

**Draft Minutes.
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PLEASANTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
PLEASANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
April 3, 2025

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department on April 3, 2025 at 8:00 PM in the Meeting Room, Pleasantville Fire Headquarters, 75 Washington Avenue, Pleasantville, New York, the date prescribed by statute.

The Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners acted as Chairman in accordance with the Departmental Rules and Regulations. The undersigned acted as Secretary.

The Chairman called the Annual Meeting to order. There were 38 Members present constituting a quorum. (Total is 52.)

The Chairman made the required Fire Exit Announcement and Fire Response Announcement.

Ex-Chief John Perino led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman noted that the deaths of former members Ex-Commissioner John Lombardi (Engine Co.) and Joseph Maher (Engine Co.) had not been noted since the last Annual Meeting.

The Chairman recognized Fire Commissioners Cullen, Colmenares, Onuma and Trudo and Fire District Secretary-Treasurer Langan. He also recognized Cori Martineau and Ellen Martineau.

The Chairman called for the Annual Report of the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Company which was delivered by its Vice President, Michael Zaino. The Chairman called for the Annual Report of the Pleasantville Fire Department Junior Corps which was delivered by Liam Keating.

The Chairman called for reports from the Chiefs.

Assistant Chief Martineau, reporting that 2024 was another strong training year during which members completed over 2,000 hours of in-house training. This included all required OHSA and PESH topics as well as attending the Fredericks and Carroll seminars, Electric Vehicle Emergency Response and Solar Panels. He singled out Mike Aiello for successfully completing Firefighter 1. He noted that some members did not complete minimum annual training putting a strain on those who worked hard to bring them into compliance. He thanked Training Officers Belmont and Colmenares and the Board for its support.

Chief Scopino, from a written report thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support and confidence. He noted that the Department responded to 482 calls in 2024, noted the arrival of the two new pieces of apparatus.

The Chief noted the records and reports that are on file and available.

He singled out and congratulated Ex-Chief John Perino for making 317 calls, Matthew Colmenares for making 243 calls and Ex-Commissioner John Thys for making 213 calls. Although Chiefs are excluded from response notices, Assistant Chief Martineau made 265 calls.

He thanked the Line Officers, the Junior Corps, the Training Division, the Safety Officer, the Records Officers and the Quartermaster and the Auxiliary.

He presented Bill O'Brien with the Chief's Performance Award for taking over as Quartermaster and the Rookie of the Year award to Lee Dickinson.

He presented the Firefighter of Year award with these words:

Since walking through the door in 2023 this member is always around to help and when put into leadership positions he has proven he can handle them without any doubt. He balances department responsibilities with family and work and continues to put his heart into what he does and I'm glad I have the opportunity to recognize him. Firefighter of the Year Mike Aiello.

The Chairman thanked the Chief.

The Chairman announced that the next order of business would be the nomination of Department Line Officers.

He called for the report of the Department Nominating Committee, chaired by Michael Zaino who reported that the committee recommended Assistant Chief Martineau to be Chief of Department, Ex-Chief Scopino to be Assistant Chief, 2nd Lieutenant Stephane Zapletal to be 1st Lieutenant, and Sean Conway to be 2nd Lieutenant. The Chairman thanked the Nominating Committee for its work and moved the election of the slate of officers as stated.

On a motion by Ex-Captain Greco, seconded by Commissioner Ex-Chief Perino and unanimously carried, the nominations were closed and the Secretary directed to cast one ballot each for Madison Martineau, Asterio Scopino, Stephane Zapletal and Sean Conway for the offices to which each was nominated and the Secretary did so.

The Chairman then declared the meeting recessed at 8:25 so that the Board of Fire Commissioners could convene a Special Meeting and invited all present to remain.

The Chairman re-convened the Annual Meeting at 8:30PM.

Chairman Rufino thanked his colleagues on the Board, Secretary-Treasurer Langan, Counsel McCarthy, Ex-Chief Lemcke and the Line Officers for the work accomplished in the prior year. He noted the level of personal commitment by members, and their families and friends, needed to make the Department function. As he said, it takes a village and each is a contributor. He looks to the Junior Corps whose members are the next generation of firefighters. He noted that

the longevity of Messrs. Brooks and Wagner, both original members of the first Junior Corps.

There being no further business, and on a motion made by Ex-Commissioner Thys, seconded by Ex-Chef Perino and multiple members, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Langan
Fire District Secretary-Treasurer