

HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
June 10 2014
7 PM

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Commissioners: Stephen DiLorenzo, Chairman	(Present)
Benjamin Bragg	(Present)
Christian Erichsen	(Present)
John Fraino	(Absent)
Dominick Palladino	(Present)

Secretary/Treasurer Jim Passikoff	(Present)
District Clerk Denise A. Holzberger	(Present)
Chief Peter D. Miller	(Present)

1. Opening of meeting- Chairman DiLorenzo called the meeting to order, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and called for a moment of silence for fallen firefighters.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 regular meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting amended as follows:

1. Page 31 regarding the repair of the sinkhole at Station2 should state "in the area where the present fuel tanks are".
2. Page 33 regarding the Hands on Training course it should state that \$50 per member attending per day would be permitted for meals.
3. Page 34 regarding the motion for the Approval of the Hands-on training class should state \$50 per member attending per day would be permitted for meals and this is included in the total cost of \$1100 for the training.

Seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. *2014June10-81*

3. June 2014 Bills against the District- as reviewed on June 9, 2014, 2014 by Chief Miller, Commissioners Palladino and Commissioner Erichsen. Commissioner Erichsen stated that he reviewed the Airflow bill and felt more documentation was needed regarding the actions taken.

Motion: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the payment of the bills as reviewed by himself, Commissioners Palladino and Chief Miller on June 9, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

Motion carried. *2014June10-82*

4. **Correspondence**-District Clerk Holzberger reported the following correspondence was received:
Weld Generator email received regarding generator maintenance scheduling. Commissioner Ben Bragg will be available the week of June 23, 2014.

Certificate of Insurance-received from Main Brothers Oil Co. Inc.

American Red Cross-Thank you letter regarding the Blood Drive 4/29/14

WEX Government Fleet Card Program- Chairman DiLorenzo will research at NYSAFC conference.

Porco energy-info regarding pricing. To turn over to Commissioner Fraino for review.

Avaya-renewal notification

Out-going Correspondence-

Thank you letter sent to Sorbello's for the flowers for the Station 1 and 2.

Requests for Use of the Community Room-

September 19 and 20,21 2014 Highland Library Fall Book Sale requested by Angela Grieco set up Friday 9/19/14, event Saturday 9/20 and Sunday 9/21.

MOTION: Commissioner Bragg moved to approve the Book Sale as requested by Angela Grieco of the Highland Library for Friday 9/19/14, Saturday 9/20/14 and Sunday 9/21/14, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014June10-83

October 3 and 4, 2014 Fall Penny Social requested by Ladies Auxiliary of the Highland Hose Co.1. set up Friday October 3, event Saturday October 4, 2014.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to approve the Fall Penny Social on Friday October 3, 2014 and Saturday October 4, 2014 as requested by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Highland Hose Co. 1,seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014June10-84

October 28, 2014 American Red Cross Blood Drive requested by Steve Leary 1 pm to 6 pm

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the Blood Drive on October 28,2014 as requested by the American Red Cross, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014June10-84

EVOC class-VFIS dates pending from our agent at Quilty Dwyer.

NYS Firefighter II class September 3,8,9,15,17,23,24,29 and October 1, 2014 6:30PM to 10:30 PM requested by Everett Erichsen (31B).

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to approve the NYS Firefighter II class as requested by Everett Erichsen ,seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014June10-85

Note: Fireman's Home BBQ scheduled for September 14, 2014 as per Toni Elia

5. New Member Interviews/Approvals-

Maxwell Ebnetter and Laurence Rocco Roberto

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that to be approved as a member , a physical exam must be successfully completed. Duty nights are important because they are an opportunity to work with the experienced members. New members are on probation for one year . Chairman DiLorenzo stated that new members should go to the officers with any questions.

Commissioner Palladino stated that if injured in the line of duty , Highland Fire District is the employer.

Approval of New Member

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to accept **Maxwell Ebnetter** pending his successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried 2014June10-86

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to accept **Laurence Rocco Roberto** as member pending his successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014June10-87

6. Committee Reports: Buildings and Grounds: St. 1 Commissioners Bragg and DiLorenzo

Audio Visual- Chairman DiLorenzo stated that there is still a bit of additional work to be completed

Verizon Micro-Cell – Commissioner Bragg reported that we are waiting to hear from Verizon.

Outside Lighting-Commissioner Bragg stated that the upgrade of outside lighting for Station 1 and Station 2 is pending further information from Central Hudson.

Ambulance Bay Door- Chairman DiLorenzo reported that Dutchess Overhead Doors came out as a result of a report of the motor smoking. Dutchess Overhead reset the mechanism and stated that nothing was found (regarding the smoking motor)

Painting of Interior of St 1- George Ottaviano gave us an estimate of \$4300 to touch up the paint throughout Station 1. This includes labor, paint and materials. This includes repair of the wallpaper border in the community room. We are responsible for removing all the pictures . This will probably take place in the Fall 2014.

Highland Library-It was noted that JoAnn Lowenthal (library committee) contacted us thanking us for meeting with the committee but the committee is pursuing another venue at this time.

Generator Maintenance-will take place the week of June 23, 2014.

St. 2 power washing- Commissioner Erichsen stated that it looks good and the mold is off.

Dry Hydrant St 2.-Commissioner Chris Erichsen reported that Thruway Trucks are blocking our dry hydrant at St .2 and they should not be there. Commissioner Bragg asked Commissioner Erichsen to stop and talk with them.

Fence St 2-Commissioner Erichsen stated that there is wood and debris against the fence at St 2. We should meet with our landscaper to review where our property line for the purposes of mowing.

Shed-Commissioner Erichsen reported that he will meet with Michael Krusen and we should have a plan next meeting.

7. Apparatus Repair: Commissioners Erichsen and DiLorenzo

Chief Miller reported that everything is in good shape. Assistant Chief Jim Anzalone has been asked to contact Nichols regarding the camera.

31-20-will go to Nichols after July 4th for some warranty work

31-10-fuel gauges are not accurate

Pump Test- cost is \$1250 (Waterway)

Hose Test-every 3-4 years

8. Insurance/Workers Comp-Commissioners Fraino and Palladino

EVOC class- Chief Miller reported that he is in correspondence with Linda Flanagan regarding a VFIS sponsored EVOC class.

PERMA-Chairman DiLorenzo reported that we have been awarded a certificate for our timely filing of injury reports.

9. Physicals/Health Program- letters sent out through July 22, 2014

10. Physical Fitness Program-Commissioners Erichsen, DiLorenzo and Chief Miller

Next report will be at July 2014 meeting (Quarterly)

11. Capital Improvement-Commissioners Bragg and DiLorenzo

Nothing to report

12. New Apparatus-nothing to report

13. Ulster County Fire District Association- Bragg, DiLorenzo, Erichsen

Commissioner Bragg attended the meeting at Rosendale; next meeting to be held at Wallkill. The big issue is the radio systems. All departments are talking about this, but the Bureau of Fire should be pushing for this. Chief Miller reported that there was discussion of the radio system and the cost of a new system and the impact of the tax cap.

Ulster County Fire Advisory Board-Chairman DiLorenzo reported that Augie Passante resigned and we need representation.

14. Service Awards-Commissioners Palladino, Chief, HHCo. Pres. Or their designee

May 2014 activity posted June 9, 2014

Chairman DiLorenzo noted that Phil DeAngelo was here and there was discussion regarding how much longer it would take to become full funded and cost if we increase the benefit from 20 to 30 years. Our average contribution over the last five years has been \$141,000. Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we have been adding to the funding each year and he would like to move forward with increasing to 30 years.

Commissioner Bragg stated that if we vote on it, but the public does not approve the increase, we can still continue to put \$140,000 into the Service Award budget. We should vote on it as a Board and go forward with the referendum in December 2014.

15. Treasurer Report-Treasurer Passikoff

Treasurer Passikoff reviewed the May 2014 financial report. Treasurer Passikoff reported that we are on the plus side with Insurance and Workers compensation. The Buildings are in good shape. There is \$984,000 in the Apparatus Reserve, \$317,800 in the Building Reserve and \$25,000 in the Repair Reserve.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to accept the May 2014 Financial Report as submitted by the Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014 June 10-88

There was discussion regarding the amounts in the apparatus Reserve and the importance of an Apparatus Plan. Treasurer Passikoff noted the importance of Commissioners reviewing the bank statements.

17. Inspection Dinner-

September 12, 2014 The Would

18. Public Comment -none

19. Chiefs Report-

Attempted Exotic Bird rescue-Chief Miller reported that we were called in to attempt to rescue an exotic bird that had broken free from 69 South Street.

31-80- request to use to go to NYSAFC in Verona NY

WOTH- The 40th Anniversary of the fire on the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge took place on May 6, 2014. Members of Highland Hose company were present and we received an award for our participation at the fire.

Firefighter Boot Camp-July to July 18, 2014 . 28 firefighters are signed up; this was initiated by Ulster. There was discussion regarding food for the class and how to provide it.

Fireworks- July 4, 2014 on the Walkway over the Hudson and on July 5, 2014 in the Town of Lloyd.

Email- Chief Miller noted that email does not seem to be coming through on mobile devices. District Clerk to contact Northeast Computers.

Pagers- we have two spare pagers for our new members.

31-90-For the fireworks standby, 31-90 will be at the river and the trailer will be at the WOTH.

EZ-pass-Chief Miller stated that he will discuss the toll charges with the Bridge Authority.

Oil Transport-Chief Miller reported that he had attended a meeting regarding the transportation by train. Chief Miller explained that crude oil is different from oil that is obtained from fracking. Oil obtained from fracking is high in gas and thinner than crude which makes it more flammable.

Water emergency- Chief Miller reported that today a dive team and boat was requested for a water emergency. City of Poughkeepsie boat was unavailable due to training. Chief Miller stated he will be researching.

Grant status- nothing to report

CSX claim-nothing back

EMT Reimbursement- pending from NYS Department of Health

20. Old Business

Cell Phone Policy-Chairman DiLorenzo reported that the committee had met and reviewed a draft policy from the Fire District's Officers Guide and we will probably go with that one.

Acceptance of Painting Proposal

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to accept George Ottaiviano's proposal to paint at Station 1 at a cost of \$4300, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014June10-89

Approval of Purchase of pagers

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the purchase of 7 new high band pagers at a cost of \$400 for the officers, total cost of approximately \$2800, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014June10-90812014June10-90

Approval of 31-45 to Hudson Valley Parade

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve 31-45 out of town to the Hudson Valley Parade at Lake George June 20, 2014 to June 22, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014June10-91

Approval of Pressure Washing St.1

MOTION: Commissioner Bragg moved to approve the pressure washing of Station 1 at a cost of \$2200 by Welch and Sons, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014June10-92

LOSAP Revision- tabled until next meeting for vote.

AV Update- Chairman DiLorenzo reported that the AV upgrade has been completed and there will be a training session held for the officers.

FF1 Boot Camp- there was discussion regarding refreshments for the training that would be held here at Station 1. Commissioner Erichsen stated that we invited them to hold the training here.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve up to \$1500 be expended to provide lunch and breakfast for approximately 30 attendees for 10 consecutive days in July 2014, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: Chairman Steve DiLorenzo NO Commissioner Ben Bragg YES
Commissioner John Fraino Absent Commissioner Chris Erichsen YES
Commissioner Lindy Palladino YES

Motion was carried. 2014June10-93

Porco Gas- information regarding prices. To be directed to Commissioner Fraino.

21. Adjournment-

MOTION: There being no further business, Commissioner Bragg moved to adjourn at 8 : 52 PM, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014June10-94

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED July 8, 2014 BOFC