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Amendment and Approval**

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Pleasantville Fire District
February 18, 2025

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasantville Fire District held on February 18, 2025 in the Meeting Room, Pleasantville Fire Headquarters, 75 Washington Avenue, Pleasantville, New York at 7:30PM pursuant to prior notice.

Attending: Commissioners M. Rufino, M. Colmenares and C. Onuma. Attorney McCarthy, Secretary-Treasurer T. Langan, Chief Scopino. Commissioners Cullen and Trudo were absent and excused.

Approval of Minutes: The Chairman stated that the Commissioners had received copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2025 and inquired as to the approval or disapproval of the minutes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Onuma, and unanimously carried, the minutes of all of the above meetings were approved as written.

The Secretary-Treasurer had earlier distributed his printed report consisting of the following statements as of January 31, 2025: Statements of Receipts and Disbursements; Cash on Hand and in Banks; General Fund Reconciliation; List of Outstanding Checks; Apparatus Reserve and Repair Fund; and, Property and Construction Fund.

1. The largest disbursement this month is for snow removal. A lengthy discussion followed. A quote will be obtained to put a plow on, and a sander/salter in U188.
3. Quickbooks desktop, which has been used for many years, has been replaced by Quickbooks online.
4. The tax credit available to volunteer firefighters will be on the School Board agenda of March 4 and the District is invited to send representatives and speak. The Chief will get statistical information to the Secretary-Treasurer who will draft remarks.

Chief's Agenda:

1. Chief Scopino submitted a completed application for Andrew Neary. On a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Onuma and unanimously carried, Mr. Neary was approved.
2. The deluge gun and cargo net on Engine 91 have to be addressed by Firematic.
3. After the hose test is completed, pump testing will be done at Firematic and service will be scheduled at the same time.
4. Hose and ladder testing at the High School is scheduled for April 14. The testing report for the boom on TL5 will be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer.

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5. He has scheduled a Zoom meeting with Techno-gym representatives for next week to discuss the purchase of additional equipment, and service existing equipment.
6. After a discussion, the definition of “good standing” was discussed as well as LOSAP points for officers. The Chairman called for a Work Session at 8:00 P.M. on March 11 to discuss these items with a view to finalizing them at the Regular Meeting on March 18. The effective date of any changes would be April 1, 2025.

Apparatus:

1. Commissioner Colmenares noted the amount being spent on Engine 259. After a discussion, it was decided that as long it starts and pumps, repairs will be kept to a minimum on an “as needed” basis.
2. Tower Ladder 5 passed its boom test and the sticker for the boom and the paperwork have been received.
3. The warning system on Rescue 47 is now working.

Facilities:

1. The bid opening will be delayed with the consent of all identified prospective bidders until the Special Meeting on February 24. February 21 is the earliest date on which the Secretary-Treasurer was able to schedule a Notice to be published to change the purpose of previously noticed meeting (January 29, 2025) from a bid award to bid opening and he did so.
2. Jim Coleman has also sent an Addendum to all prospective bidders.
3. The heat in the back stairwell has been fixed.

Insurance and LOSAP:

1. Chairman Rufino circulated the Empower statement for January 2025.
2. Paperwork for Doug Schmidt is being completed and will be given to him.
3. John Thys has reviewed the insurance policies. Guion Agency has to be contacted to add the trailer for U237, clarify the names of the insured entities, and discuss revising the amount of coverage on the two firehouses.

Membership, Grants, Etc.

Commissioner Trudo was absent.

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Counsel advised he had no reply from Optimum.

Executive Session:

The Chairman indicated it would be appropriate to convene an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter involving two specific individuals. Commissioner Colmenares so moved, Commissioner Onuma seconded the motion and the Regular Meeting was recessed at 8:30 P.M. and an Executive Session was convened.

Resumption of the Meeting:

After discussing the personnel matter, and on a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Onuma, and unanimously carried the Executive Session was terminated and the Public Session resumed at 8:40PM.

There being no further business and on a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Onuma the Meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Langan
Fire District Secretary-Treasurer