitted the names to the County for the grant
- Captain Simoni requested to go to hands on training at NYS Chief \$365 total.
- Fire Engineering and JEMS training are up and running. First update meeting tomorrow we will talk about how to set things up. All EMT's will start to get reports on training.
- 2025 Training Proposal. Truck Company Ops will be the first one to do, Month of May. FF 2 will hopefully be done in the Fall, Apparatus Aerial this summer, BEFO in house it will be roughly 20 students, Principal of instructions Billy Marshall will be doing a class here that we will be hosting. We have 30 new members that need to take the in person sexual harassment class.
- Currently we have a seat in the Fall academy.
- Need a few minutes in executive session on a personal matter.

- C/ML said let's schedule a date for the firefighter cancer class. State is giving every department a decon kit in the May class

PURCHASING APPROVALS

1. Cleaning supplies - \$219.74
2. Flame Decon Soap - \$1280.00
3. Wash buckets and dolly - \$47.59
4. Water - \$806.81
5. EMS restock - \$443.05
6. Narcan Trainers - \$19.95

For a total of \$2817.74, C/JC made a motion to accept the purchases which were seconded by C/EJ and all approved.

There was a discussion on the Iron Duck Backpack that was being asked for replacement. They have an awesome warranty. We will look into this.

Bills – List of the monthly bills for April that totaled \$498,748.29 for the general fund. Motion by C/EJ seconded by C/JC to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

Unfinished Business:

- C/JC thank you to the remainder of the board for allowing me to go to FDIC. It is an eye opener. I took 16 hours of training and wanted to take more just ran out of time. Good week!
- Amend awards CARES up grant we will receive \$87,000 for over 2 years. MTO Murphy and C/ML had a meeting on Monday it is a lot of work, but we are moving forward. We got a lot of connections from FDIC. The entire district needs to do a QR code with a survey. Do dinner in May. May is mental health month we will have a Cinco De Mayo dinner. This will be the memberships Mental Health training. T-shirts have been designed and will be handed to all members as part of this grant.
- Dutchess County Youth Grant has been submitted.
- Leary Grant is opened May 1st; we will have it submitted by May 10th.
- Mill Pump update working together with Terry Hannigan. It is classified as an emergency project. We received 1 bid. C/JA made a

motion to accept the bid from Myer's Contracting for a total of \$795,000 it was seconded by C/JC and all approved.

- C/JA made a motion to go to Permissive Referendum for \$800,000 it was seconded by C/ML and all approved. S/JB will get with Terry Hannigan and get this in the newspaper ASAP.
- C/JA is working with the contractors to get a quote on getting the NAPA building knocked down. MTO Murphy requested a heads up so he can schedule training in the building first.

New Business:

- Highway Supt. Baxter I am trying to get Cottage St on my paving schedule for this year. District to pay paving of parking lot and apron \$10-15 k. If it can't be done this year it will be done next year. Peckham will be doing the black top for the town. We will be doing drainage work in front of the firehouse. We should have more solid number next week and I will pass them along.
- C/JC motion to send Captain Simoni to NYS Chief Show to training \$365 C/ML second the motion and all approved
- Ceiling tiles \$2500 not to exceed C/JC seconded C/ML members room at station 2 and all approved.
- Awning \$738.00 at Home Depot and C/JA seconded C/EJ install by members all approved
- C/JA accepted Sloper Grant for \$3500 and spend \$1200 additional C/JC second the motion and all approved
- 10 Batters \$1073. C/JC made the motion not purchase the batteries and it was seconded by C/ML and all approved.
- Overdue for yearly tuning at Taylor Oil C/JC will just call and schedule it.
- C/JC Discussion on setting up a committee to look at air packs. Start doing our homework now. Start a well round committee now.
- C/ML asked MTO Murphy was the EMS Mental Health in Saratoga been sent out. Yes, it was sent a reminder will be sent again
- C/ML Firefighter stand down have you all looked at it.
- C/ML tried on ladies' fire gear at FDIC we are waiting on pricing. It was very comfortable. Viking is the brand, have the issues been taken care of with them? Yes! No price difference between that and the structural gear.

- Discussion on the floor machine. C/JA made a motion to spend \$595.45 on the parts for it and it was seconded by C/JC and all approved.

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/JC 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 2019 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2030 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/ML made a motion to adjourn at 2040 and it was seconded by C/JA, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary