BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, April 12, 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/WG seconded by C/KL to approve the minutes from March with the corrections to the bills which should have totaled $94002.83. Passed by all.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for April that totaled $112,378.57 for the general fund. Motion by C/EJ seconded by C/WG to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public -
none

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Letters from MTO Murphy and FF Binford driving clearance
- Letter from Secretary Murphy regarding the fundraising policy
- Letter from Secretary Murphy regarding parades
- Letter from Secretary Murphy regarding the Michael Butler for membership
- Letter from VESO regarding Roger Lee's policy

Membership:

- None

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- Spoke to Blake Garrison today and set up for AC/Cronk and C/WG to meet with him at FDIC. He will be getting us some more information
- Update on Mill Pump, talking with the Town Supervisor we should be able to use a piece of land by the building to put our generator. They will get back to us with the final decision. Would like to do this in 2 stages. Get the pit cleaned out and then put the pump in. Working on getting a grant through Dutchess County. It might be an issue since we don't own the building.

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

- The vehicles will rotate through Garrison for pump testing. They will go through the punch list of all the vehicles while it is there.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Computers are coming along. FF Murphy does have an issue with his it is slower than dial up. They will get that fixed. S/JB has the Quickbooks but it won't let her down load it on her laptop. It needs to be loaded on the hard drive and it won't let her.
- Clean-up is happening at both stations. Need to have a discussion on the shrubs along the driveway.
- Floor machine is out for the annual service. It hasn't been out since pre COVID. It is over 15 years old. So be prepared for the bill.
- Projector we need a service call it is $225.00 and then any parts that are needed.

- Bathroom update…there is not enough water pressure for upstairs. Getting a quote for a booster pump which should fix the problem.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- Called Don Way about putting the AC/Heat unit in the member's room. Discussion on whether the unit is there or not.
- Issue with the Gutters in the back

Insurance Committee:

- Get a quote for cyber liability on our policy.

Service Award Committee:

- Grievances have been held
- Dave Rogers would like to meet with us via zoom. S/JB will get dates from him
- S/JB will have forms at one of the next workshops to have you all sign

Policies:

- Need to get updated NYS Pediatric Protocols. C/JA reminded that they need to be posted prior to the meeting that we will be discussed and approved at.
- C/EJ will give up her spot on the committee

Safety:

- No report

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

- Discussion on going on field trips for the new program. Field trip scheduled for April 25th. Discussion on other possible places to go. S/JB said she didn't get any invite and should be included since she will be using it, he said if the Commissioners want you included it is up to them. It is FDIC week so not many will be able to go. If we sign by May 30th, it won't be until Labor Day that we can go live. S/JB mentioned that Firehouse has a June renewal.
- Discussion on the Dutchess County Grant that is available. Are we moving forward with the ATV grant? There should be another grant in the Fall.

- I would like to reach out to Sandy Washburn regarding the purchase of Camp Nooteming. Dutchess County Parks might not be responsible for the park. FF Murphy recommended reaching out the Bob Balkin he is head of DPW.
- Has the Mercedes hose been purchased? No one can find it. Yes, we thought it has been purchased. Will check with DP/Harmuth

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

- Discussion on the pager repair Goosetown. Start to phase them out
- Discussion an email that was sent out from DP/Harmuth about EMS purchasing.
- Wish list for 2022 are in and we will get it up here ASAP.

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

- What is the update on the containers? The highway department does have a spot already for them. We will follow up with that
- The Engineer Captain would like to rent a cherry picker for inside the firehouse to get it cleaned up and work on painting the engine bay doors and paint the back wall of the inside of the firehouse. Reach out to P/Cady he has a connection.

EMS Division – Rescue Captain Kane reported the following:

- FF Binford has been very helpful with the ambulance.
- Thank you for the opportunity to go to IAC. It was very eye opening and educational.
- Discussion on the different courses that were taken
- 56-69 has been running at night, it has been an asset for the priority calls
- EOS is up to date.
- Can we get an email for credentials that need to be handed in?
- AED's replacement schedule, we put in for 22 AED's on the Grant which was for a total of $180,000.00 let's see what we get

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- Updated 2022 training report has been handed out
- Training report will be updated with FDIC and will be handed to S/JB
- Will need to have a piece of apparatus at New Hackensack for BEFO

- Hose testing will be at Station 1 this year due to the Rec Park being a mud mess. Quaker Hill Rd entrance will be closed.
- Stroke update training there are a few people who still need to take it.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- C/JA would like to start the process to moving over to a new bank M & T Bank.
- 4 bands have been approved for the parades
- C/WG Motion to spend $2246.51 for switches for the new computers it was seconded by C/JA and all were in favor
- C/ML discussed the new EMS act from the Governor regarding the charging of the EMS services. Classes have been opened up to help with this new policy. C/ML would like not sit through the class it is $200 per Organization to sit through the class.
- C/ML discussed that there is the potential that Mobile Life Support is going to be going under. The 5 board members and chief staff and EMS Captain need to sit down with the Town Board to discuss this. If Mobile Life goes under it will be a huge hit for the whole Dutchess County. C/ML feels a meeting needs to be held with the 5 board members, the chief staff, EMS Captain and Chris Maeder to figure this out. There is a lot of unanswered questions. The fire company will be blamed even through the Town is responsible for EMS Coverage. C/KL states this is not our responsible it is the Town's responsibility. FF Murphy did state that there is an issue with the State in general where it doesn't state who is responsible for EMS. There is no problem to sit down and talk and come up with an idea.
- C/WG made a motion to spend $877.64 on flags for Station 1 and they will be reimbursed this was seconded by C/JA and all were in favor
- C/JA made a motion to spend $2083.16 on various station supplies it was approved by C/KL 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/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 2035 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2105 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/WG made a motion to adjourn at 2107 and it was seconded by C/ML, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Broas
District Secretary