

April 16, 2025 PMVFD Board Meeting Agenda

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm.

Roll call/quorum of board members confirmed. Present were Roy Golightly, Jim Miller, Carole Peterson, Jennifer Golightly, Jim Simpson, Ralph Sparks, Doug Hagee, Mike Peterson, Melissa Costa, Chris Lavine, Mike Williams and Mary Beauchamp. Absent were Gerri Parr, John Parr and Judy Miller.

Pledge and Prayer were given by Roy Golightly.

Roy stated that the Minutes of the January 15, 2025 Board Meeting had previously been presented to the board. Mary Beauchamp moved we accept the Minutes of the January 15, 2025 Meeting as submitted, second by Ralph Sparks. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Chris Lavine. Beginning balance of \$57,149.55 as of 12/31/24, deposits of \$9,222.01, disbursements of \$7,477.29 for a balance of \$58,894.27 as of 3/31/25. It was a quiet quarter except for most of the fire dues coming in. We received the 4th quarter sales tax revenue. The main disbursements were for insurance payments as well as a purchase for fire suppression units. Our fire dues are close to where we were 2 years ago. We have received the 1st Quarter Sales Tax money which was over \$3800. We also paid out \$6200 for the new HVAC in the T & E Center. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Melissa Costa, second by Mike Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Events Committee Report was given by Melissa Costa. The Gumbo Fest and Silent Auction netted \$3,034 for the whole event. David and Deanie donated the cost of the gumbo (\$250) to the fire department. We had a total of 109 people present. There are some things we're thinking about changing including raising the price and moving the auction back to 6:30pm plus you must be present to win. The next event is the barbecue with the Kelloggs which will be held on June 14. That is a fire training day but it shouldn't be an issue. The board agreed to raise the cost of the barbecue to \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. The chili could still be \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids. We ran low on the gumbo because we had a lot of people who came back for seconds. The board decided that second helpings on the gumbo and bread pudding should be after 6:30pm. Mike and Barb Cull can tell the people as they come through the line and pay about second helpings and takeout boxes will be given to people who request them at the same time. Motion to accept the Events Committee Report by Mike Williams, second by Mary Beauchamp. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Report was given by Doug Hagee. We had a total of 3 fire calls since our last meeting and that was it. We had a Peel auto aid and a Summit auto aid that were both cancelled. We had a Lakeway auto aid where we stayed for a couple of hours but the fire was in an area that we could not access so we couldn't get to it. Other fire departments in the county have been getting multiple fire calls. Peel was actually

fighting 2 different wildfires while Lakeway had one at the same time. The area south of Yellville has received lots of fire calls. We've had a total of 7 or 8 calls and Lakeway has had over a hundred! There have been a lot of structure fires and a couple of fires that we had past 8010 where someone threw out a cigarette. All the trucks are running well. Jim Miller just painted our tank at S1. We also bought some fire suppression units at \$599 each for use inside a building. They cannot be used outside. We placed one in the rescue and brush truck. They have a 15 year shelf life with a 10 year shelf life for the batteries. They claim it's the equivalent of 100 fire extinguishers and covers a total of 5,000 square feet. They only leave a heavy dust after use which is easily cleaned up. Motion to accept the Fire Report by Jim Simpson, second by Jim Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Medical Responders Report was given by Mary Beauchamp. There was only one call. A lady had fallen and probably broken her hip and was taken by ambulance. She wanted to leave her house unlocked. Doug said it's up to the homeowner as to what they want to do and that's it's a "safe" scene. She only has 3 more firefighters left for CPR training. She also taught 2 junior firefighters with whom she was very impressed with. Motion to accept the Emergency Medical Responders Report by Ralph Sparks, second by Jim Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Webmaster Report was given by Mike Williams. There was not a whole lot to report. Visitors are holding steady at 700 to 900 a month. He met with Melissa once and she has a password and user name but they need to meet again. Ralph's phone number will be placed on the website as the Assistant Fire Chief. Mike reminded board members that if anyone wants a pine mountain website email address separately - he can provide one. Mike is doing some work on the donations page because some of the formatting is off again due to updates but please let him know if you see something since he doesn't look every day. Mike asked if we wanted to consider selling anything on the site in the future. Chris and Melissa said they had been talking about a fundraiser on t-shirts so that may be something to consider. Motion to accept the Webmaster Report by Melissa Costa, second by Chris Lavine. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

The HVAC update was completed in a little under 6 hours; however, the new WIFI thermostat had no instructions. The final charge was \$6200 for the entire HVAC installation.

Jim Miller ripped apart and removed the S1 tank cover and threw it away. He also painted all the metal and styrofoam black. He's going to replace the insulation at the end of the tank closest to the fire station with 2" insulation board and glue it on like he did the other side and paint it.

Our propane usage was 312 gallons in 2023 and this year we will use 350 gallons for all 3 buildings. Chris said maybe as we get into fall this year we may need to reassess the heat in Station 3 but a new thermostat might solve the heat issue.

The Financial Records review was performed by Mary Ann Walker, Jim Simpson and Jim Miller. A copy of the 2024 PMVFD financial review was passed out to the board members at the meeting. Mary Ann did a great job and will continue to audit the financial records in the future.

New Business

We had 39 volunteers at the Roadside Cleanup on Saturday, April 12 who covered over 65 miles. The trailer was full of trash. This was Chris's last year and Debbie Dumas, Chris's neighbor may take it over next year. Chris spent \$830 on t-shirts for the cleanup and requested a partial reimbursement of \$400 at the board meeting. Mike Peterson made a motion to reimburse Chris \$400, second by Mike Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

Roy proposed a by-law change regarding the notice of the annual members meeting. Every year he submits an article to the Mountaineer Echo about the annual members meeting. They did not run it last year despite 3 emails from Roy about the deadline. He found 2 places in the by-laws where the wording needs to be changed from local newspaper and website to website and any other media used for communication with our members. Jim Miller moved to accept the proposed changes, second by Melissa Costa. Motion passed unanimously. The proposed bylaw changes will be presented at the annual members meeting for approval in October 2025. Also, the Financials being posted on the board is also in the by-laws and Chris wondered if that also needed to be updated. Roy said he will take a look at that in the By-Laws and propose a change at the next Board Meeting.

Jack and Melissa mowed on Friday but Melissa wanted to see at the meeting whether or not the mower and trailer could be stored somewhere else besides S2. After some discussion about the best place to keep them - it was decided to leave it like it was and that she and Jack will figure it out.

Doug needs to purchase turnout gear for two new firefighters. They are currently using older gear. All turnout gear is American Made but the cost has gone up substantially. The cost for a complete set (top to bottom) is \$3300 each. It comes out of the 833 money. Carol Peterson made a motion to cap the cost at \$8,000, second by Mike Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Melissa Costa, second by Chris Lavine. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

