

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONTHLY MEETING JUNE**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, June 8, 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.

Commissioners present: C/ALBRECHT (JA)
 C/JOHNSON (EJ)
 C/LUBY (KL)
 C/LAWLOR (ML)
 C/GEERLINGS (WG)

Other District Staff:
 S/BROAS (JB)

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Motion by C/WG seconded by C/ML to approve the minutes from May 2021. Passed by all.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for June that totaled \$87,589.41 for the general fund. Motion by C/EJ seconded by C/JA to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public -

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- 2 return to work notes
- Annual statements from Firefly
- Renewal Documentation from Fire Districts Mutual of NY
- Updated notice from Dutchess County Board of Elections
- Workers Comp notice for a member
- NY Toll statement, not our charge sent proper information
- LOSAP article that was sent out
- 4 Letters from President Murphy
- MVP information

- Certified letter from PV Fire Company

Membership

- None

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- No Report

Monthly Maintenance Report –Not Attached.

- 56-69 AC is not working properly
- 56-24 is out of inspection and generator on 56-12 is not fixed yet. C/JA will contact AC/Cosenza and get answers. Someone on West Rd can do the repairs on small engines
- 56-68 has a door latch issue...Matt's will fit in when time is available and Matt's will also install the plaque on 56-55 as well.
- 56-11 short circuited yesterday on the way to a call. The crank case filter was the issue. It got fixed today
- 56-32 bad battery, breakers are tripping at least once a month at station 2.
- Update on the rust on 56-45; need a quote from Matt's to get this taken care of.
- 56-71 is at station 1 need to look at replacing it sooner rather than later. Windshield is rusting out.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Cascade system had the door replaced
- Hydro static testing needs to still be done. C/WG will check into this

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- Breakers are an issue
- Station 2 would like step by step instructions on zoom system.

Insurance Committee:

- Renewal Documentation from Fire Districts Mutual of NY
- Meet with Keith next wed at 6:30

Service Award Committee:

- Annual statements for 2020 have arrived and will start to be mailed out.
- Received documentation from Firefly today regarding new Legislature that was passed.

Policies:

- C/WG to accept the new Return to Work policy it was seconded by C/ML and roll call taken
 - C/EJ – aye
 - C/KL - aye
 - C/WG – aye
 - C/ML – aye
 - C/JA – aye
 - Policy passed 5 to 0

Safety:

- No report

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

- Thank you for all attending Saturday's Mill House Ceremony
- Discussion on the Garrison order for the TFT falling thru the cracks
- Meet with the DeWalt Salesman the quote so far is approximately \$6600 and included most of the apparatus.
- Station 2 Flag Day is Monday June 14th at 7pm. Ladder will be going to Station 2.
- 56-3 has wish list to go over
- Discussion on opening the buildings fully. Meaning family members and public. Will revisit once we hear from the state that everything is open hopefully within 2 weeks.
- Discussed numerous times about getting away from zoom meetings once reopened. C/WG said it will be discussed and thinks it will be company issue.
- Discussion on sign in sheets not being done during daytime calls; PCR's are not being taken care of during daytime calls either, per C/ML

- New EMT's need ESO access; how are we going to handle this. All information will be given to C/ML to get entered unless a captain will be appointed
- FIT test machine: meeting was to be held with Chief of Fairview and Chief of LaGrange. It appears that the FIT machine was never serviced last year as we were told it was. The life expectancy of the current machine is 18 – 24 months. A new machine would cost roughly \$10,000 not \$70,000. FF Schroeder from Fairview will be maintaining the machine. We will need to purchase a new machine within the next 2 years. Reaching out to Roosevelt and Union Vale to work together with the machine. Nothing has been finalized as far as who will use it when. C/ML would like to see something in writing for all districts that it will cost each district so much money each year and each district will be able to use it for so many months a year. Protection all the way around. Put in writing that Fairview will take care of Maintenance on it.
- Quote from Goosetown today for 10 new pagers. Questions...how many pagers are in the district total, how many are not working, how many are out for repair, how many are here not issued. How many are issued out to people that are no longer members. The pagers will be approved but we need answers on the current inventory.
- Who is going to over see the quarter master room and get this going? The room is not done yet.
- C/ML made a motion to spend \$4,560.20 for 10 new pagers from Goosetown it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.
- Per Diem meeting is Wednesday the 16th at 2pm.
- New sign is on order and a walk thru of the grounds and building has not been done as of yet. So that means the sign is going where it is now.
- Run assignments for 2 or 3 career staff days. Nowhere on there does it say 56-55 will be going on EMS calls. This should help our run times. This will be given out at the Per Diem meeting.
- The Wi-Fi in the ambulances is not working again per Lt. Kane. S/Broas explained that she spent 2 hours on the phone with Verizon with the help of DofP/Harmuth to get this taken care of and they were working when she got off the phone.

- Discussion on the Election Committee and needing to get it taken care of.
- Discussion of having VFIS driver training for the new drivers. C/KL discussed that VFIS can do a train the trainer class for CVEO and VFIS would like to have 30 people in the class, and they will get back to get us with dates. We need the trainers to do the class here. A discussion was had about what the attorney said to us. There is a video we have in house for them to watch as well. Discussion on how to handle the driver training in house. We need to get this moving.
- Met with The Fire Advisory Board last night. The newest member is Gary Abers I walked him over to the mill pump to take a look at it. He has someone on his staff that can help us out. He will have someone get in touch with us quickly. Discussion about adding members to the board. We can add 2 alternates per Town. Keith Cartica is leaving at the end of the year. AC/Luby will be added to the Fire Advisory Board as an alternate right now. C/KL thinks the Board will need to meet with the Town Board if the Fire Advisory gets no where with the requests that are being sent to them.
- C/WG asked how important is the hose drier at station 2? Is it very important to have? We need it!
- Discussion about the new power plant going on Van Wagner Road
- Solar Farm is 100 acres from Rossway Rd to Mill Lane and back to Drake Rd.

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

- Absent

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

- Can I get the dumpster for the back house? C/WG will order it just let him know when you are ready
- AC/Luby is working with C/ML and the 2 Presidents about the by-law change for the new member process change
- 3 out of 4 new members completed BEFO recently, waiting for the next class to get the 3 members into that. They are all moving along nicely with the new member packet. Let's get the 3 together that finished the class and get them on social media.

- Only 4 people have access to Facebook access and Instagram will be getting transferred over to us. We have been putting up good posts and doing good with it. We need to make sure our members are being talked to when making the nasty comments on our Facebook posts. Great Recruitment tool for our District right now.
- Discussion on Fire Gear for the membership.

EMS Division – EMS Captain Martin reported the following:

- Absent

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- Absent

Unfinished Business:

- Rich Berger status, he is good to come back as an active member for the time he is living in the area. Discussion on implementing a duty crew member. C/WG will give Rich a call tomorrow and discuss this with him.
- Accountability tags what is the status with this? DC/JH still has members walking around with no tags. C/KL will work on getting this updated. This needs to be part of the new member packet. C/WG and C/ML will get trained on how to do the tags.

New Business:

- Station 2 would like to know the criteria for the Flag Day requirements for masks. It is on the flier
- The Station 2 ladies auxiliary needs to do a walk thru of the firehouse station. Captain Baxter can appoint someone to do the walk thru of the station.
- C/WG motion to finish the Quartermaster room for a total of \$1,475.00 it was seconded by C/KL and it was approved by all.
- C/WG motion to pay \$1,475 to fix the gear washer at station 2 it was seconded by C/ML and C/JA present and it was approved 4 to 1.
- C/JA motion to approve Matt Hall as an Interim Deputy Treasurer it was seconded by C/WG it was approved by all.

- C/JA made a motion to accept retirement paperwork for Jayne Murphy as District Treasurer with regrets it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor. C/JA will send a letter of recognition to Jayne and we will discuss what else can be done for her. She gave 35 years of service to the district.
- Discussion for the Boy Scouts to use the pavilion. Need more information

Open Meeting to the Public for Comments:

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. Passed by all. The Meeting was adjourned at 2134 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2205 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/WG made a motion to adjourn at 2208 and it was seconded by C/ML, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary