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Amendment and Approval**

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Pleasantville Fire District

August 19, 2025

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasantville Fire District held on August 19, 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, C. Onuma and T. Trudo. Secretary-Treasurer T. Langan, Chief Martineau and Assistant Chief Scopino.

Approval of Minutes: The Chairman stated that the Commissioners had received copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 15, 2025 and inquired as to the approval or disapproval of the minutes. On a motion by Commissioner Trudo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written.

Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)

The Chairman recognized Patrick Galuska, Senior Actuarial Analyst and Manager-LOSAP from VFIS (Glatfelter Specialty Benefits). Pat brought a copy of the most recent Actuarial Certification of the PFD LOSAP with him which covers the period September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025. He will be doing the Certification for the year beginning September 1, 2025.

Based on total assets of \$3,717,980 as of August 18, 2025, the PFD Plan is more than fully funded compared to the Present Value of Accrued Benefits (PVAB) of \$3,570,249. Pat discussed the assumed rate of return of 3.75% used in the Group Annuity Contract (GAC) calculations versus the actual guaranteed rate of 3% from Empower, where the Plan's funds are invested. He also noted that discussions were underway for different arrangements with different providers with the potential for a higher rate of return. He also illustrated the potential effect on rates of return of investing 50% of the LOSAP fund in a diversified portfolio with Academy Financial. It would be the District's decision whether to make any changes once all the details are known. The Chairman thanked him for his presentation.

The Secretary-Treasurer had earlier distributed his printed report consisting of the following statements as of July 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. He confirmed the tax base growth factor of 1.0128 along with the inflation factor of 2.0% meaning that the budget can be increased by about \$41,000. For the Board's reference, he noted that the proposed 2026 budget needs to be adopted by September 30, 2025. He distributed a Timetable for the 2026 Budget.
2. He contacted the Village Administrator about a new 5-year hydrant rent contract with increases of \$3 per hydrant per year.

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3. The TechnoGym bill of \$38,630.62 was received with 30 days to pay. He did not process a check since the equipment has just been installed and had not been tested by use. There was also a small bill for relocating existing equipment. After a discussion, and on a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Onuma and unanimously carried, he was directed to issue the check, but hold it until month end.

Chief's Agenda:

1. Chief Martineau presented the completed membership package for Dominik Kalinski and Avi Yadhchin. On a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Trudo and unanimously carried, Messrs. Kalinski and Yadhchin were appointed.
2. He recommended acceptance the 20-hour pump course taken by Matthew Colmenares at Signal 73, which covered the topics in NFPA 1002, as equivalent to the NYS pump operators course. This would qualify Matt to become a driver on a vehicle with a pump. After a discussion and on a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Colmenares and unanimously carried, his recommendation was accepted.
3. He is getting a quote of on-site turn-out gear repair. He needs to know whether Morning Pride approves of the vendor.
4. As a result of the recent gear washing and inspection, a few sets of gear need to be replaced. Commissioner Cullen suggested that all turn-out gear over 10 years old should be replaced. The Chief will review the report from Emergency Decon.
5. He is getting a quote for gloves.
6. He has a quote for a Milwaukee battery powered circular saw for \$1,000 to replace a K-12 saw on TL5. On a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Trudo and unanimously carried, the purchase was approved.
7. He requested permission to take Utility 188 to the Sullivan County Parade. On a motion by Commissioner Trudo, seconded by Commissioner Onuma and unanimously carried, the request was approved.
8. The compliance date to convert from NFIRS to NERIS is January 1, 2026. RedAlert is running tests on its software.
9. He noted that 98 units of blood were collected in the blood drive on July 24, which exceeded expectations.

Apparatus:

- 1 Commissioner Colmenares reported that TL5 is back in service. The outrigger problem

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was caused because a missing mud flap allowed road debris thrown up by a tire to become caked on a sensor. The sensor and the mud flap were replaced and new ones have been ordered.

2. The traffic advisor on R47 has been repaired.
3. The deck gun on E91 works.

Facilities:

1. Commissioner Onuma reported that revised drawings for the hood have been submitted for Village approval after which the hood will be installed with the exhaust going straight up through the ceiling and out the roof. The revisions will add about \$9,000 to the cost of the project but he expects the project to come in under budget. There is a site meeting on August 21.
2. He will look into having the ice maker cleaned.
3. He will re-visit air conditioning in the kitchen.
4. The compressor at Hays was discussed. Roger and Andy will remove the old compressor. Several alternatives were discussed, including moving the compressor to the generator room, abandoning piping in place and revising the air lines. It was noted that Engine 259, stored there, is connected to the air system.
5. Vito Errico will be contacted about maintenance of the planted area along the common property between the parking lot and the apartments next door.

Insurance and LOSAP:

1. As noted, Patrick Galuska made a presentation.
2. Dianne Ripley of Guion Agency is working on budget estimates.
3. The Chairman thanked John Thys for his analysis of the changes in coverage coming in the renewals in October. The Secretary will send a copy of John's report to Guion Agency.

Membership, etc.

1. Commissioner Trudo reported that Mike Aiello has called a meeting of the Membership Committee on August 25 at 7:30PM before the Company meeting.

New Business

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1. Chairman Rufino inquired about amendments to the Rules and Regulations regarding the fund drive.
2. Commissioner Colmenares reported that a vendor from Chappaqua had quoted a flat \$22,000 for a new access system Pleasantville and gave the same quote to Millwood. Ubiquiti systems would charge \$4,000 for equipment and the District would have to do its own wiring. He will seek a quote for wiring from A.J. Greco, a Department member.

There being no further business and on a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Cullen and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Langan
Fire District Secretary-Treasurer