

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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/KL seconded by C/JA to approve the minutes from January. Passed by all.

**Bills** – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for January that totaled \$67,720.02 for the general fund. Motion by C/JA seconded by C/WG to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

**Open Meeting to the Public -**

Jay Meyer spoke about lettering on the fire police vehicle and that it doesn't match and doesn't look appropriate.

**Close Meeting to the Public**

**Communications:**

- Letters from Secretary Murphy
- Copy of FF Binford's graduation certificate
- Troy Paul driver application
- Letter from Ken Bastain
- Letter from Bob McKenna
- Letter from Cameron Tuller

**Membership:**

- C/KL made a motion to accept Ken Bastain's letter to go inactive and to approve Bob McKenna and Cameron Tuller to come back active this was seconded by C/WG.

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

Moving forward with the new tanker gather information. George Gruntler is the chairperson of the committee and is working to get information. Should have the information by the end of the month. \$550,000 is the preliminary number. Waiting on Garrison to get more information.

**Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.**

**Buildings & Grounds – Station #1**

- The outlets in the ready room work again
- The lighting in the classroom have been switched. One switch per line
- The new sign kept tripping seems to be from the Christmas lights
- Server is being installed starting today
- Parts are being waited on for the bathroom repairs

**Building & Grounds – Station #2:**

- No heat, Taylor Oil has fixed it. One of the ceiling heaters is now making noise

**Insurance Committee:**

- Trustee Murphy will get C/KL an amount for the bond insurance
- Disability insurance has been transferred over to the new company
- Driver application has been handed in for Troy Paul

**Service Award Committee:**

- Will schedule a meeting in the next week for LOSAP committee.
- S/Broas spoke with Tony Hill and all his districts made no special requirements for 2021, they all felt that they had enough opportunity to make the 50 points.

- Discussion on getting points hung up every month. Explained we will do the best we can to get them up. C/JA understands that we will be 1 month behind. Also, explained that 2022 points don't get hung up until after 2021 points have been finalized. We have had issues in the past with both hanging up. C/JA does recall requesting the second set be taken down in the past.

**Policies:**

C/JA made a motion to approve the PCR policy it was second by C/KL

- Roll Call taken:
  - C/KL – aye
  - C/EJ – aye
  - C/WG – aye
  - C/ML – aye
  - C/JA - aye
  - passed -5-0

Progressive Discipline Policy C/KL motion to approve discipline policy seconded by C/EJ

- Roll call taken:
  - C/KL – aye
  - C/EJ – aye
  - C/WG – aye
  - C/ML – aye
  - C/JA - aye
  - pass 5-0

Public Information Office (Pat McKeever for 2022) job description C/ML motion to approve seconded by C/WG

- Roll call taken:
  - C/KL – aye
  - C/EJ – aye
  - C/WG – aye
  - C/ML – aye
  - C/JA - aye
  - pass 5-0

Apparatus Engineer C/KL approve for a 6-month temporary basis C/WG seconded the motion

- Roll call taken:
- C/KL – aye
- C/EJ – aye
- C/WG – aye
- C/ML – aye
- C/JA - aye
- pass 5-0

**Safety:**

- No report

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

- Need executive session

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

- More pagers to hand out soon, going to get some more fixed
- Try and add dry hydrants and Knox boxes into G3
- Mass training day in March

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief –AC/Cronk reported the following:**

- Discussion getting a new fan for 56-45, battery operated \$3699 Garrison Supervac battery operated fan C/JA motion to spend seconded by C/WG all were in favor
- I would like to investigate getting 3 more thermal image cameras. I had a demo one in my car from Garrison the night of the chimney fire on Salt Point Turnpike and it was great having that immediately. We can look into a grant for the 3.
- 11 members are qualified on 56-67 as of today, will continue to get people qualified

**EMS Division – Rescue Captain Kane reported the following:**

- ESO CAD integration update, it is based on call volume. We need more information on this topic. DC/Cosenza will get with everyone and get more information for the workshop. This will integrate into

the BFIRS as well. FF Murphy has been talking to ESO as well since this involves Firehouse.

- Driver applications, S/Broas needs copies of the driver applications for personnel files.

**MTO Murphy – reported the following:**

- 2022 Training will be sent out on Wednesday
- FF Binford graduated
- Thank you for allowing us to have the small ceremony for his family
- Driver training is getting done for FF Binford, ambulances should be done this week just need to take him to the hospitals. We need to get him to flow some water and we should be able to start speeding up the driving training. The weather hasn't been the most cooperative.
- Ice Rescue class we are finalizing the 5 names for the class, we will have it to you by the workshop. Discussion about opening the training to all members.
- Man vs machine class we will do an inhouse class here. We are working on getting it together. We would like to see about going to Peckham for the class.
- EVOC /Pump ops is done. Just need to do the Arial ops the dates will be scheduled in the next day or so.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Discussion on the fire prevention supplies.
- C/WG made a motion to purchase 2 shipping containers at 20' each to be put at the town highway garage for storage. They will cost \$7225.00 including freight, we will make the motion not to exceed \$8000 this was seconded by C/JA and all were in favor
- C/JA made a motion for RF Scapes for the amount of \$12,300.48 to install the light project on the new 56-67, we have talked with 2 other vendors and they both told us they were not interested in the job. The motion was seconded by C/KL and all were in favor. C/JA made a motion to hire Chazen for the amount of \$103,000. After talking with several engineering firms about the mill pump project, I feel Chazen Company is the best suited for this project

having done a similar project before. The motion was seconded by C/KL and all were in favor.

- FF Murphy gave an update on the KNOX box issue. 56-3, 56-24 and 56-11 need to be replaced immediately. There was a discussion on this. C/KL made a motion to spend no more than \$5000 for the 3 units this was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor, this will include the yearly cost of the iCloud license as well. We will investigate starting to update all of them after these 3 are done.

### **New Business:**

- Approval of the Spring Flea Market and Hooley in the Valley at station 1. We will need dates. Also, pancake breakfast can start again in March.
- Station 2 would like to do a Breakfast for Dinner on March 5<sup>th</sup> snow date March 12<sup>t</sup>, yes that is fine
- Discussion on re-opening the firehouse
- March 15<sup>th</sup> is the next date for physicals
- QA/QI coordinator would like to do education in March, April, May and June for the trending issues being seen on the PCRs (CPAP, Medication administration, lack of knowledge, 2019 ALS/BLS protocols). They would also like to do a PCR writing class.
- Per the EMS meeting, there are 3 members that need access to email. C/WG will work on this.
- DC/Cosenza made the following appointments
  - POI – Pat McKeever
  - Safety – John Harmuth, Bill Geerlings, Mike Schroeder I
  - Infection Control – will be discussed and decided on at a later time. FF Murphy has done this in the past.
- Discussion about the EMS Division going to the high school for a conversation with a club. No one seems to have any information. AC/Cronk will get the information and get back to the Board. It is on 2/28/22 at 2:15pm and 4 members will be going.
- Per C/ML we do not need a blanket warmer policy in place as discussed at the EMS meeting
- C/EJ the PV Ladies Auxiliary will be doing an Easter Community Project for the veterans in Poughkeepsie

- C/WG made a motion to increase the pay for the per-diem staff to \$25.00 and hour this was seconded by C/ML and a discussion was had about when to put it in to effect. It was decided that we would go back to January 1, 2022.
- C/JA made a motion to spend \$159.98 on Dewalt chargers it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/WG all were in favor.
- C/WG made a motion to spend \$217.58 on cut off wheels and \$380.60 on carbide wheels it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/KL all were in favor
- C/JA made a motion to spend \$172.87 on hand tools from 2021 wish list it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/WG all were in favor
- C/JA made a motion to spend \$3311.05 from MES on Ritpak 4.5 it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/WG all were in favor.
- C/ML made a motion to spend \$2291.50 from NY Fire Equipment on 5" Kocheck storz clapper valve it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/WG all were in favor
- C/JA made a motion to spend \$2187.98 on new chainsaws from Adams Power Equipment it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/WG all were in favor
- C/ML made a motion to spend \$929.76 from Everdixie it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/EJ and all were in favor
- C/ML made a motion to spend \$135.57 from FireStore it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/JA and all were in favor
- C/ML made a motion to spend \$2465.33 from Amazon on 2021 wish list items it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/WG and all were in favor
- C/KL made a motion to spend \$1217.35 from Rescue Tech for ropes it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/WG and all were in favor
- C/KL made a motion to spend \$224.59 from Staples it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/WG and all were in favor
- C/ML made a motion to spend \$149.85 from RB Fab.com it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/WG and all were in favor
- C/JA made a motion to spend \$815.08 on various items from the wish list 2021 it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/ML and all were in favor
- C/ML made a motion to spend \$279.36 on server items it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C/WG and all were in favor

**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/ML 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 2105 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2140 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/KL made a motion to adjourn at 2145 and it was seconded by C/ML, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas  
District Secretary