

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MONTHLY MEETING MARCH

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 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.

Commissioner's 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/KL seconded by C/WG to approve the minutes from February. Passed by 4 commissioners and C/EJ was present.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for March that totaled \$50,182.41 for the general fund. Motion by C/JA seconded by C/KL to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public – None

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Fire District Affairs
- 3 letters from Acting Secretary Murphy
- Return to work note
- Driver applications
- Copy of 2 letters for personnel files

Membership

- Chris Hay-Sekul submitted a resignation letter he is moving south.
- Scott Cookinham would like to come back active. A discussion was held on this. C/WG will contact him and explain he needs to do the district sexual harassment class when it is offered in April. C/WG a motion to accept him back as an active member pending the sexual harassment class it was seconded by C/EJ and all were in favor.

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- C/JA and DC/JH meet with the town board regarding the mill pump. The Town Engineer will start working on the building immediately for the updates.
- Switch 56-11 and 56-12 back. The door latch is a problem on 56-11 again. FF Figliozzi looked at it and gave us some ideas on how to fix it
- 56-63 going to Reardon Briggs on Monday for the back engine to be serviced. It will be moved down here and the career staff will get it ready. Will probably move an ambulance back up to station 2 at this time.
- Do we have update on the paint and rust on 56-45? C/JA thought we were waiting until nicer weather.

Monthly Maintenance Report – No report tonight

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- C/WG would like to thank you to DC/JH for all the work you did for the rooms downstairs. We are back to 3 rooms downstairs. All rooms have been painted; new molding and floors have been redone. Next step is getting large screen TV for the room.
- Company 1 has new tables. We should be able to fit 4 tables in the room down stairs from the old tables once they are swapped out.
- Water softener has been cleaned out it was clogged.
- Couple more windows lost the seals
- Who is supposed to clean the hallway between the engine bay and the main foyer? That is our responsibility.
- All gym equipment is gone.
- Cleaning company today all they did was empty the garbage in the DC/Hickman's office. They have been spoken to a couple of times

already. Need to review the contract again to see what they are supposed to be doing.

- C/EJ would like to know who is responsible for cleaning off the sidewalks of all the salt that is being tracked into the building. The career staff will clean it with a hose when it gets nicer outside.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- Working on the construction of the ready room; the back wall is going up. Need to get an electrician up there to fix outlets, washing machine, alarm system, phone system etc. We will look into who it was previously and not use them again.

Insurance Committee:

- C/KL would like to have a discussion for executive session
- We received a driver's application for Pam Moustakas

Service Award Committee:

- 2019 statements have been mailed out.
- Grievances are April 5th
- Points are posted at both stations, explanation for how points were decided.

Policies:

- Will discuss the Social Media Policy at a workshop
- Post incident Analysis SOG, chief staff will let everyone know the thoughts.

Safety:

- No report

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

- Total calls for 2020 = 1249
- Reviewed the breakdown for all apparatus in the district in 2020
- Discuss on how to start reopening the buildings. We should be able to start in the next 2 to 3 weeks; waiting for more members to get the 2nd vaccine. We will discuss at the workshop
- Can we schedule a date for the walk thru that I have asked about?

- Did we receive anything further from any members who got a termination letter? S/JB said she has heard nothing.
- We need to get something going with the new members so that we don't slip them through the cracks again.
- Spoke with the career staff the other day after an incident. They were told they have to response to all calls even EMS in mutual aid companies.
- All captains have been told to get wish list in by April 1st so we can move forward with items.
- Do we know about scheduling for the hose and ladder testing? Can you double check with him to make sure we are penciled in around May time frame.
- After speaking with the pre diem status and FF Tuller it was realized that they don't have access for the ESO program to do the PCR's. LT Oakes walked through 3 firefighters on Monday thru the back of the ambulance and they will be trained with ESO program. They didn't realize that they couldn't use the radio any longer. FF Tuller will have to get cleared for the back of the ambulance.

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

- Absent

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

- S/JB please get me a list of all new members since Jan 2020
- May 1st start working on the back house. Please get a dumpster before then. I will talk to the training committee before we start.
- Still not being notified when things that are ordered have arrived.

EMS Division – reported the following:

- With the 4 LT's splitting the Captains jobs it is all being handled well
- We have worked with DofP/Harmuth for items that we need to have purchased. The Board will review the lists and see what is being requested.
- Will update all the mailboxes. Will recycle to make it nice looking
- How are CME's being handled right now? We will get back to you.

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- No report
- DC/Hickman announced that the County has started to do hands on training again

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion on the new Zoom set up, the price is now \$954.15 for each station with the additional larger TV, C/WG made a motion to change the price it was approved by C/JA \$1708.30 total with each station putting money in
- C/JA would like the Boards approval to re-talk to the engineer about additional changes for the mill pump. I have spoken to someone in town that might be willing to help purchase the pump and upgrade the building with the town. C/KL made a motion to go further with the engineer it was seconded by C/WG
- A discussion was had on the jump bags for the career staff; it is still being worked on.

New Business:

- Station 2 would like permission to hold their annual Ham Dinner in April 17th, yes that is fine
- The sensor on the water softener is not working \$593 to change the light it is C/WG sensor and light on water softener being changed C/KL made the second
- C/JA made a motion to merge the District Secretary and Service Award Secretary job into one, C/KL seconded the motion and all were in favor
- Lt Oakes brought forward the autism shirts to be approved by the Board it would be a fund raiser for the autism community. Lt Meyer needs to let us know who the money would be going to. Ok to go forward with it.

Open Meeting to the Public for Comments:

None

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/ML seconded by C/WG at 2030 hours to executive

session to discuss the Employment history of a particular individual. Passed by all. The meeting was reopened at 2130 hours, and with the following action being taken; the particular firefighter was given notice that the time served on suspension was over, that they were required to take the particular class explained by the Board of Fire Commissioners and that they were not to hold any position for the remainder of the year.

C/JA made a motion to disband the house officers of the Pleasant Valley Rescue Squad effective immediately. The EMS division will consist of 1 Captain and 4 Lt's. This was seconded by C/EJ and all were in favor.

With no further action needing to be taken before the Board C/JA made a motion to adjourn at 2145 hours and it was seconded by C/WG, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary