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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Pleasantville Fire District

March 11, 2025

MINUTES of a Work Session of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasantville Fire District held on March 11, 2025 in the Meeting Room, Pleasantville Fire Headquarters, 75 Washington Avenue, Pleasantville, New York pursuant to prior notice.

Attending: Commissioners M. Rufino, J.M. Cullen, M. Colmenares, C. Onuma and T. Trudo. Secretary-Treasurer T. Langan, Chief Scopino, Assistant Chief Martineau. Former Commissioner John Thys also attended.

1. John Thys discussed his analysis of the various insurance coverages the District has in place, notably the auto coverage and liability coverages. He and the Secretary-Treasurer will set up a meeting with representatives of the Guion Agency about the coverages.
2. There was a lengthy discussion about the definition of "Member in Good Standing." Distilling the multiple comments, the definition appeared to be that Member in Good Standing is a member who attends at least 10% of the alarms in a given calendar quarter. A member whose attendance falls below that threshold for 2 quarters in any rolling 4 quarter period without a prior excuse from the Chief, to the extent possible, is subject to discipline up to and including possible expulsion from the Department.
3. No bonds were produced by the apparent low bidder for the kitchen project, who now has until March 18 to provide the requisite bonding.
4. LOSAP officer points were discussed in light of the reorganization of the Department. After the discussion, it appeared that it would still be appropriate for 25 points to be awarded to each Chief and 20 points each to the Department Captain and Department Lieutenants. The Training Officers, Drivers and the officers of the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Company would be awarded 10 points. No other officer points are awarded. The criteria for Officer points are set forth in the statute.
5. A plow for U188 was briefly discussed but no action is to be taken.
6. The request from the Friends of the Visual Arts at Pleasantville High School to raffle off a "seat" on a fire apparatus during the Department's parade was considered. Although the Board was open to the idea, with limits of 1 rider who is over 18 years of age and signs a waiver, more details are required.
7. The request that the Board opine on the battery storage sites was declined.

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8. The Secretary-Treasurer will reply via email to the emailed request from a Pace student reporter to say that he should be in touch with the Town of Mount Pleasant.
9. Chief Scopino reported a field visit from TechnoGym regarding additional equipment. A proposal is expected by March 18.
10. The Nominating Committee has not requested training records and will be requested to do so.
11. A proposal of \$5,950 was received from Perry's roofing to install a snow rail on Fire Headquarters.
12. The Auxiliary is an independent entity allied with the Department according to action taken by the then Board at its meeting on September 17, 2002.

Commissioner Colmenares noted that he will attend a presentation by RedAlert on Wednesday at 7PM at the Bedford firehouse about software addressing the change from the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) to the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS). He will also meeting on Friday with representatives of Brivo Pass about an updated entry system for the firehouses.

There being no further business and on a motion by Commissioner Trudo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen and unanimously carried, the Work Session was adjourned at 9:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Langan
Fire District Secretary-Treasurer