

HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2015
7:00 PM St 1

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Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(Present)	
	Benjamin Bragg	(Absent)	
	Christian Erichsen	(Present)	
	John Fraino	(Present)	arrived at 7:10 PM
	Lindy Palladino	(Absent)	
Secretary/Treasurer:	James Passikoff	(Present)	
District Clerk:	Denise A. Holzberger	(Present)	
Chief	Peter Miller	(Present)	

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

2. Approval of minutes- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for motions to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting and the March 10, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 AYE 0 NO 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried.

Table approval of March 10, 2015 minutes until Commissioner Fraino arrives.

3. Bills- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by Commissioners Palladino and Fraino and Chief Miller on April 13, 2015.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to approve the bills totaling \$35,913.13 as reviewed on April 13, 2015 by himself, Commissioner Fraino and Chief Miller, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 3 AYE 0 NO 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried.

4. LOSAP Funding Report- Chairman DiLorenzo stated that at this time Phil DeAngelo of Focused Wealth Management will report on our LOSAP Funding status. Mr.

DeAngelo reported that accounts are up 4 % this year so far. Investment portfolio is doing well. HFD is in a good spot as far as 60/40 investment allocation. We have had very strong performance. Funding is pushing 85%.

Chairman Dilorenzo thanked Mr. DeAngelo for coming in.

5. Correspondence-District Clerk Holzberger reported the following correspondence received:

Fire District Affairs- April/May 2015 rec'd

Cert of Ins-rec'd from Airflow

Disclosure Statement-from Quilty Dwyer

Quilty Dwyer Insurance- rec'd \$91.00 check refund of premium

2015 Current Officers-Election Results from Hose Co.

Letter from VDDW-re: 2014 audit field work

Letter from American Legion -re: Memorial Day Parade

Disclosure-from Rose & Kiernan

PERMA email re: small refund may be due

Fireman's Home BBQ- Certificate of Insurance rec'd

Letter from Robert L. Pardy-read aloud by District Clerk

Room Requests-

April 12, 2014-Ulster County Chiefs Council meeting Thursday April 12, 2015 requested by E Erichsen. Previously approved.

Saturday, April 11, 2015 for Surprise Birthday Party 2 PM to 10 PM requested by Dave Parker. Previously approved.

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 11 IS to 8 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive requested by Steve Leary

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve use of the community room for an American Red Cross Blood Drive on August 25, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Lindy Palladino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 Lloyd Health Volunteers meeting 1 PM to 3 PM requested by Adele Gibbons

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve use of the community room by the Lloyd Health Volunteers for the purpose of holding a meeting, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

FF I Boot Camp June 17, 2015 through July 27, 2015. It was noted that at this time no one from Highland Fire District is attending. Lunch will be provided by Ulster County.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the use of the community room for Firefighter I Boot Camp, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

APPROVAL of March 10, 2015 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 1 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. Commissioner Palladino abstained.

Chairman DiLorenzo noted that he would like to hold a special meeting on April 27, 2015 for the purpose of discussing the renovation project at Station 2. ISO planning sessions will be held in the future.

6. NEW MEMBER INTERVIEWS/MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS-none

7.COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings and Grounds ST 1-Cmrs. Bragg and DiLorenzo

Verizon Micro-Cell- Chairman DiLorenzo reported that this is not a dead issue; response to our legal counsel's comments are pending.

Generator maintenance ST 1- GenTech, New Windsor Chief Miller is working on this and a service date will be set up upon the Chairman's return from vacation.

Security Upgrade Project-Chairman DiLorenzo reported that all cameras and screens have been installed. Screen in District office remains to be activated: pending a "card" to be installed by Northeast Computers. Once that is completed, the system can be up and running.

Lawn Care Proposals- three received as follows:

D & D Property Maintenance cut/trim weekly \$75.00 (St 1 and 2)

FB's lawn mowing \$50 per service (St 1 and 2)

Garone Landscaping \$80 per mow (St 1 and St 2)

See attached proposals

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we should read through these carefully and call them for any needed clarification. Will discuss during business session.

Podium- has been ordered

New Fitness Equipment- has been ordered. Cost to be split between District and Hose Company.

Buildings and Grounds St.2-Cmrs. Erichsen and Fraino

Station 1 Shed- Commissioner Erichsen reported that the electrician will install 2 new LED lights and rough out electrical in addition.

8. Apparatus Repair-

Chief Miller reported that he is working with Nichols reviewing a bill.

31-10 radiator-working with Erichsen's and Highland Radiator; savings is about \$5000.

9. New Officers- Chairman DiLorenzo announced the officers for 2015. Commissioner Fraino stated that the Board and officers had a quiet year and looks forward to working with the officers again. Tonight the Board is prepared to approve them.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the officers as elected by the Highland Hose Company as follows: Chief Peter Miller, First Assistant James Anzalone, Second Assistant Mike Gaffney, Third Assistant Everett Erichsen, Captain Kevin Rizzo, First Lieutenant George Monteverdi and Second Lieutenant Joseph DeFillipo, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

10. Insurance/Workers Compensation-Commissioners Fraino and Palladino

District Clerk Holzberger reported that the certificate of insurance has been sent up to FASNY for the Fireman's BBQ in September.

11. Physical Fitness Program-Cmrs. Erichsen, DiLorenzo and Chief Miller

1st Quarter 2015 total \$ 152.50 disbursed to 4 members

It was noted that more members are using the workout room; we should look at installing an occupancy light for safety purposes. To check with electrician.

12. New Apparatus-2015 1750 GPM Pumper/Tanker

Pre-build meeting was held.

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

Next meeting May 21, 2015

14. Service Awards- March 2015 Activity posted April 1, 2015

2014 Census submitted

15. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Passikoff

March 2015 report distributed to Board

Treasurer Passikoff noted that the new Chief's car is on page 3. Equipment will be posted to the permissive referendum line. Insurance is under budget. Our left over fund balance from 2014 was approx. \$41,000.

16. Inspection Dinner -September 18, 2015 The Would

17. Public Comment-

Robert L. Pardy commented on Commissioner Erichsen's attendance, LOSAP funding, doubling the Service Award Benefit per month, and inquired regarding the cost of our Audit.

18. Chief's Report-Chief Miller reported the following:

ISO meeting-April 28, 2015

Training April 21, 2015-(Mark McLees, instructor)to split cost with Milton Fire District
Repeater Test- need to program 2 radios to test.

31-80- need authorization for 31-80 to go to Montour Falls April 27, 2015 to May 1, 2015.
Two firefighters will be going for training.

UCFCA- April 16, 2015 will meet here at Highland Fire District.

Fire Officer II -at Montour Falls December 7 to December 11, 2015; cost is \$216

Fire EXPO- Harrisburg May 15, 2015

Generator Service-to schedule after April 27, 2015.

Memorial Day Parade-May 25, 2015

Training Center- 31A to obtain plywood for training center

Lloyd Police Department-will be operating in bays on Wednesday nights

2015 1750 GPM Pumper/Tanker-should be completed by the end of August 2015

Turning Stone- June 2015 Commissioner Training will be there. Need to approve a vehicle for this event.

New Paltz Fire District-new slate of officers

Mandatory Training Make-up- working on make-up possibilities.

19. Old Business-

Cell Phone Policy- need to work on

2014 AUD- extension requested and approved; due to 2014 final expenses.

20. New Business

Approval of Cars to Fire EXPO

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize the use of command vehicles as well as allow for breakfast and dinner for those attending Fire Expo in Harrisburg , Pennsylvania on May 15, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Approval of attendance at NYSAFC conference at Turning Stone

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve a car, entrance fees and Breakfast and dinner expenses for attendance at the NYSAFC at Turning Stone on June 19, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Approval for Attendance at Montour Falls April 27-May 1, 2015

MOTION : Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve two firefighters to attend training at Montour Falls April 27 to May 1, 2015, including registration fee for the course, lodging and meals, and use of 31-80 for transportation, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Approval of Attendance at Fire Officer's II December 7 to December 11, 2015

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve attendance at Fire Officer's II course at Montour Falls, including the use of a chief's vehicle, course registration and tuition, meals and lodging December 7 to December 11, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Appropriation of 2014 Unexpended Funds

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to allocate the 2014 fund balance of \$41875.73 to the LOSAP Fund, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

21. Executive Session-

MOTION: At 8:15 PM, Commissioner Palladino moved to go to executive session to discuss a medical issue of a specific member, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

22. Return to Regular session-

MOTION: At 8:33 PM Commissioner Fraino moved to return to the regular session, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

23. Special Meeting-

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to hold a special meeting on April 27, 2015 at 7 PM to discuss the Renovations at Station 2, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

24. Lawn Care Proposals-

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to accept the proposal from FB's Lawn Care as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 1 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. Commissioner Erichsen abstained.

25. ADJOURNMENT-

MOTION: There being no further business, Commissioner Palladino moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk