BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONTHLY MEETING JULY 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, July 14th, 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/JOHNSON
C/CADY
C/LAWLOR
C/GEERLINGS - Absent
T/SAUER
S/BROAS

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Motion by C/EJ seconded by C/JC to approve the minutes from June 2026. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public
None

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Fire District Affairs
- Memo to DC/Cronk from MTO Murphy regarding EMS concerns
- Memo to DC/Cronk from MTO Murphy regarding FF Andrew Murphy driving qualifications.
- Letter from DP Harmuth and doctor note
- Letter from DC/Cronk regarding FF 1415

Membership

- No applications to approved.
- Discussion on an application received by PV Co #1 for membership who lives in Arlington on Raymond Ave. The applicant is a NYS EMT and would like to join to be an EMT. Their current fire district doesn't have a current ambulance for riding. The board is allowing the membership application to move forward.

- **Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:**
  - Update on tanker was given.
  - Inspection trip is planned for 7/28-7/30.
  - If there are zero problems the tanker should be in NY by 2nd week of August
  - Fire Police Truck should be delivered next week.
    - A/C Broas will communicate with BOFC for check.

Monthly Apparatus Maintenance Report Given

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Discussed plumbing issues.
- Door behind 45 will not shut properly.
- Discussion on the new cleaner
- Discussion on the ice machine. It needs work, waiting on part to arrive.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- Rainbow Gutters have been contacted by the gutters. It will cost $1,500 for all new 6" gutters with leaf guard.
- The fence is falling apart. I have quotes to go over later.

Insurance Committee:

1. Waiting on the pricing from Garrison and Matt's for the repair on 56-55

Service Award Committee:

- No report

Policies:

- No report

Safety:

- No report

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

- Commissioner Albrecht, the Chief Staff, would like to send our condolences for your loss.

- YTD 705
- June 108 calls
- 41 LODDs
- Thank you to 56-2 and 56-3 for handling the situation at Mill Park this past Sunday. A team of senior members were called to take care of the recovery. The Fire Department did the recovery of the body.
- I need Executive Session

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

- If we put 56-32 on The Garage for sale it would bring in between $30-50k.
- Radios and Equipment list are not done yet. Don't have a hard list yet. I need opinions on the radio's $13k to have state-of-the-art radios. 2 mobile radios
- Discussion on the amount being asked for.

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

- Got the 12 lead cables in and they work great.
- We need flares we ran out after the storm. There are 36 per box. I would like to order a total of $115.00, 3 boxes for each station.
- Discussion on a new stokes basket.
- C/ML it's great that we got to use the ropes great job. Can we turn these bills into NYSP this is not a normal expense or call for us. Can we find out if we can get reimbursed for the expenses? We will investigate this.
- Discussion on the gloves that were quoted. Extrication gloves are very expensive, and we are handing them out to each member. So, I would rather buy these goat skin gloves for each member.
- FF Murphy mentioned that the Sloper Grant is getting ready to open so we could apply for a set of gloves for each member. They do give you great protection.

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- Reviewed the training report.
- State Rescue Basic Tech Class will be at Pleasant Valley Sept/Oct
- State Chief Fall Seminar will be at Pleasant Valley 9/22

- FF Gates uniforms are starting to arrive.
- There is an FPAT working group. The FPAT has had no changes made to it since 2003, the 6 departments have decided changes need to be done. Also, Cathy is retiring July 31st.
- Our flow testing invoice could be rather significant this year. 56-12 had 3 straps that needed to be replaced.
- All 6 of our protentional new EMT's have passed the course and there they are just waiting for test dates.
- FF Simoni and FF Cummings should be done with their class in 10 days.
    - We have had 12 new EMT's in class this year.
    - 3 have not passed yet.
    - Aidan Drum is cleared to ride.
- FF Simoni continues to be progressing.
- Hopefully once the Mill Pump is in it will make training on the engines easier
- We will be hosting an aerial class here Aug/Sept
- We should be having a Fall BEFO class.
- Brian Scorliack gave me a list of supplies needed to start the repairs.
    - Salt Point Turnpike
    - Smith Road
    - Ring Road
- If you are ok with it, I will apply for the gloves with the Sloper Grant, yes that is fine.
- O'Leary grant is open again I will apply for PFAT equipment.
- With FF Gates starting and FF Simoni coming off probation soon. The Union would like to set up a swearing in ceremony and do this moving forward. Yes, this is fine.
- According to DCEMS 43 Netherwood Plaza always calls with emergencies.
- Discussion on 1435 Route 44 and the fact that most of them are emergencies right now too.
- BOCES are making major improvements this summer. And it looks like we could have a new SRO there for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Call totals are down but it seems that the EMS contract hours are increasing**.** Turnovers have been good. Only 3 this year out of 156 calls.
- FF Murphy would like to order glucose. Yes, that is fine.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for July that totaled $258,099.35 for the general fund. Motion by C/EJ seconded by C/JC to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

Unfinished Business:

- The Braveheart Academy starts on 7/31, and the contract has been signed and submitted to the county.

New Business:

- C/JC made a motion to spend $1,500 on new gutters at station 2, C/ML seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
- C/JC spoke to Seal and Stripe and still had no date. He'll call again tomorrow.
- C/JC made a motion to spend no more than $6,500 on fence repair at station 2. They did have a discussion on the 2-rail vs 3-rail. C/JA seconded the motion to go no more than $6,500 all were in favor.
- C/JC made a motion that Asst. Chief Broas have the authority to deal with the sale of the old 56-33. We will need a certificate of origin to sell it. We will check to see where it is. The motion was seconded by C/ML, and all were in favor.

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 2010 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2030 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/JA made a motion to adjourn at 2035 hours and it was seconded by C/ML, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Broas

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