

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, August 12, 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
 C/JOHNSON
 C/LAWLOR - Absent
 C/CADY
 T/SAUER
 S/BROAS

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Motion by C/WG by C/JC to approve the minutes from July 2025. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public – None

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Letter from Billy Cummings
- Fire District Affairs

Membership

- C/WG made a motion to accept Billy Cummings letter to remove him from restrictive age it was seconded by C/JC and all approved.

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- Pre-con meeting on the tanker we will get the changes in writing to approve
- Apparatus committee meetings have started to replace 56-11; more to come on that.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Captain Wallace and crew thank you for painting 45 door
- I will contact Scott Boardman on the transfer switch for the generator.
- The glass foyer doors, the left door will not close properly.
- The holes are still open in the driveway, can we get that done before we have our fall festivities, the one around the storm drains.
- The downstairs urinal we need to get someone else here is beyond Don Way's ability. We must get a construction plumber in here
- Still have mice droppings
- Garage door openers are still not working properly.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- The members' room is complete. It has been blessed by Chaplain Boyce.
- The door out front we are still waiting on

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Service Award Committee:

- Discussion on the new LOSAP report, trying to get the fund raisers broken out from MISC. They are not sure they can do it. We would like the Fire Prev to be changed to Fund Raisers. C/JA made a motion to accept the new report, and it was seconded by C/JC all approved.

Policies:

Reproductive Health Manual & Policy – Proposed; C/JA made a motion that we accept this policy it was seconded by C/WG

C/JC – aye

C/EJ – aye

C/WG – aye

C/JA – aye

C/ML – absent

The policy was approved 4 – 0 it will be posted as proposed for 30 days.

Amendment to Progressive Discipline Policy; C/WG made a motion to accept changes it was seconded by C/JA

C/JC – aye

C/EJ – aye

C/WG – aye

C/JA – aye

C/ML – absent

The policy changes were approved 4-0

Safety:

- No report

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

- 916 calls
- 51 LODD's
- Friday is the parade in Pawling we will have a piece of apparatus going probably 55.
- Discussion on Chief Lucarillo he woke up and is communicating with his family after he was dead yesterday. We did offer our services to the Rombout Fire District. But as of right now they are not needing it.
- Can hopefully still use NAPA building Monday night, yes for now.

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

- Discussion on the FCC license change. C/WG will get with DP/Harmuth and Highway Supt Baxter regarding this.
- New vehicle plates are installed on all the Chief's vehicles.
- Old 56-3 what is the plan with it? Take all Pleasant Valley off it is ready for auction.
- 56-1 is scheduled for Graphic Designs on 10/2
- What is the status of the 2025 wish list budget?
- What is the status of the turnout gear and boot budget line? I will have a list for gear so we can get something ordered before the Oct 1st price increase.
- I will have a new code notification form by the workshop we are running out of our current one so new ones will need to be printed.

- What is the status of the new member interview committee that it being worked on.
- Reviewed the 56-2 deer estimate from February
- 56-45 is due to go to Sutphen on 9/8
- Went over the 56-11 front axle bushings.
- Do we have current contact with Stryker? If we don't, wouldn't it be cheaper to have one? We need to investigate this. Discussion on the current stretchers, they are getting to the end of life, 1 has 2 years left and the other one has 4 years left. C/JA explained to Captain Kane that when it gets to a life-threatening situation, we will replace them. Meaning when it breaks.
- Do we have a contract with Plymovent? No contract but we will get them here to service them.

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

- Talked to C/ML we are close to the interview process being finished.
- C/WG how do new members get the ability to drive. We need a copy of the driver's license to enter them into LENS? Do we no longer make them fill out the driver application packet?
- 5 AED batteries were asked for in an email as an emergency purchase. DP/Harmuth was supposed to have a proposal here tonight. FR2 batteries are what needs to be replaced. C/JC made a motion to purchase 5 AED batteries for approximately \$1000 it was seconded by C/JA and all were in favor.
- Station 2 will be having a Trees for Troops event at Williams Lumber and we will be having a fire prevention table set up. Thank you for all the fire prevention stuff you got us.

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- Reviewed the training report
- We will have 7 new EMT's by the end of the year
- 8/14 will be HAZMAT which is annual training
- 8/21 is Central Hudson Gas and Electric - gas meter training
- Went over Suffolk County Fire Police Day
- We are confirmed to have one seat at the Academy starting 9/9 with a January graduation date. Basic uniforms have been ordered.

- There was a discussion on changing the uniform dress shirt color to navy blue instead of light blue. 511 has them and they are much more comfortable to wear, and we can get the badge embroidered right into the shirt. Spencer Simoni will be here in the morning to go over his gear, etc. We will get his email set up and everything else that we need to get done.

PURCHASING APPROVALS

1. Zoll's batteries and pads - \$1038.40
2. Replace defective water cooler - \$175.00

Total purchases of \$1213.40 C/JA made a motion that we allow the above purchases it was seconded by C/WG and all approved.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for August that totaled \$119,770.85 for the general fund. Motion by C/EJ seconded by C/JC to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

- A transfer of \$100,000 needs to be made from NY Class general fund to the M & T checking account.
- We have received \$500.00 on the rebates from the pager
- We received \$59.30 from Verizon for a refund on the phones at station 2.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- C/JA made a motion to appoint Spencer Simoni as the new Career Firefighter he has a potential start date of August 25th. His physical is scheduled for Monday the 18th it was seconded by C/EJ and roll call was taken

C/JC – aye

C/EJ – aye

C/WG – aye

C/JA – aye

C/ML – absent

Motion passed 4 to 0

- Captain Wallace sent an email to the Board regarding having concrete pad installed by the house for the ladders. Need some hardwood and concrete. AC/Broas will donate the concrete and there is wood up in the Napa Building
- September 6th Trees for Troops will be doing live feed with the radio station and have drop buckets at all locations.

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/EJ 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 2003 hours to executive session.

The meeting was reopened at 2025 hours with a motion by C/JC.

C/JA made a motion regarding the July 30, 2025 request for formal recognition of the Pleasant Valley - Dutchess Career Firefighters Local 4282. At this time, the Board is not inclined to recognize the union as the exclusive bargaining representative through a voluntary recognition process it was seconded by C/EJ and all were in favor.

C/JC made a motion to adjourn at 2030 and it was seconded by C/EJ, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary