

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 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) - Absent  
  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 August with the corrections that have been noted. Passed by all.

**Bills** – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for September from the general account that totaled \$86297.76 from the general fund and \$3708.00 from the LOSAP fund. Motion by C/WG seconded by C/ML to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

**Open Meeting to the Public**  
None

**Close Meeting to the Public**

**Communications:**

- Email from DC Assoc. of Fire Districts
- Fire District Affairs
- Letter from DC Board of Elections regarding use of the Salt Point Fire house
- Letters from MTO Murphy regarding FF Tuller being cleared on apparatus.

- Letter from Acting Secretary Murphy regarding membership changes at PVFC #1
- Proposed MVP rate changes

**Membership:**

- Laura DiFrenza is requesting change to Associate membership
- Michael Henry is requesting change to Associate membership.

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

- AC/Cosenza has started to form the committee for the next apparatus purchase.

**Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.**

**Buildings & Grounds – Station #1**

- The landscaping has been started.
- The clean up around the Memorial has started as well, lighting will be switched out to LED
- C/WG meet with the electrician to go over the lighting on the buildings and light post. C/WG \$1820.00 C/ML new lighting, new post etc. All in favor
- Heavy grass around the extrication pad can it be taken care of. Career staff has been trying to weed wack by the sign by the road before any cars get there.
- Email and server issues today. The email started working around 4pm. Brien worked with Microsoft today to try and fix it. Server needs to be added to the budget next year. Need email address for Fisch Solutions

**Building & Grounds – Station #2:**

- Light switch was fixed

**Insurance Committee:**

- No update on the life insurance from VFIS

**Service Award Committee:**

- C/JA made a motion to rescind resolution from August 2020 The Amendment for LOSAP points.

Roll call was taken

C/ML – aye

C/EJ – aye

C/WG – aye

C/JA – aye

C/KL – absent

Motion to rescind resolution has been passed 4-0

**Rules & Regulations:**

- None

**Safety:**

- None

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

- I have spoken with the McKenna Family again today and it will be a private ceremony. P/Cady was requested to have a small gathering of up to 30 people at the pavilion at station 2.
- Masks people are not wearing them at calls, people are not social distancing. Our current policies are not working. Masks should be mandated in the Fire District; numbers are going up in NY State. It appears the policy is not being enforced.
- Our membership responding to calls is about 3 members right now. We had 1 driver show up at a car accident a couple of Saturdays and a few members everyone else was an officer. How can we make an example when membership is so low? There seems to be 3 members that are showing up all the time now without masks on.
- YTD 824 calls which is about normal.
- Just met with the 3 chiefs' downstairs. Wishlist will be finalized by 9/24/20. Please remember that September is a busy month with budget stuff.
- Can vendors be in the building? Yes, with proper PPE.
- Still need to work on a 5, 10, 15-year plan for the properties.
- BOCES called her last week they are trying to get information out of who ever answers the phone here. The career guys have been told

not to give them any information it is being worked on with Chris Maeder and the attorney. I have asked for a date to meet with them and we are still waiting on a date.

- Tires are needed for 56-32, 56-12 and look at any other equipment that might need to be replaced in the coming year.

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

- **Absent**

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

- Will start working on the back house

**Captain Rescue Squad – Rescue Captain Kane reported the following:**

- Getting off the floor for most calls, even with 2 calls in the district
- We added to the wish list that was sent back in May
- Thank you for everyone who covered my duties while I was out
- 56-72 needs to be inspected this month
- DC/Hickman asked if we can switch EMSTAR to NDP on dispatches, yes please!

**MTO Murphy – reported the following:**

- Monthly report handed out
- FF Tuller has started EMT class again I will get the schedule to you for payroll verification.
- FF Tuller needs ladder truck skills which Captain Cronk will work with him on.
- Training committee will meet after live fire burn on Sunday to plan the rest of the year.
- Per Diem physicals will be done by October most have them or are scheduled in their own companies.
- Ladies OSHA is usually done in September it is usually between 20 and 60 ladies at a time. Can we plan several nights? The board will discuss and get back to you with a definite answer.

**Unfinished Business:**

- DC/Hickman is asking if there is anyone who didn't get physicals by July 31<sup>st</sup>, how will he know if someone shows up. S/Broas told him

that he will receive copies of all the letters before they are mailed out.

**New Business:**

- 2 EZ passes have been ordered
- The Quarry is doing an open house on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and they would like to have 56-45 there to display a flag and we will have a table for a membership drive.
- C/WG made a motion to spend \$409.95 for a 15x25 flag for 56-45, it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor.
- Company #1 would like to meet with you at a workshop to discuss the sale of Christmas trees.
- There will be a group that is going out on Saturday to clean up the PV Cemetery. Social distancing will be followed. Can the flag be set up in the driveway while cleaning the cemetery on Saturday? Yes, we will display it.
- C/ML would like to have lunch for the live fire drill on Saturday. She will get fruit as well. It will be the first drill with the new rules at the County.

**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/WG 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 2021 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2055 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/WG made a motion to adjourn at 2057 and it was seconded by C/JA, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas  
District Secretary