

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONTHLY MEETING MAY 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, May 9, 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.

Commissioners present:

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

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Passed by all.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for May total \$57,392.20. Motion by C/EJ seconded by C/KL to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public -

- None

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Letter from Secretary Murphy
- Fire District Affairs

Membership

- None

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- Information came back from FDIC with information on a new tanker.
- AC/Broas will discuss another committee that will be started.

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

- Discussion on 56-68. Have spoken with Tim Albrecht he will be looking at it tomorrow night. We will keep it in service since it is a fire police vehicle only.
- Discussion on 56-71 and the potential transmission issues
- 56-72 rubber fenders waiting on pricing.

- Stryker serviced both stair chair.
- Garrison will start pump testing in June and the chassis service after that. Garrison supplied a quarterly list sample. Repairs will come with the invoice.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Air intake will be done when Bob McRitchie gets back.
- New landscaper has started working.
- The bottom overheads doors have been ordered. We will paint when they come in.
- Waiting on windows
- Leak above Per Diem gear in room. Ceiling tiles in that room are gross.
- C/WG made a motion to spend \$250.00 on flowers it was seconded by C/KL and all were in favor.
- Can a motion sensor be hooked up so that when the bay doors open the bay lights come on so that we are backing into a dark building. A discussion was had on this about that we requested about 15 years ago and Cotte told us at that time it could not be done. C/WG will look into this and get back to us.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- Power wash will be done tomorrow.
- A discussion was held on the new air compressor being installed. It will be taken care of.

Insurance Committee:

- No Report

Service Award Committee:

- Annual Reports are being submitted.

Polices:

- None this month

Safety:

- I am working on getting dates together for the inspections.

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

- BOCES hydrant system is up and running and we have permission to use it. They are still finishing up before they do the final walk thru.

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

- Pagers are in and have started to be issued out.
- Air Cards hanging up around the station. They are air monitoring cards that monitor the gases that are being off gassed. We will report back next

month. It doesn't check for mold or anything like that. It is just organic gases. We also did a meter reading that day with TFT, the air in that room is not good air in there. We might have to look into an air purifier for that room as well. A discussion was had on where this came about and why they are in the station. This was discussed at FDIC. C/ML would like to have other research done on the company that gave us the air quality cards.

- Wish list items are being put together. We will have a list prior to the Chief Show in June
- A UTV committee is being formed if anyone would like to be put on the committee please let me know. Lots of field trips once we get the committee started.
- Hose and ladder testing is completed. We lost 3 lengths of hose and the fittings were old that we lost. The Blitz fire that they failed TFT has said there is nothing wrong with it.
- Repair from TFT
- Hillary Phillipbar and Skylar D'Aquariani both have returned all district owned equipment
- I will be out of town from May 26th thru May 31st

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

- No report

Captain EMS – Rescue Captain Ferris reported the following:

- Tumblers are in for EMS Week.
- Open PCR's are down to 4. 2 should be closed out within the next 1 day or so.
- EMS week is coming up, what day do we want to do lunch and dinner will be on May 23rd during Danielle's class. Do we want to include drivers for the dinner? Captain Ferris will be working on the dinner and lunch ideas.
- Who is doing the EMS ordering? The Board will have a conversation on this, and we will get back to you.
- Were the pediatric keys approved? Yes, it was ordered a couple of months ago.
- Pevlic binders? Haven't seen anything come in and who is ordering them?
- How many Narcan bags do we need? 12 should be good.
- Discussion on CT EMS conference
- A discussion on telling the town that we are no longer going to do ambulance business. On April 17th there were 4 calls going on in the district at one time. We really need to make sure that the homework was done on this. The County is truly running a shortage of ambulances. We really need to do research on this. Down in Yonkers and Westchester they are starting a Paramedicine program. Ulster county is running

- Demo on an electric stairchair which is made by Stryker. I would like to bring them in to see it. It will run off the battery pack as our stretcher. Pricing has not been released as of yet. It was only just released at FDIC.

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- Car Fire Drill at the Town Garage next Wednesday the 17th
- BEFO class is almost done just trying to get a makeup class done.
- Been in contact with President Castano for Fall dates for OSHA. I will be in touch with President Briggs from Salt Point
- Both Ryan's will need the arial class as well. I will do that doing normal workday. I will open it up to the volunteers as well.
- Driving training is going well. Both have been getting cleared on the apparatus.
- Both Ryan's are doing great!
- Everyone should have received the updated training proposal.
- Please update the calendar with the new training dates.
- I will be working with Danielle Bohlmann on fall dates for EMS training. Does she have any daytime dates open to get the career staff done and anyone that might of missed a night time class.

PURCHASING APPROVALS

- C/JA made a motion to purchase \$874.04 worth of supplies it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.
- C/JA made a motion to purchase \$148.20 worth of Paratech straps it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.

Unfinished Business:

- Where do we stand with the active member requirements? Discussion on this.

New Business:

- C/WG a motion to accept Ethan Binford's resignation with regrets it was seconded by C/KL.
- \$699.00 each for 2 desks for the downstairs office. It was a total of \$1473.00 delivered. S/JB asked if all of her stuff would be moved downstairs or would she essentially be working out of 2 offices? It would have to be discussed later. Discussion on having them come out and measure the room for us and show them what needs to go down there so they can measure it correctly. Maybe we can find a better filing system.
- Captain Ferris would like to know if we have a key to the mailbox that says Rescue Squad? The box is full and needs to be emptied. I will tape the box so no one can use that box from now on.
- Station 2 would like to have a flag burning ceremony on June 14th.
Approved
- Coin Drop July 15th in front of Town Hall for station 2. Approved

Open Meeting to the Public for Comments:

- None

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/ML 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 2045 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2125 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/JA made a motion to adjourn at 2130 and it was seconded by C/KL, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary