

**HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 4, 2014**  
**1PM**

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<b>Commissioners:</b> Stephen DiLorenzo, Chairman	(Present)
Benjamin Bragg	(Present)
Christian Erichsen	(Present)
John Fraino	(Present)
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. Chairman DiLorenzo stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review the 2015 proposed Budget. Mark Reynolds of the Southern ulster Times was also present.

**2. Review of Proposed 2015 Budget-**

Treasurer Passikoff reviewed the columns and made brief comments regarding that the \$1057360 is 2 % compliant. LOSAP is included in the increase of the tax levy. Total increase is \$42,355 of which \$30,000 is for the LOSAP upgrade.

Page 1 Top-Treasurer Passikoff noted that the interest is a guess.

\$12,000 Rent is from the Town of Lloyd.

Bond will increase this year (Police Station); it is an additional \$5000.

Salaries-2% increase for the custodial staff, clerk . \$600 for Treasurer.

The Deferred compensation is up 2 % due to salary increase.

No changes in the Equipment line. Chief Miller stated that the 2-way radio project is still alive.

Administrative expenses- reduction of \$250 for meeting notices.

Office expenses-increased to \$19,200. No change for travel

Buildings and Grounds-Station 1: increased electric and natural gas; looks like it will be \$8000 for 2014.

St 1 major repairs \$15,000. \$20,000 is designated for normal expenses.

St.2 major repairs \$14,000.

Community room –left the same. It will be close to \$12,00 in 2014.

Hydrant Rental-left the same

Apparatus Repair-\$70,000. Same as 2014. (\$10,000 budget for ladder truck, \$10,000 for major repairs and \$50,000 for general repairs.

Gasoline and Diesel-\$25,000 for both.

Firematic Equipment-same as last year.

SCBA-Commissioner Bragg asked Chief Miller if we are okay. Chief Miller stated that right now the grant is still alive; we have not been denied.

\$20,000 for Two way radios. This should be okay if we have a \$20,000 excess over expense.

Commissioner Bragg asked Chief Miller if we are okay with gear. Chief Miller stated that we are waiting to see about grant. If that fails we need to re-group.

SCBA bottles expire 2/15 cost would be over \$100,000. This is the Firefighter Assistance Grant. This is 90% Federal and 10% local funds.

Radio Lines, Cell-added to budget.

Audit fees-added \$50 for confirmation fees.

Due to not using all the full 2% in the past, we have an additional \$11,000. We still have to pass a resolution to go over the cap. It was noted that we are still under our spending limitation—we are under approximately \$585,000.

Exclusionary items include Bond payments, Salaries, LOSAP, Insurance, Workers compensation and Social Security.

It was noted that we have \$995,000 in the Apparatus Reserve, however half of our fleet is almost or is 20 years old.

Commissioner Fraino arrived at 2:14 PM.

There being no further business to discuss, At 2:20 PM, Commissioner Bragg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion was carried unan. *2014Sept04-128*

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise A. Holzberger, Clerk

Approved BOFC 9/9/14