

**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, October 13th, 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)
 C/LAWLOR (ML) - Absent
 C/GEERLINGS (WG)

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

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Motion by C/EJ seconded by C/WG to approve the minutes from September with the corrections that have been noted. Passed by all.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for October from the general account that totaled \$25,165.56 from the general fund and. Motion by C/WG seconded by C/EJ to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public
None

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Letter from Acting Secretary Murphy for Career Staff personal File
- Letter from Acting Secretary Murphy regarding Memorial at Station 1
- Copy of letter the Rescue Squad is requesting to be sent out
- Letter from Town Supervisor regarding back fees
- Letter from Laura DiFrenza

Membership:

- No applications

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- No report

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

- Lights are still out on the vehicles, we are getting no response from Admiral to get the work done, so we are getting the work done locally.
- 56-33 there seems to be an issue in the electrical system; they are going to start working with Electrical Engineers to work on this.
- Get 56-67 scheduled for plow service

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Memorial has been updated
- Parking lot lights have been changed to LED and changed to photosensor
- The building lights will be changed as soon as we get a quote
- Can we get the bathrooms painted? We will look at them

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- Problem with the well pump, C/JA made a motion for an emergency repair in the amount of \$1198.50 it was seconded by C/KL all in favor
- Nick DiBlasi fixed the door.

Insurance Committee:

- Still working on the Life insurance, that needs to be updated ASAP

Service Award Committee:

- Got another mailing from Firefly, has a decision been made about having Tony come down to meet with us. Penflex is getting worse with communication. We still have not received our annual statements and I am having a difficult time getting answers on really simple issues.

Rules & Regulations:

- Same report as last month

Safety:

- No Report

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

- Please review SOGS before drill in December
- Past Chief Murphy gave me this list of members...can we find out the status of them. Maybe we can discuss at the next workshop
- Opening the doors to the stations back up, this has been discussed, the ladies key fobs have been disabled so if we have a fire, they can't get in to help us. Will discuss at the workshop.
- What is the policy for masks in the fire stations? If you can't maintain a 6' distance you must wear a mask. We will discuss among the board and get it on the website the most current one.
- Can we send out a notification for the members to check out the website? The newest membership application is on the website. We discussed having a town map put on the website. Maybe we can get the dry hydrants listed as well, especially the active ones
- A discussion was had at the rescue squad meeting the other night, the trainer the trainer did not show up with the AED's. It doesn't appear they are sending it. C/JA will take care of the phone call.
- Can I have a time frame to replace 56-32 I don't want any budgets stretched. Preliminary work has been done but we will go on hold if need me.
- I received a copy of the wish list from Purchasing Director Harmuth he will start moving forwarding. We received an answer today about the Stihl demo. I found a metal cutting blade at work that will do us a lot of good here.
- Last year when we purchased the Stihl cutter's edge saw we couldn't get the carbide blade that we needed. He found a new one that is around \$300 for the 2 saws today. Durability and firefighting stamp on it.

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

- G3, update I have the pictures that Bill and Melissa have taken I have asked PD/Harmuth to look at the pricing of tablets for the apparatus

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

- Absent

Captain Rescue Squad – Rescue Captain Martin reported the following:

- Thank you for changing the ALS dispatch
- AED's will start by adding 3 of them. Harmuth said he couldn't find anything about the trainers on the paperwork. He is looking around for pricing
- Discussion on the cold weather duty crews, the Board will discuss it and let you know.
- Thank you for having both ambulances at station 1.

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- Slowly getting back to a sense of normalcy
- FF Tuller doing well in EMT class
- 4th qtr. schedule is out S/Broas has a copy. It was emailed out to you
- Online training set out last week, S/Broas has an updated status list. 75% have at least something done
- Demo for Firehouse upgrade hopefully soon. The new version is much friendlier to use.
- State Chiefs Class COLT has been cancelled

Unfinished Business:

- Budget hearing is here next Tuesday the 20th at 7pm.
- Gave update on the vehicle stripping. C/WG gave an update

New Business:

- C/JA made a motion to pay the town back \$602.27 for charge back fees it was seconded by C/WG all were in favor
- The Board agrees that both letters can be sent out after the corrections are made. Discussion about letting the companies make letters to go out as well? There is not much time to get this done.

- Station 2 would like to hold a Chicken BBQ on November 2nd; it would be a drive thru chicken BBQ. It is fine as long as they follow the guidelines.
- Any information given on the fire extinguisher sales? C/JA no I have nothing on it yet
- We can have a demo on the new stair chair next week. If we are able to get it, we will text it out.
- C/KL made a motion to allow the Election Day Dinners to go drive by if they choose to it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor
- C/JA made a motion to sell fire extinguishers it was seconded by C/WG. This would be a station 2 fundraisers.
- Christmas tree sales will be discussed at the workshop next week.
- Tire quote; 15 tires for 4 pieces of apparatus for a total of \$8297.15.
- C/KL made a motion to go over the 1.56% cap for the budget it was seconded by C/JA and roll call
- C/KL - aye
- C/EJ – aye
- C/WG – aye
- C/JA – aye
- Passed 4 to 0

Open Meeting to the Public for Comments:

Pam Moustakas would like to know if we can change the new application to show a person wanting to join the Rescue Squad. Also, she would really like the fund drive letter be sent out. The Rescue Squad funds are draining very quickly. Why can we continue do fund raisers encouraging people to come to the firehouse when the letter doesn't require it. Residents in the town are having a hard time paying their property taxes so why would we be able asking the residence for money. The rescue squad always gets a hit with a pothole every time they want to do something.

C/WG addressed the application issue...you need to join a fire company in order to join the rescue squad. Can we maybe add something little to break down all divisions? Yes, we can do that.

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