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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Pleasantville Fire District

April 15, 2025

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasantville Fire District held on April 15, 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, J. M. Cullen, M. Colmenares and T. Trudo. Attorney McCarthy, Secretary-Treasurer T. Langan, Chief Martineau and Assistant Chief Scopino. Commissioner Onuma was absent and excused.

Approval of Minutes: The Chairman stated that the Commissioners had received copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2025, the Annual Meeting held on April 3, 2025 and the Special Meeting held on April 3, 2025 and inquired as to the approval or disapproval of the minutes.

On a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Trudo, and unanimously carried, all minutes were approved as written.

The Secretary-Treasurer had earlier distributed his printed report consisting of the following statements as of March 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 renewal for PSTrax has been received. The cost is \$2,100 for one year. On a motion by Commissioner Trudo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen and unanimously carried, the renewal was approved.
2. He reported the receipt of dividends totaling \$29,147.13 from the New York State Insurance Fund.
3. He has the Representation Letter for the Auditors to be signed by Chairman Rufino and himself. He will invite the Auditors to present the financial statements at the May 20, 2025 meeting.
4. He has a bill from DC Graphics & Marketing, Inc. for hosting a number of Department web sites. The cost has increased from \$125 monthly to \$185 monthly since Dan Cultice has resigned his membership and no longer discounts the fee. After a brief discussion, the payment was authorized. Commissioner Colmenares will contact Dan Cultice.
5. The Architect has requested three checks to be written related to the Kitchen Project. He has approved work worth \$35,000 to Gemelos Renovation; he asks for a check to NJ Kitchen Equipment for the entire quote of \$34,731.00 contained in the bid and a \$500 deposit for shop drawings to the kitchen cabinet subcontractor, Steel Kitchen Corp. The checks were approved.

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6. A Bylaw amendment will be discussed regarding the Fund Drive.
7. He read invitations to the Millwood and Thornwood inspections on April 26 and May 3, respectively.
8. He reported an inquiry from the NYS Department of Labor claiming that the District had sold or transferred a part of its business.

Chief's Agenda:

1. Chief Martineau had a completed Junior Corps application for Penelope Ward. On a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Colmenares, and unanimously carried, she was appointed to the Junior Corps.
2. He requested the following appointments: Anthony Greco and Robert Obuck as Records Officers; John Thys as Safety Officer; Steve Belmont and Matthew Colmenares as Training Officers; and William O'Brien as Quartermaster. On a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Colmenares, and unanimously carried, the appointments were approved.
3. Service, pump, hose and ladder testing are complete. No hose was lost.
4. AAA will conduct flow testing on all SCBA's on April 29.
5. He asked to purchase 10 badges and hat pieces at a cost of \$1,760. On a motion by Commissioner Trudo seconded by Commissioner Cullen, and unanimously carried, the purchase was approved.
6. The inspection will be moved to the Fall; date to be determined.
7. Assistant Chief Scopino reported that he met with the Technogym representative who took measurements in the gym. The cost would be \$38,630. A service contract would be separate. On a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Rufino and unanimously carried, the purchase was approved subject to the Secretary-Treasurer researching the apparent necessity of a bid.
8. He noted an email from a resident of the Locust Road area to his wife regarding the proposed formation of a Water District. The Secretary-Treasurer will reply assuring the writer of the Department's response but expressing no opinion on the Water District.

Apparatus:

1. Commissioner Colmenares reported that the Ladder test is done.

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2. Firematic still awaits one part for the Engine 91 deck gun, but it is in service.

Facilities:

1. In Commissioner Onuma's absence Ex-Chief Perino who is overseeing the Kitchen Project reported good progress.

Insurance and LOSAP:

1. Chairman Rufino reported that the premium bill for the Accidental Death policy had been received.
2. He is going to put together information about insurance.
3. There was a discussion about requiring certification of life each year from retired recipients.

Membership, Grants, Etc.

1. Commissioner Trudo reported the Committee met on March 31. Pleasantville Day is May 17. The Committee needs a new Chair to replace Dan Cultice.

New Business

1. Counsel Dan McCarthy circulated a proposed Waiver form in connection with the "seat" on a fire apparatus during the Department's parade to be raffled off by Friends of the Visual Arts at Pleasantville High School. Since the winner has to over 18 years of age, he was asked to modify the proposed Waiver to remove consent for a rider less than 18 years of age.
2. Anthony Greco noted that some members had prior service and asked whether the service stripes being issued should recognize that service. After a brief discussion, it was the sense of the Board that service stripes should recognize all prior volunteer service, subject to approval by the Chief.
3. The disposition of the kitchenware (plates, cups, glasses, cutlery, utensils, etc.) was discussed. Many pieces are missing from whatever the complete set once was and it was not designed to withstand multiple washing in a high-temperature commercial dishwasher. In the Board's opinion the collective value of what remains is very small and far less than \$20,000. Therefore, and on a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Colmenares and unanimously carried it was resolved that pursuant to Town Law §176(23), the Board does hereby declare that all the existing kitchenware is no longer necessary for the purposes of the Fire District; and that as these items have no functional or known intrinsic value that these items shall be disposed of in a safe, appropriate and commercially reasonable manner.

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There being no further business and on a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Trudo the Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Langan
Fire District Secretary-Treasurer