

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

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Pleasantville Fire District
November 18, 2025

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasantville Fire District held on November 18, 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 C. Onuma. Attorney D. McCarthy, Secretary-Treasurer T. Langan, Chief Martineau and Assistant Chief Scopino. Commissioner Trudo was absent and excused.

Approval of Minutes: The Chairman stated that the Commissioners had received copies of the minutes of the Budget Hearing of October 21, 2025, the Regular Meeting held on October 21, 2025 and the Special Meeting held on November 10, 2025 and inquired as to the approval or disapproval of the minutes. On a motion by Commissioner Onuma, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, and unanimously carried, all of the minutes were approved as written.

Ex-Chief John Perino presented a quote to purchase cooking equipment for the kitchen as well as glassware and flatware. After reviewing the quote and a brief discussion, Commissioner Cullen moved that not more than \$3,500 be expended for this purpose, Commissioner Colmenares seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer had earlier distributed his printed report consisting of the following statements as of October 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 noted that the last payment of \$25,059.16 to the general contractor on the kitchen project was included in the vouchers for this meeting. He noted that releases had been received from the sub-contractors. He suggested that \$27,000 be moved from the Apparatus Replacement Reserve Fund to the Property and Construction Fund. Commissioner Cullen so moved, Commissioner Onuma seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. He noted that the check will be held pending the completion of the punch list and final inspections and the closing of the permit.
2. Another collection effort on behalf of Optimum was received from a different agent and was referred to Counsel.
3. As requested, he prepared and presented an amendment to Article II of the Rules & Regulations to re-number the current Section 15 to Section 16, and add a new Section 15 to read as follows:

Section 15:

It shall be the duty of the Fund Drive Committee to solicit contributions from

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the general public in support of the work of the Department, and to collect and acknowledge the contributions, pay the expenses necessarily incurred by the Committee and pay the net amount collected to the Chief to be disbursed at the Chief's discretion.

After a discussion, and on a motion by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Onuma, the amendment was approved.

4. He noted that the Annual Election would be held on December 9, that the Legal Notice was published in the *Journal News* on November 12, and that the electronic notices would appear on the District and Town web sites on November 19. He also wrote to the Westchester County Board of Elections to obtain an up-to-date list of registered voters.
5. He asked the Board to set the date of the 2026 Organizational meeting so that there would be sufficient time to advertise it. After a discussion, it was decided to hold that meeting on January 6, 2026.
6. He reported the receipt of a copy of a letter from Tara Boyd relating to the Auxiliary.

Chief's Agenda:

1. Chief Martineau reported that four members have been notified that they did not meet the 10% good standing requirement for the quarter ended September 30, 2025.
2. Five sets of gear for exterior members have been received.
3. He inquired about the use of the kitchen for the Children's holiday party and was told the sink and coffee maker were available.
4. He is updating the application process for new members and for communicating with them. He has looked at the process used by other departments. The delay getting a physical is a problem. He asked about conditional approvals for a new member, pending a physical. Commissioner Cullen expressed strong reservations against that process.

Apparatus:

- 1 Commissioner Cullen reported that Tower Ladder 5 is still out of service pending the receipt of parts which have been shipped and are due this week. Firematic will install the parts at Headquarters.

Facilities:

1. Commissioner Onuma reported that he is still waiting for the final inspection of the Ansul system.

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2. Everon has come and replaced two circuits at Everon's expense to remedy the erroneous alarm system reports.
3. Annual maintenance has been performed on both generators.
4. The DCB proposal for plowing is \$17,700 for up to 30 inches per season and \$185 per inch after 30 inches. After a discussion, Commissioner Colmenares moved the approval of the contract, Commissioner Onuma seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Insurance and LOSAP:

1. The Chairman reported the Mandatory Resolution to amend the LOSAP to increase years of credited service from 40 to 50 and to reduce the entitlement age from 65 to 62 would be on the ballot on December 9.
2. He thanked Assistant Chief Scopino for the information he needed to update and renew the Cancer Care policy. There are 19 interior and 9 exterior members in Class I as that class is defined in the policy for whom the premium is \$165 each for enhanced coverage. There are 23 members in Class II plus 3 life members for whom the premium is \$145 each for enhanced coverage. The total is \$8,390. On a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Cullen and unanimously carried, the enhanced coverage was approved.

Technology:

1. Commissioner Colmenares that the Alpine system is being upgraded to a cloud-based system.
2. The new printer in the Chief's office has been installed. The licensing fee for Microsoft Office for 6 computers is \$414 total.
3. There was a long discussion about cyber-security. He advised that the Department does not collect personal information except for the arson check. There was a long discussion which will be re-visited.

New Business:

1. New signage for both parking lots was discussed and was approved on a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Cullen and unanimously carried.
2. There are still some problems with a new access system.

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There being no further business and on a motion by Commissioner Colmenares, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:36PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Langan
Fire District Secretary-Treasurer