Regular Commissioners’ Meeting

Plattekill Fire District

May 27th, 2025

Time: 7:55 PM

Salute to Flag

Commissioner’s Present:

Commissioner Brian Stafford Naye Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Treasurer Cynthia Delgado Aye

Secretary Nancy Papo Aye

Item #1 Public Input: Judy Mayle shared on committee on open government starting in June

New Members:

Item#2 Vouchers: Nothing to report

Item#4 Treasurers Report Nothing to report.

LOSAP would like a zoom meeting with treasurer and some board members.

Item#5 Chief’s Report

**Chiefs Office Report**

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1. This is the updated list for members needing / completed the physical requirement. If the member does not complete the requirement within the specified time limit, the member will be listed as inactive and removed from service until the requirement is met. These members will be unable to participate in training classes they are enrolled in, company drills, parades, functions, or alarms. The chief's office will deactivate the "IAR" app for these members until the requirement is fulfilled. *What is the status of the new medical physical facility for the Plattekill Fire District?*

**Medical Physicals Completed in or for the requirement in 2025.**

1. Barton, Reuban
2. Betanzos, Robert, III
3. Burger, Floyd
4. Cepeda, Antonio
5. Collins, Savannah (new)
6. Cutchin, Quincy
7. Cutchin-Valentin, Jesse
8. Foster, Douglas
9. Foster, Jessica
10. Garcia, Marc (new)
11. Goldstein, Ashley
12. Hoppenstedt, Fran
13. Hoppenstedt, James, Sr
14. Hoppenstedt, Joseph
15. Jackson, Robert
16. Kopaskie, Aaron
17. LaFiandra, Joseph (Due 2026)
18. Lee, Kevin (new)
19. Mancuso, Christopher
20. Mayle, Judith
21. McGrath, Danielle
22. Noboa – Balseca, Juan Carlos (new)
23. Norton, Thomas
24. Paccione, Stephen
25. Papo, Alisha
26. Pisano, Josh
27. Schalm, Steve
28. Slagle, Leo

**Medical Physicals Completed in or for the requirement in 2025 (cont.)**

1. Smith, Marissa (Due 2026)
2. Stack, Matt
3. Stafford, Brian
4. Stephens, Chantal
5. Talley, Phil (Due November 2025)
6. Thomakos, Zoe (Due November 2025)
7. Tirapelli, Kelcy
8. Toth, Bobbie Jo
9. Toth, Doug
10. Toth, Ethan
11. Velazquez, Marilyn
12. Williams, Nataleigh (Due August 2025)

**Interior firefighters no record of medical physical on file as of May 27, 2025**

1. Booth, Dylan
2. Dalton, Justin
3. Hoppenstedt, James, Jr
4. Hoppenstedt, John
5. Kopaskie, Sean
6. Kovacs, Keith, Jr
7. Papo, John
8. Post, Cliff
9. Rollman, Anthony
10. Way, Keith, Jr

**Members with no medical physical record on file as of May 27, 2025**

1. Barrese, Morgan
2. Carter, Doug
3. Grass, David
4. Grasso, Jason
5. Hoppenstedt, Nicole
6. Little, Jayden
7. Lopez, Cameron
8. McGraw, Aaron
9. Merrill, Richard
10. Morales, Isabella
11. Murphy, Mary
12. Needham, Troy
13. Papo, Jordan
14. Platoni, Nick
15. Post, Cliff, Jr
16. Youmans, Jesse

**Purchase Requests / Project Status:**

a. Pop Up Tent, QTY 4, as requested at the last meeting. Pricing is as follows:

1. Strike Visuals, $1,570.00 ea., ($6,280.00)
2. 24 Hour Wrist Bands, $1,688 ea., ($6,752.00)
3. Extreme Canopy, $1,740.00ea., ($6,960.00)
4. EZ-Up $1,817.00 ea., ($7,268.00)

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt made a motion to purchase tents 6280.00. Commissioner Robert Jackson seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

b. Translation ear buds have been ordered and should be here this week.

c. The re-purpose project for 47-46 in underway and currently at Hudson River Truck and Trailer for the new utility body and plow frame repair. The next steps are repairing the running boards, lettering, Cab Detailing, repair lighting and siren issues.

d. All district equipment has been registered with NYS, and we have received all the NYS plates and registrations.

e. The Wallkill Fire District and the Plattekill Fire District are collaborating jointly with each other for a sustainable vehicle stabilization / structural stabilization project for the southern end of the two fire districts. The Wallkill Fire District has moved forward with their solution and ordered their Paratech vehicle stabilization kits. The Chief’s office is budgeting this purchase for 2026 and will be included in the submitted 2026 purchase. This is an advisory piece only and will laid out in detail at our budget workshops.

**Informational aspects points of interest**

1. In the approved NYS Budget, the allowance for billing for fire districts has been extended to an additional five (5) years. Which is Bill 2025-S6255
2. The “Essential service designation” DID NOT get approved in the last budget and is still in the works for 2025. The Nurses union at the last-minute halted progress. I sent you all the information we received at the Commissioner / Chiefs Meeting for UC already via text.
3. Waiver for Ride-along in the Plattekill Fire District, Submitted for review per Board of Commissioners Request

Submitted:

**Christopher Mancus-o**

Chief Christopher Mancuso

Item # 6 New Business

Kevin Lee was diagnosed with serios illness and can no longer be a member at this time.

Gave a cleaning spec for station 2 will be put out to the department first.

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion to put out to membership. Commissioner Richard Merrill seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

A discussion on snow removal and salting gave pricing on sanders 2900.00 and 2995.00.

Going to put together a bid package for snow removal and sanding.

Chris Mancuso going on record we are I dire situation, we need to get billing started to get paid people in the department you have 2 personnel running fire calls. Going to send RFP to billing companies.

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt made a motion to allow chiefs to send out RFP for billing companies to bring back next meeting. Commissioner Robert Jackson seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Item # 7 Old Business

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Robert Jackson seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Adjourned

Submitted Nancy Papo

Time 8:41