

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONTHLY MEETING DECEMBER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, December 8th, 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/JA to approve the minutes from November. Passed by all.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for December that totaled \$299,245.97 for the general fund. Motion by C/KL seconded by C/EJ to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public -

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Fire District Affairs
- Salt Point Ladies Auxiliary Election Results
- Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle; Legal Fees for 2021
- Rescue Squad Election Results
- Letter from Acting Secretary Murphy
- Election results from Station 1
- Health Insurance renewal

- Certificate of Appreciation from Dutchess County for Veterans Day Convoy
- Station 2 election results
- 2 FOIL requests

Membership

None

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- No report

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Lights for the extrication pad have been installed
- Yellow paint is here
- Thank you for fixing the heat

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- Don Way fixed the water leak with the furnace
- Need to move everything on the back wall of the member's room. Are you ready for where it has to go, it will be marked out.
- Phones have been fixed temporarily; it is a server problem. The second line is not working

Insurance Committee:

- A discussion on the cancer insurance with the new changes we can add an additional 31 members.
- Health insurance renewal was discussed
- Application for the new life insurance carrier was submitted and everything has been switched over.

Service Award Committee:

- Sent everything to Firefly just waiting for the note that we are good to go
- Will set up a meeting in January to discuss 2020

Rules & Regulations:

- No report

Safety:

- No report

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

- Had a meeting with the Chief and Captains last night. Starting to get moving in the right direction
- Asked the Captains to get a list together of items that we can get out of the firehouse.
- Talked to FF Figliozzi about pricing out the dry hydrant work. Can we do an hourly rate instead of a per job rate? This is a discussion for a workshop
- Talked to Past Chief Corns he has 3 applications in to install in the spring. Waiting to hear from Water and Soil.
- We need to have a discussion about storm standbys with our current situation.
- Have we done anything about any grants that are available? Yes, they are being worked on.
- We have to have a discussion on what will be done to the members that have done no training this year.
- Santa Run...get 2 engines going at the same time. Hit every road in town. Can we get more suits and do 2 engines out of each station at the same time?

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

- Radio tower update...we are approved to move it up to the top. Goosetown will be in this week to see what has to be done. Need approval for Goosetown to get in there but they can't get ahold of American Tower.
- G3 coding project update; it works very well on the phones. We will hold off on tablets for now. We need to take more pictures with the phones. We are on the new platform up and running now. Everything we have given them is now gone. But working on getting it in. We might need some additional help getting the data entered. Can John help us get more done?

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

- Our gear room needs attention desperately. We will work on that in January. Get some basic necessities at station 2. They can lock it up there and keep an inventory as well.
- The back house, we can start working on it the spring.
- Start working with our recruitment and retention program again.

Captain Rescue Squad – Rescue Captain Martin reported the following:

- Thank you for fixing 56-71 the on spots and inverter
- There was an issue with the battery the other day but it has been fixed.
- The safety netting will be put on 56-72 now that 56-71 is up and running
- Found an AED in a box of clothing the other day, it is owned by the district. Not listed in inventory as far as we can tell.

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- FF Tuller is continuing EMT class, they are taking a practical this Saturday and then back to skills until end of January
- Sent out a email showing what all members are needing
- Drill this month will be hazmat

Unfinished Business:

- Email migration is fully finished, start using district emails instead of personal
- Pick up truck is done, 56-71 is done and we will start with 56-72 next week. FF Murphy thank you for moving equipment around today to start warming them up.
- P/Cady discussed the Tree for Troops 200 trees went to Fort Knox, KY. We were just short of \$12,000. We shipped 200 trees. Thank you to the Board and the Chief Staff for allowing us to do all that we do as a Department, Tree for Troops, Coin Drop, Department Picnic, Chicken BBQ's, Christmas Tree Sales etc. Good Job to you for working together and getting it done.
- DC/Hickman would like to know if there is any update on upgrading our computers in the district?

- DC/Hickman; we need to make an emergency purchase of water cans for the Chief Vehicles and Staff Vehicles; purchase at least 3 of them. Double check the engines, 56-2 and 56-3 please drop yours off tomorrow as well.
- DC/Hickman would like to get a group together to start making a list of what we can do in the stations to make room. He would like to do this as soon as possible.
- MTO Murphy; Firehouse Software upgrades needs to be done. Have a demo scheduled for end of February beginning of March. They are working on the price now. We are already web base so the price shouldn't be too bad.
- P/Cady the computer at station 2 for the sign is not working. Station 2 voted on and approved to purchase a new computer for the President and Secretary to use. Printers seem to be an issue when updates are done as well.
- Spotted Dog is still not working. It is turning on and off. FF Murphy is working on it. He will try again and if he can't get anywhere, he will let someone else know.
- C/Luby we send out policies and expect our membership to follow them but us as Commissioners need to follow them as well. Masks are not being following and training is not being followed. A discussion was held on this.

New Business:

- C/WG made a motion to approve the Santa Run for both stations it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor.
- C/EJ discussed the auxiliary wanting to know how to run meetings in 2021. We need to play it by ear for now.
- P/Cady would like to have a lesson on Zoom; C/ML will teach a few
- P/Cady can we look into what Roosevelt did for the Elections?
- DC/Hickman we wanted to do zoom last night but we had a laptop issue.
- C/JA thank you to the officers for running in 2021. C/JA made a motion to accept all nominations that were sent to the Board tonight it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.

- C/KL made a motion to pay the bill for the recruitment letter for a total of \$3267.25 C/WG made a motion to discuss in executive session.
- Election results: Bill Geerlings won the election

Open Meeting to the Public for Comments:

- No public

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/JA seconded by C/WG to adjourn to executive session for an issue regarding Employment history of 1 individual as it relates to medical at 2030. Passed by all. The Meeting was adjourned at 2145 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2146 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/JA made a motion to adjourn at 2150 and it was seconded by C/WG, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary