

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, 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 our fallen firefighters.

Commissioners present:

- C/ALBRECHT
- C/JOHNSON
- C/LUBY
- C/GEERLINGS
- C/LAWLOR
- T/SAUER
- S/BROAS

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

**Bills** – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for March that totaled \$103,031.09 for the general fund. Motion by C/KL seconded by C/WG to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all. We also received the Town of Hyde Park Tax payment.

### **Open Meeting to the Public -**

- None

### **Close Meeting to the Public**

#### **Communications:**

- Fire District Affairs
- Letter from Dave Rogers regarding LOSAP
- Letter from Firefly regarding Comerica Bank
- Letter from ConEdison
- Personal Letter – Executive Session

#### **Membership**

- Brandon Badger station 1 going from Associate to back to Active

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

- Working on 5,10,15-year plan
- Working on tanker and engine replacement
- Tried to get the slug out of the mill pump but there was not enough water to get it out. Waiting for an update from the engineer.

**Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.**

**Buildings & Grounds – Station #1**

- Windows waiting on an installation date

**Building & Grounds – Station #2:**

- Air Compressor needs to be purchased we have tried everything to fix it in house. C/WG will take care of it.
- Brought up the door frame again to get it fixed.

**Insurance Committee:**

- No report

**Service Award Committee:**

- Meeting to be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to approve points.
- John Cassidy's death has been reported to Firefly and they are working directly with Debbie Cassidy to get it taken care.

**Policies:**

- Civil rights policy for FEMA has been submitted. Just waiting for approval from FEMA to approve in house.

**Safety:**

- No report

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

- We will be appointing Sam Synder as an EMS LT.
- Matt Cady will be appointed as Safety Officer; they need to see a Commissioner to get sworn in and then sign oath of office
- Quarterly Department meeting will be in May hopefully we can have Active Member Policy by then
- Storm standby went well. Receipts have been submitted.
- The account that was set up for the Conklin Check and Kevin Brill donations we would like to purchase a extrication tool for the engine from that money. A discussion was had about the money and where it is.

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

- Micro Grant from DC is out for all Fire, EMS, and Police agencies.
- Station 2 Air Compressor who will be ordering it. The Director of Purchasing will order it tomorrow.
- When will the decals on 56-2 vehicle be finished. C/WG will get a date.
- MES fresh air compressor...contact Jason for pricing.
- 56-12 will be going to DelHatt for NYS inspection.
- Can we set up a date for Service Manager from Garrison to come down to review everything March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

- Safety inspections at both stations will be taken care of.
- New PO pads have just been purchased.
- Uniforms pieces and parts can we get a sign-up sheet hanging. Members are missing items. Shoes, gloves, tie tacks, etc. 911 Uniforms has been sold and will be relocated to Fishkill with the new owners.

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

- Great drill Monday with PTSD. Would like to set up a committee to get ready for the next major issue that happens here. We are not ready. “Mental Health Committee”.
- Active Shooter Class 4/12/23 with dinner
- FDNY class this year will be 5/4-5/7 we would like to send 4 people to class.
- Past Captain Cassidy wake will be tomorrow night.
- Is it possible to email pictures for accountability tags? We will look into it but we don't think so.
- 4 gentlemen spent the whole day at the Mill Pump can we do something for them. They were given lunch.

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

- EMS room is ready to be painted.
- I would like to use 56-67 to dump metal at the highway garage.
- Look at what Captain Ferris has done with the room. It looks great.

**MTO Murphy – reported the following:**

- Monthly report
- Live Fire Drill will be 4/16/23 at the DC Training Center
- More members are transferring to VFISU.com and completing their required training. Still a significant number of members need to do the transfer. Between 30-40 have it done.
- Can I meet with the Board at the April Workshop since we were supposed to meet about training tonight. Yes April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Purchasing Approvals:**

- Replacement wall mount computer for Station 1 - \$743.57
- Long Shaft Torx set for suction unit repair - \$19.99
- Surge Strips for USB for Rover displays - \$51.27
- Heavy duty trash contractor bags for 56-55 - \$49.97
- Yearly Windows software license - \$3294.72
- Toner for Commissioners printer - \$598.31
- Water for both stations - \$1185.60 (discussion on the cost of the water)
- Various supplies - \$1494.17
- Knox Box Software renewal - \$576.00

**Unfinished Business:**

- Will discuss the active membership policy next Thursday at the workshop.
- Discussion on the County Micro Grant being used for the Ballistic vests. NFPA3000, discussion on the County Team. Discussion on the fact that we need to add training costs to the grant. C/KL made a motion to purchase 22 ballistic vests for \$36023.68. It was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor. We will also move forward with the grant writer to get the grant going for the County.
- Still trying to get in touch with Lisa from TEK to discuss physical issues.

**New Business:**

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> the town will be having an open meeting about the 10% Tax break for Fire Fighters. I would like all of the Chief and Commissioners to be there and anyone else that would like help to support it.
- C/WG would like to make a motion to spend \$25.00 to pay the dues for Deacon Boyce to join NYS Association of Fire Chaplain. It was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor.
- Captain Meyer would like to put the Main Street sign on 56-11, it is a good idea to put it on. 56-2 will help him get it on the engine.
- Station 2 would like to do the Raffle for Father's Day and do Breakfast for Dinner in May. Remember approval is needed of tickets.
- Discussion on the Bastian Lawncare Contract. The members of station 1 will take care of spring clean-up. We will get a second price to compare.
- C/JA made a motion to approve the 1922 Firehouse Logo it was approved 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/WG to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person(s) or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation Passed by all. The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2110 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/ML made a motion to adjourn at 2115 hours and it was seconded by C/EJ, all were favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas  
District Secretary