

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1913 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 - Absent

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

**Open Meeting to the Public**

**Close Meeting to the Public**

**Communications:**

- Christmas card from Firefly
- Letter from VFIS about updating policies. No action needed at this time.

**Membership:** No new members

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

- Update on new tanker. Starting assembly around July with hopeful September/October delivery
- New engine committee will meet soon. Discuss further in workshop
- List of recommended apparatus list received from Garrison. Discuss further in workshop.
- 56-68 decommissioned as of 12/17/25

**Monthly Maintenance Report – Read by Chief Broas**

**Buildings & Grounds – Station # 1 – C/BG**

- Old NAPA lot needs to be leveled or restrict parking before someone gets hurt walking there
- Mold is back in HVAC room. Need to have it remediated and cause repaired.
- Still need to have a PM done on generator auto transfer switch.

**Building & Grounds – Station # 2 – C/JC**

- No report

**Insurance Committee:**

- All life insurance forms for Ken Luby have been completed and submitted.
- Career staff health insurance should stay with Marshall and Sterling for this year and look at options with NYSHIP for next year.

**Service Award Committee:**

- Points almost totaled. Will meet on January 29, 2025, to approve.

**Policies:**

- No report

**Safety:**

- All district Safety Officers will meet with the Chiefs in February

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

- Check donation for \$5,000 received from Peckham
- 78 LODD's reported nationwide in 2025
- Request from DCSO for permission to mount drone and housing on roof. More details needed. Discuss further in workshop.

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

- Frequency transfer from Pleasant Valley Highway coming along. Maybe looking to utilize their tower on the garage. More information to come.
- We need to pay Chief360 bill this year. Dutchess County will pay it starting next year.
- Dinner plans all set. We will be allowed to set up Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1730.
- New District Unsafe Equipment/Structure Notification for submitted. Will work with C/BG on finalization and printing.
- Discussion on career call back (10-35) policy. C/ML will check with the District's Labor Attorney.

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

- Reported on Zoll stopping production on certain models of AED's and issues with warranty coverage. Discuss further in workshop

**MTO Murphy – reported the following:**

- Year-end training report given
- Spencer Simoni is doing well. Graduation date is January 30, 2026.
- Dutchess County Weekend flyers out. Lots of good training scheduled.
- Finalized 2025 reports almost finished.
- Discussion on people missing training. Discuss further in workshop

**Purchasing Approvals:**

- Replacement call monitor for Station #1 – \$299.99
- Epi pens - \$1,604.22
- AED pads for Stryker AED - \$392.00
- HP toner cartridges for Chiefs office - \$638.90
- General purpose batteries and supplies - \$ 192.33
- Printer stand tor Chief's Office - \$ 111.98
- APCO quote for transfer of radio frequency - \$ 500.00

For a total of \$ 3,739.42, a motion was made by C/BG to pay the above listed, seconded by C/JC. Approved

**Bills** – List of the monthly bills for December that totaled \$287, 874.87 for the general fund. Motion by C/GJ seconded by C/JC to pay the bills if found correct. Approved

**Unfinished Business:**

- C/JC reported on the Town of Pleasant Valley’s Fire & Life Safety Review Board. John Hopper will be moved to full member taking Ken Luby’s spot. Commissioner Bill Geerlings will be placed as alternate taking John Hopper’s position. District Secretary will send a letter to the Town Clerk.
- Discussion by C/JC about members on new District Membership Committee.
- C/JC brought up that the new phone system is not being used at its full capability. Suggest we get DPA/JH get a group of users together for a training class.

**New Business:**

- Motion by C/JC, seconded by C/ML to allot \$500 to PARR to check for O2 leak and repair air alarm on 56-71. Approved
- Motion by C/JC, seconded by C/BG to get gear and a Chaplain helmet for Deacon Boyce. Approved
- Motion by C/JA, seconded by C/ML to allot \$525 to purchase EMT books for members taking the class. Approved. MTO Murphy to follow up with DPA/JA to order books.
- Motion by C/JC, seconded by C/ML to buy 4 additional 20 Volt DeWalt batteries for tools at \$269 each for total of \$1,076. Approved
- Motion by C/BG, seconded by C/JC to get a van for interested members to attend the LI Fire Expo on Saturday, January 31, 2026. Approved
- Motion by C/JC, seconded by C/ML for \$300 to allow Firefighter Dainiel Cronk to attend HazMat Technician class at NYS Fire Academy at Montour Falls. Approved
- Motion by C/JA, seconded by C/BG to transfer \$300,000 from New York Class to M&T checking. Approved

**Adjournment:** There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/JA seconded by C/BG 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 2045 hours to executive session.

The meeting was reopened at 2120 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board. C/BG made a motion to adjourn at 2121, and it was seconded by C/JC, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Commissioner Bill Geerlings*

For District Secretary Broas