

**Draft Minutes.  
Subject to Board Review,  
Amendment and Approval**

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

Pleasantville Fire District

July 15, 2025

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasantville Fire District held on July 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, C. Onuma and T. Trudo. Attorney McCarthy, Secretary-Treasurer T. Langan, Chief Martineau and Assistant Chief Scopino. Commissioner Colmenares 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 June 14, 2025 and inquired as to the approval or disapproval of the minutes. On a motion by Commissioner Trudo, seconded by Commissioner Onuma, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as written.

The Secretary-Treasurer had earlier distributed his printed report consisting of the following statements as of June 30, 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 noted the receipt of the Fire Protection District contract revenues in June and inquired about the budgeted distribution of \$32,000 pursuant to Town Law §176(16). After a brief discussion, and on a motion by Commissioner Trudo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen and unanimously carried, the budgeted amount will be distributed to the Chief on behalf of the Department.
2. Last month's check to Hi-Tech was damaged in transit and is being replaced.
3. The Verizon Wireless bill arrived showing an amount due for two months. With Chief Scopino's help, he now has online access to the billing.
4. DC Graphics sent a bill for \$555 for hosting together with an email about transferring the hosting. The bill is in the folder; the email was forwarded to Commissioner Colmenares.
5. The billing cycle for the credit card ends today. He won't have an actual statement until tomorrow. Until then, the folder contains a printout of the charges from the website.
6. The State Comptroller required some changes to the 2024 Annual Financial Report, which have been done and acknowledged.
7. For the Board's reference, he noted that the proposed 2026 budget needs to be adopted by September 30, 2025. Subject to any changes the tax cap will allow the District to increase its tax levy by about \$41,000.

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Chief's Agenda:

1. Chief Martineau presented the completed membership package for Will Wolfe; discussed the return of Brendan Cooper; the resignation of Leo Cheng; and the change in status of Ken Wagner. On a motion by Commissioner Trudo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen and unanimously carried, Mr. Wolfe was appointed and Mr. Cooper's membership was reinstated effective this date. On a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Onuma and unanimously carried, Mr. Cheng's resignation was accepted as of the date of the Company's acceptance. On a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Trudo and unanimously carried, Mr. Wagner's status was changed to Life (Inactive).
2. He requested approval to purchase two battery powered 16" fans, one for each Engine, for \$5,895 each, total \$11,790 from AAA pursuant to a state bid. On a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Trudo and unanimously carried, the purchase was approved.  
  
He requested approval for Goosetown Communications to repair the trunk radio on Engine 90 for \$2,220. On a motion by Commissioner Trudo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen and unanimously carried, the repairs were approved.  
  
He requested approval to engage the same vendor as last year to clean 50 sets of gear for \$6,750 to be done August 11 and 12. On a motion by Commissioner Trudo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen and unanimously carried, the work was approved.  
  
He requested permission to purchase another Milwaukee battery powered chain saw for \$499. On a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Trudo and unanimously carried, the purchase was approved.
3. He noted that the blood drive would take place on July 24.
4. He raised the issue of members using the firehouse for private social events and presented the outline of a possible policy. It was taken under advisement.
5. He awaits a quote from Techno-gym to relocate the existing equipment.
6. Pads and Batteries need to be ordered for AED's.
7. He inquired about paying for DOT physicals. After a brief discussion, and on a motion by Commissioner Onuma, seconded by Commissioner Trudo and unanimously carried, DOT physicals were approved only for drivers.

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6. A bill was received for \$500 for a training course taken in Connecticut by a member. Payment of the invoice was approved by motion made by Commissioner Rufino, seconded by Commissioner Onuma and unanimously carried. After receiving information from Counsel, it was determined that the payment could not be made.
7. He noted that the blood drive would be held on July 24.

Apparatus:

1. In the absence of Commissioner Colmenares, the Chief reported that the deck gun on Engine 91 is inoperable.
2. Goosetown is working on Engine 90's antenna and Engine 91's fire ground radio.
3. A length of 2½" hose has been added to Rescue 47 as an inflatable device.

Facilities:

1. Commissioner Onuma reported that the kitchen project is progressing; there are 17 items on the punch list.
2. The quote to replace the compressor at Hays with an 80 gallon/5 hp compressor approximates \$10,000 exclusive of labor to remove the old compressor. He will look into having Andy and Roger do the removal.

Insurance and LOSAP:

1. A question regarding former member Ted Burfeind came to Chairman Rufino who has referred it to the Secretary.
2. He will contact VFIS regarding the membership changes of Cheng, Wagner, Cooper and Wolfe.

Membership, etc.

1. Commissioner Trudo reported that Messrs. Aiello, Belmont and Luke Scopino have volunteered for the Membership Committee with Mike Aiello to act as chairman. On a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Onuma, and unanimously carried, the appointments were confirmed.

New Business

1. Chairman Rufino inquired about amendments to the Rules and Regulations regarding the

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fund drive.

2. An email from Training Officer Belmont was reviewed regarding work shirts. As those shirts are commonly required to be worn at various duty functions, it was determined that they should be categorized as Uniforms and provided at District expense. On a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Trudo and unanimously carried, future purchases will be District expenses and the District, on proof, will reimburse the Company for previous expenditures for the work shirts.
3. The report of the outside consultant on cybersecurity has not been located.
4. Attorney McCarthy may have a vendor who can provide and access system utilizing cell phones.

There being no further business and on a motion by Commissioner Rufino, seconded by Commissioner Trudo and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Langan  
Fire District Secretary-Treasurer