

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, July 11th, 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 – Motion by C/WG seconded by C/KL to approve the minutes from June. Passed by all.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for July that totaled \$117,489.74 from the general fund. Motion by C/EJ and 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:

- VESO change forms
- Peckham Contact information
- MVP renewal increase notification.

Membership

- No new members to approve
- Aidan Drum was there to introduce himself to the Board

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- Working on getting the Tanker Committee back together

UTV committee have been to 3 stops already and going to 1 more. West Hurley will be our last trip. Price will be over the \$50,000 we will be as close as possible to that number, but we will try our best. Millerton is looking into selling their 2017 trailer we will have first refusal on it. Discussion on why a 4 door UTV? Better configuration than a 6-wheeler. It will also need to have a trailer hitch on it. Price difference between a 2 door and 4 door is minimal.

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

- The Board told Asst Chief Broas they are very appreciative of the reports he is handing out each month and they are very appreciative of all the work Garrison has been doing on the apparatus.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Water leak in meeting room. We will call the insurance company to put a claim in. It was also leaking in front of and back of 56-55. We need to investigate fixing the roof and we need to check all gutters.
- The ceiling fan in the engine bay above ambulance will be replaced it was looked at by Mark Figliozzi today. It cannot be turned off.
- The alarm for the tank has been taken care of
- When are the bay doors being painted now? Asst Chief said he will get an answer for this.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- Any update on the electrical issue with the ambulance?

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Service Award Committee:

- We will approve the 2022 LOSAP audit at the August meeting once everyone has had a chance to review it.

Policies:

- We need to work on a few new ones.

Safety:

- The 4 safety officers walked through station 1 yesterday. We have a list that will be sent to the Chief Staff.

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

- I would like to form a parade committee since we don't have a department committee any longer. The committee will be formed immediately. This is a company level committee.
- Spoke to Captain Ferris about putting a committee together to replace the ambulance when it is time.
- Permission to start looking into sending our career staff and other members to Oriskany for Swift Water training. We would like to start to get this rolling. MTO Murphy as the training officer has issues that need to be discussed. I would like to start getting numbers together. This is fact finding at this point. Discussion on how this works. C/ML said that getting information doesn't hurt but it doesn't mean we are doing it.

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

- I am working with T/Sauer to get the reports from Garrison. He will be getting them to me. They send the reports with the invoices.
- The quarter master room whose responsibility is it to keep it cleaned? C/WG and DofP/Harmuth will clean it up.
- Still working with Suthphen on the quote for 56-45 still not sure if it will be going to PA or OH for the work.
- 56-45 doesn't have a new accident report in it.
- Discussion on how the firehouse has been a safe house 3 times this year. The emergency call box automatically sends an AFA to 911. Maybe we should update cameras around the property. We can talk to other fire districts and see how they handle these situations.

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

- No report

Captain Rescue Squad – Rescue Captain Ferris reported the following:

- No report

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- Lynch and Schmelz are doing well. We will start driving again now that
- We are working hard on district familiarization. FF Holder is going to help me with this.
- FF Schmelz will go to the car seat class in February
- Should have confirmation this week if we have a seat in Westchester for the fall class. Class starts first week in September.
- Billy Johnson stopped to see if we would be interested in doing the annual car seat check here again. It will be either August or September.
- I am now an AHA CPR Instructor and have been able to get 15 or 20 more members certified during the day. C/JA asked if this means we now have 2 instructors in the district and yes we do.

PURCHASING APPROVALS

1. Exit signs for engine bay for \$41.64
2. Water jugs for \$89.90
3. Cleaning supplies for \$227.85

C/KL made a motion to approve the above purchases it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- Discussion was had about spending \$200 for both stations to have weeds killed. C/WG will discuss this with the landscaper to see the products that will be used. It needs to be a special product because of our location

- C/WG made a motion to spend \$2298.00 for 2 desks for the downstairs office it was seconded by C/EJ and all were in favor. The price includes delivery and installation.
- S/Broas announced that the certified payroll that was submitted for February 2023 was accepted by the Dutchess County Human Resources Department.
- C/JA made a motion to accept the Resolution for achieving our documents per New York State it was seconded by C/KL and run call was taken. A copy of the resolution is filed with the minutes.
 - C/KL – aye
 - C/EJ – aye
 - C/WG – aye
 - C/ML – aye
 - C/JA – aye
 - Resolution passed 5 to 0

A discussion was had about the grants that could help us with the achieving we missed 2023 we will look at 2024.

Open Meeting to the Public for Comments:

None

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/KL seconded by C/JA 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 2032 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2104 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/WG made a motion to adjourn at 2106 and it was seconded by C/KL, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary