

**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 10, 2026, at 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
 C/CADY
 T/SAUER
 S/BROAS

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Motion by C/JC seconded by C/ML to approve the minutes from January and from the 2026 Re-Organizational meeting. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public

None

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Fire District Affairs
- Veso paperwork
- Bank of Greene County info
- Copy of Office of the NYS Comptroller report from Station 1
- Interior Firefighter status change
- Town of Hyde Park dangerous dog list
- Request from Dutchess County Government for our insurance certificate.

Membership:

- None, we are waiting for physicals to come back.

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- Inspection trip for the new tanker should be sometime at the end of July
- Wassaic is still asking if we are interested in the truck? Yes, we will draft up a letter of intent to purchase and get it over to them.
- We will need to purchase 2 new Knox boxes for 56-3 and 56-69.
- We need to keep 56-68 on the insurance until we get it cleaned out.
- Discussion on 56-72 having leaks as well. It is currently not leaking. But let's put the new Christmas trees in it.

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Redemption Mechanical here – compressor has a new switch. Station compressor. New switches will be ordered and replaced. He has not forgotten about us regarding the service contracts; he will get them to us shortly.
- The mini split in the Watch desk has stopped working. The error message is telling a recommendation to replace it. It is telling us a communication error is coming up. 10-year life span. It is running almost every day no matter what the weather. Get that to us as soon as possible.
- 56-45 bay door has no weather stripping; do we have an update?
- Ceiling tiles need to be replaced in the pantry. We seem to be having issues with rodents in the pantry.
- Update on baseboards for the hallway
- Generator at station 1 needs batteries, and fuel tested. \$335 an hour for work. C/JA spoke to Scott Boardman, and he is willing to look at the work, and he will be to do the work. C/JC made a motion to hire Boardman Generators for the generator service it was seconded by C/WG
- Any quote on the damaged sign? It is on our property, and it will be covered under our insurance per C/WG.

Station 2

- There was an issue with the heater at station 2. Taylor showed up and fixed it right away.
- I finally dug into the cold air in the kitchen. There are no louvers at the fan. I have packed it with installation for now. I also purchased an oil-based heater for the kitchen right now. I am meeting with Kevin Elliott tomorrow to look things over. I am going to look into a digital thermostat in the meeting room. And the engine bay thermostat was set at 75 the other day. I will keep an eye on this.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Service Award Committee:

- 6:30pm on Thursday the 26th the committee will meet to approve points for 2025. We will set a date for grievances at that time.

Policies:

- Need to set up a committee to get the policies and SOG's done.

Safety:

- Will set up a meeting ASAP as soon as I am back hopefully this week.

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

- I, MTO Murphy and Asst Chief Simoni did the walk thru of the new town hall. It is laid out very well.
- C/WG where do we stand with the key fob system. He will be at the Wednesday workshop.
- Need executive session.

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

- Discussion on the letter that was sent to the Highway Department. C/WG please take care of this. A sit-down meeting needs to be had with Rob to discuss this.

- The Pine Hill Tower site is not plowed; we have no way to get to the tower right now. Can we call American Tower to discuss this. We can't get up there right now.
- I have no idea where John stands with any of the stuff he was working on.
- Thank you for the inspection dinner again! It was a great time had by all.

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

- Captain Kane went to the tactical course over the weekend, and I am going to sit down with him to make an inventory list. Meet with Lt Ferris as well he has a list of items.

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- 2025 yearly call reports
- FF Simoni update by the end of next week he should be cleared on the ambulances.
- FF Simoni's bailout training was completed yesterday.
- We will start pump training once it gets nicer out.
- We did start training on the ambulance this week.
- May should be the next car seat technician class.
- Looking over EMT course at Montour which is 4 weeks this summer. It might be a better option to get FF Simoni his EMT since he will be getting married this Fall.
- Required training was sent out by the snowstorm and quite a bit of members got their training done.
- Camp Nooteming this Sunday and next Tuesday for ice rescue training.
- BEFO weather permitting will be finished this month.
- 2025 Sloper Grant has not been released yet.
- Ladders and Hose test – Reliant \$7177.35
- Lt Tarantino asked for permission to go to the 2026 Spring Rockland County Seminar for \$25.00 per person and a Tahoe. It is a Monday night at 1900 hours.
- Car Seat class was held at Troop K classroom this past Saturday. And the Traffic Sargent would like to start working together with us more.

He would like to be involved with the Fall Fest and anything else he can do. I have his contact information.

PURCHASING APPROVALS

1. Yearly windows license - \$3625.44
2. SCBA Batteries - \$105.04
3. GFCI pigtailed for truck - \$232.20
4. Misc items (snowblower, quartermaster room, EMS) - \$79.41
5. Cord cover - \$33.03
6. 50" replacement monitor for station 2 alarms - \$229.99
7. Oxygen flowmeters - \$216.60
8. COTS - \$999.70
9. 2026 Labor law posters - \$29.90
10. 5-gallon water jugs - \$69.90
11. Electric baseboard heater and thermostat - \$305.92
12. TV Chief Office - \$163.67
13. Large Wall Calendar - \$24.39
14. EMT books - \$234.95

C/JC made a motion to accept all purchases for the total of \$8663.49 it was seconded by C/JA. C/ML opposed and wanted clarification on the gift card payments. Purchases were approved 4-1

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for February that totaled \$298,427.66 for the general fund. Motion by C/JC seconded by C/WG to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

T/Sauer will transfer money between M & T accounts to cover expenses.

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion on the fundraiser for station 1 change it to “Beverages provided”, this was discussed last year, and it wasn’t changed this year.
- Discussion on the monitor presentation from last workshop, AC/Simoni will confirm that we are allowed to use refurbished monitors. There will be a lot that has to go into this. We will have to train the whole EMS squad. AC/Simoni will follow up the outstanding.

- Update on the Mill Pump we had the scoping of the pipes, and we couldn't get across the road because of the 90 degrees in it. We are going to do an air test. Pump should be here in March and be set right away. Generator will be set at the same time. Have a meeting every 2 weeks.

New Business:

- C/JA approved 4 people to go to Rockland County for a total of \$100.00 and Tahoe C/WG
- C/WG motion to do hose testing and ladder C/JC all approved for an amount of \$7177.35
- Discussion on moving forward on truck purchases. C/JC call Blake and schedule a time for him to come in. Went over the data that was handed out tonight for call totals. Where is the growth going to be happening?
- The band has been secured for Millbrook's County Convention Parade
- AC/Simoni have you had a chance to look over Recruit New York?
- How is our enrollment at County Weekend? 7 so far
- FF Murphy would like to purchase some uniforms, FF Simoni doesn't have any polo shirts, FF Murphy needs new shirts, and FF Marshall needs a new duty shirt. Yes, that is fine.

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/WG seconded by C/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 2005 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2035 hours, by C/ML and seconded by C/EJ and all were in favor.

Motion by C/JC and seconded by C/WG to adopt the following
RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to subdivisions 4 and 5 of General Municipal Law Section 209-l, that the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) of Pleasant Valley Fire District hereby acknowledges receipt of the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Officer submitted on January 22, 2026, and upon due deliberation on the findings contained therein, and upon consideration of the record of the proceedings heretofore had herein, the Board hereby determines that record establishes by substantial evidence that firefighter (name redacted) who is the subject of the proceeding committed misconduct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby imposes upon said firefighter a suspension from service for a period of less than one year commencing on February 10, 2026, and ending at 12:00 AM on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

The Motion to adopt the Resolution PASSED by 4 to 1 on a vote of the Commissioners.

With no further business coming before the Board C/JC made a motion to adjourn at 2045 and it was seconded by C/ML, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary