

**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 11, 2020 at the Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by C/JA with a salute to the flag.

Commissioners present: C/ALBRECHT (JA)
 C/JOHNSON (EJ)
 C/LUBY (KL)
 C/LAWLOR (ML)
 C/GEERLINGS (WG)

Other District Staff: T/MURPHY (JM)
 S/BROAS (JB)

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Motion by C/WG seconded by C/ML to approve the minutes from July 2020. Passed by all.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for August that totaled \$31,401.22 for the general fund. Motion by C/JA seconded by C/WG to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public -
None

Close Meeting to the Public
None

Communications:

- Penflex letters
- Letters from PVFD Co #1
- ISO Letter, discussion on this

Membership

- Approve change of membership for Howard Whitney to associate membership and Evan Palmiotti to associate membership. Both were approved

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- No report

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

- Discussion on the logo's and decals on the vehicles, there has been some progress.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- As far as fixing up the grounds; Pat Whiteley from Route 82 Sand and Gravel donated 5 tons of stone.
- Waiting on being able to get the window guys in. Hopefully next month.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- No report

Insurance Committee:

- S/Broas received an email from Mang insurance regarding a change in our VESO policy. C/KL will check with VFIS regarding this and see if they have something we can switch to. S/Broas will forward the email to C/KL

Service Award Committee:

- Firefly Administration Inc – will discuss at a workshop about discussing setting up an appointment with Tony.

RESOLUTION FIRE DISTRICT AMENDMENT OF LOSAP POINT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 113 OF THE LAWS OF 2020 WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District has by appropriate resolution and referendum previously established a Length of Service Awards Program [hereinafter referred to as LOSAP] for the active volunteer firefighters of the Pleasant Valley Fire Department in accordance with

Article 11-A of the General Municipal Law; and WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has established a Point System for the LOSAP in accordance with General Municipal Law §217 in order to determine which active volunteer firefighter program participants qualify each year to be awarded a year of service credit under the LOSAP; and WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §217 was amended by Chapter 113 of the Laws of 2020 as follows; AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the determination of points for service award programs for volunteer firefighters during a state disaster emergency and authorizing service award program sponsors to adjust certain point systems when such sponsor adopts written emergency response protocols The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: Section 1. Section 217 of the general municipal law is amended by adding at new subdivisions (p) to read as follows: (p) For purposes of determining total points earned for a calendar year in which a state disaster emergency, as defined in section twenty of the executive law, has been declared pursuant to executive order number two hundred two of two thousand twenty, as amended, to address the outbreak of novel coronavirus, COVID-19, an active volunteer firefighter service award program may provide for the crediting of up to five additional points per month, prorated for periods of less than one month, to each active volunteer firefighter for each month that special emergency response rules were in place restricting firefighter responses to emergency responses and/or restricting the holding of activities for which points could be earned due to guidelines related to the state disaster emergency. A political subdivision electing to provide the additional points authorized under this subdivision shall adopt a resolution by April thirtieth, two thousand twenty-one determining the number of additional points to be credited per month, provided that any additional points credited pursuant to this subdivision shall be in addition to any other points earned pursuant to this section during the state disaster emergency. WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has determined to award 5 points per month, prorated for periods of less than one month, under the Point System for each month or part thereof that the COVID- 19 State of Emergency was in place and active volunteer firefighter program participants performed their duties under special restrictive emergency response rules created by the Board in consultation with the Chief related to restricted emergency responses and/or restricting the holding of

activities for which points could be earned due to guidelines related to the State Disaster Emergency; and WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has determined that active volunteer firefighter program participants performed their duties under special emergency response rules related to emergency responses and/or restricting the holding of activities for which points could be earned due to guidelines related to the State Disaster Emergency during the period of March 13 _____ through _____, and that regular emergency response guidelines and activities were put back in place as of _____; IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the above-referenced statutory authority the Pleasant Valley Fire District LOSAP Points System is hereby amended to afford active volunteer firefighter program participants credit for an additional 5 points per month, prorated for periods of less than one month, for the period of ___ through _____, and LOSAP coordinators who maintain Point System records are directed to adjust the point totals for each active volunteer firefighter program participant for the time during such period that he or she was listed as an active volunteer firefighter; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that volunteer firefighters that were not on the active rolls during all or part of the aforesaid period due to a leave of absence, suspension or other reason shall not be eligible for these special COVID-19 points during any period that they were not active firefighters participating in the accumulation of points under the LOSAP; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners reserves the authority under this resolution to grant special COVID-19 points during later periods in 2020 and 2021 if the State of Emergency remains in effect and the Board is required to go back to emergency response and point generating activity restrictions if future developments with regard to the pandemic require that a new set of restriction be put in place for additional periods of time. The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

- Chairman Albrecht – aye
- Commissioner Johnson – aye
- Commissioner Luby – aye
- Commissioner Geerling – aye
- Commissioner Lawlor – aye

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Dated: August 11th, 2020
Pleasant Valley, New York

Rules & Regulations:

- No report

Safety:

- No report

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

- Thank you to everyone for all the work getting done this week.
- I do see 1 problem; I would like to have 24 hours update on our membership status as in tracing of the members that are involved.
- AC/Cosenza has been given permission to start the committee for the new 56-32
- AC/Luby has been given permission to start in the back house.
- Past Chief Murphy did a great job on the notebook for the dry hydrants and I thank him for that and I understand why he can't help us out right now. Past Chief Corns will start up with the projects.
- I have received some complaints about members not wearing masks while in the building. They need to be told to wear the mask or get out.

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

- G3 coding update, there are 3 pieces of apparatus not entered yet, I have been guaranteed it will get done.

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

- No report

Captain Rescue Squad – Rescue Captain Martin reported the following:

- No report

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- 7 finished pump ops, Chief, Captains and Driver Trainer have been notified

- AC/Luby put in for FF Officer 1 he will take the place of Andrew Murphy who can't take the time off from work now.
- In house training is going on for FF Tuller. A graduation ceremony is in the works for the 3 local graduates.

Unfinished Business:

- Ted Eglit will be at the August 27th workshop to review the audit. Please tell T/Murphy to try and have the 2019 information for him.
- C/WG made a motion to spend \$1050 to Bastian Landscaping for weed & spray and put a border behind it, it was seconded by C/JA and all were in favor.
- KN95 masks need to start being used since the surgical masks are being used rapidly.
- DC/Hickman gave an update on BOCES, Consultant Maeder has send numerous emails to engineers and they are still not giving us any answers. They want no responsibility and they want the district to take full responsibility. Our attorney has already told us that is not to happen.

New Business:

- C/WG made a motion to spend \$2650 to LCS cleaning for de-coning station 1 it was seconded by C/EJ and all were in favor.
- C/WG made a motion to spend \$2616.47 to Emergency Response Products this will ensure that all members have uniforms, it was seconded by C/JA and all were in favor.
- C/WG made a motion to spend \$3066.30 to Emergency Response Products this will ensure all officers have the right hardware for uniforms it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor. Everything will be turned back in when they no longer hold office. Also, a uniform check sheet will now be done for all.
- A discussion on changing our website host was had. Firehouse Solutions will charge us \$795 to set up our website on their service. They will charge us \$99.95 to host the site. We will be able to get our mail on the website now, which means we can get our email off the server. It will be a total cost of \$2179.40 for the first year. They need at least \$795 to get started. C/WG made a motion to spend \$2179 it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor as along as

there is no contract with Fisch Solutions. There was a discussion on what will be on the new website.

- The district received \$25,948.70 FEMA grant for COVID-19 PPE. We will work on a press release to get out there
- P/Cady would like to know if we could do a drive by Department Picnic. We already have the catered reserved. Yes, that is fine.
- Discussion on a member having a party at station 2 under the pavilion it would be 50 people or less. We have a policy in place and we must keep with the policy. So, we have to say no.
- Since the 2 exposures at the firehouse we have spent \$6255.00 for LCS de-conning. FEMA has opened up for combination departments. C/WG will have a conversation with PD/Harmuth tomorrow about this.
- For any member that had to be tested at PULSE MD that insurance doesn't cover the Fire District will pick up the charges.
- Where is the material for the dry hydrants? They are at station 1. Kyle Mooney is looking for them and he just needs 1 person to glue.
- There will be a webinar on Thursday with the County regarding COVID information.
- FF Murphy did a webinar for Firehouse Software. We will need to do an update in the next couple of years. Discussion on this, December 2021 the update will probably have to be done.

Open Meeting to the Public for Comments:

- None

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 an issue regarding Employment history of 1 individual as it relates to medical. Passed by all. The Meeting was adjourned at 2003 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2114 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/ML made a motion to adjourn at 2115 and it was seconded by C/WG, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary