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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Pleasantville Fire District
October 21, 2025

MINUTES of the Statutory Budget Hearing by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasantville Fire District held on October 21, 2025 at 8:25PM 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. Chief Scopino and Assistant Chief Martineau; Attorney D. McCarthy, Secretary-Treasurer T. Langan. One Department member attended but no members of the general public attended.

The Chairman announced that this is the public hearing regarding the 2026 proposed budget. In accordance with New York State Town Law §181(3), all Fire Districts must, prior to the adoption of their budget, hold a public hearing on their budget. This budget hearing must be held in such a manner to maximize participation in the budget process. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the contents of the budget.

The Chairman inquired of the Secretary-Treasurer whether the notice of this public hearing was published or posted at least once five days before the date specified for the hearing in the official newspaper of the Fire District, and whether it was timely furnished to the Town Clerk of the Town of Mount Pleasant to be posted on the official signboard of the Town of Mount Pleasant, and on the Town of Mount Pleasant's website; whether the Notice of Public Hearing specified the time, date and the place where this public hearing would be held, whether the Secretary-Treasurer also made available for inspection, at least five days before the public hearing, by any interested person during district office hours copies of the proposed budget. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that all those things had been done.

The Chairman next announced that the purpose of this public hearing is to allow members of the public to make comments on the budget. Any person may be heard in favor of, or against, the preliminary budget or any item in it. He noted that this is only a proposed budget until the Board of Fire Commissioners adopts the final budget.

He called upon the Fire District Secretary-Treasurer to make a brief presentation about the preliminary budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are present. The Fire District Secretary-Treasurer will be asked to submit the proposed budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are here this evening.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the details of the Preliminary Budget adopted by the

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Board on September 19, 2025. The total expenses of \$1,561,999 are funded by a tax levy of \$1,289,794 on the taxable real property in the Fire District, plus anticipated revenues of \$272,205. The revenues come from contract payments from the five fire protection districts of \$297,205 less \$32,000 to be distributed to the Department plus \$7,000 of anticipated interest income. The levy is within the Real Property Tax Cap. He noted that after the adoption of the Proposed Budget, hydrant rent information was received from the Town Comptroller.

The Chairman then announced the beginning of the public comments period. He asked any person present wishing to be heard on this proposed budget to come forward so that people may be heard in favor of, or against, the proposed budget or any item in it. He requested that any person wishing to address the Board on the proposed budget, raise their hand to be recognized and state their name and address for the record. He asked all speakers to limit their comments to five (5) minutes, directing their comments to the Board or the Secretary-Treasurer.

He further announced that this was a hearing, and not a question and answer session; that questions will not be answered when asked. The purpose is to hear the opinion of speakers on the budget or any part of it, whether favorable or not. He requested speakers to tell the Board what they are in favor of regarding this budget or what they are against.

No members of the public attended the hearing; no Department members had questions.

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There being no speakers, the Chairman asked for a motion to adopt the Proposed 2026 Budget, as revised tonight, as the 2026 Budget. Commissioner Colmenares so moved, Commissioner Trudo seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. The Chairman asked for a motion at 8:35 PM to close the public hearing and resume the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Colmenares so moved, Commissioner Onuma seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary-Treasurer for his presentation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Langan
Fire District Secretary-Treasurer