

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 1930 hours 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 and a moment of silence for Bill Zeller.

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

Other District Staff:            T/SAUER (WS)  
  S/BROAS (JB)

**Minutes from the Previous Meeting** – Motion by C/KL seconded by C/WG to approve the minutes from September. Passed by all.

**Bills** – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for October that totaled \$86,068.91 for the general fund. Motion by C/KL 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:**

- Letter from MTO Murphy to DC/Cosenza
- Letter from Secretary Murphy
- Letter from Chase Russell
- Copy of letter sent to Colonel Thomas Albrecht from the Fire Company regarding this promotion

### **Membership**

- Khalil Khlaifat – Station 1
- Skylar D'Aquanni – Station 1
- C/KL made a motion to accept both as new members it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor. A discussion was had about the new members coming to the meeting when they are being voted on.

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

- Mill pump updated, no updated. Do have a copy of an agreement from 2003 with the town on the usage of the building and property. Discussion on having our lawyer draft a letter to the engineering company.

### **Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.**

- Discussion on having Suthpen coming here or the truck going there for a once over on all of it.

### **Buildings & Grounds – Station #1**

- Work has been started out front with the sign
- Gear washer will be serviced
- Tank will be emptied by Daley's. Let C/JA know when the tank is fully empty

### **Building & Grounds – Station #2:**

- Oil burner has been serviced
- Arco will be there tomorrow to move the panel

### **Insurance Committee:**

- C/WG and C/KL went for a class by VFIS. Cancer insurance went down from \$137 to \$120 per member. Also, have optional coverage for the members that would cover all cancers it is \$45.00 per member.

**Service Award Committee:**

- No report
- Discussion on changing the Ladies Auxiliary to Support and be directed under the Chief and this would allow them to be eligible for LOSAP and VFBL insurance. Will look into this in more detail and talk to other districts to see how they navigated the LOSAP program.

**Safety:**

- No report

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

- New software updated...going live soon which will include meetings and points. Will be in to install all equipment for the tablets. Fingerprint readers will be shortly

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

- Discussion on the Invotec Gear \$3900 a set. No need to rush at this point we don't have a price increase that we are working against.
- Discussion on vests for stock. We have none in stock. We just need Class 2 vests.

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

- Absent

**Captain Rescue Squad – Rescue Captain Kane reported the following:**

- Discussion on the fundraiser being held by Mid-Hudson Regional doctor who is running in the NYC Marathon.
- We have not received any information on the Grant for the AED's. All items in the grant will be tabled until the next time the grant is opened for submission. We can look into the Sloper Grant which is a smaller amount but would cover the trainers. We can meet at a workshop to go over all of this.

**MTO Murphy – reported the following:**

- Live Burn will be October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> tanker going to Union Vale for drill
- EMS Connections has been announced we will have a report next week
- Yearly training update has been to the Chairman. Reminder emails will be sent out again
- Hosting Battalion 2 and 5 Active shooter class tomorrow night
- Fire Prevention Thursday and Friday this week. K9 Bolt will be joining us on Friday
- Auto eject training is coming along for the new Epi-Pens
- BEFO class was approved a couple of months ago. We have 7 to 10 members joining in the next couple of months start a new class in January to get most or all these new members in the class.

**Purchasing Approvals:**

- C/WG made a motion to purchase 3 SSD drives it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor
- C/WG made a motion to purchase 5, 5-gallon pails of foam for a total of \$540.00 it was seconded by C/JA and all were in favor
- C/ML made a motion to spend \$39.49 on eye wash saline it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor
- C/WG made a motion to purchase 12 5-gallon water jugs but would like Director of Purchasing Harmuth to check for better prices before purchasing it was seconded by C/JA after a discussion on the price. It was approved by all.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Discussion on the duty roster that has been put online. We need to let the membership know it is there

**New Business:**

- The ladies Auxiliary will be selling scratch off and selling tickets at pancake breakfast and Election Day Dinner for a drawing in December
- Discussion on the tool shed being fixed. \$750.00 re-do the whole shed. C/JA made the motion to fix the shed it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor.
- C/WG received a phone call from Matt's Auto Body about getting the cars undercoated. It is \$350.00 to get done. C/ML made a motion to get the new chief car and 56-67 done it was seconded by C/WG. A discussion was had about doing the other 2 chief cars.
- C/WG brought up the discussion on the bullet proof vests. We need to get more information on this. It would be a whole new policy that needs to be put in place. It will be a new policy and training.

**2023 - TAX LEVY LIMIT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners (“Board”) of the Pleasant Valley Fire District (“Fire District”), have duly and carefully considered the public safety and fire protection needs of the residents and taxpayers of the Fire District in preparing the Fire District budget for the fiscal year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, after such careful consideration, the recurring, regular and other operating costs and obligations of the Fire District require it to exceed the tax levy limit imposed on the Fire District pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c in order to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency services to the residents and taxpayers of the Fire District which is in the best interests of such residents and taxpayers as determined by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire District, and

**WHEREAS**, under General Municipal Law 3-c subdivision 5, a fire district may annually adopt a resolution to override the annual tax levy limit, which resolution must be approved by 60 percent of the total voting power of the Board of Fire Commissioners prior to the adoption of its proposed and or final budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the authority of Section 3-c subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law, after careful consideration of the recurring, regular and other operating costs and obligations of the Fire District, in order to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency services to the residents of the Pleasant Valley Fire District, and prior to the adoption of its proposed and or final budget, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District does hereby override the annual tax levy limit for the coming 2023 fiscal year.

C/JA made a motion to accept the above resolution it was seconded by C/KL and roll call was taken

C/EJ – aye

C/KL – aye

C/ML – aye

C/WG – aye

C/JA – aye

Resolution passed 5-0

**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/KL 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 2048 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2115 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/JA made a motion to adjourn at 2120 and it was seconded by C/EJ, all were in favor.