

HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

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August 11, 2015

7:00 PM St 1

Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(Present)
	Benjamin Bragg	(Absent)
	Christian Erichsen	(Present)
	John Fraino	(Present)
	Lindy Palladino	(Present)

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 all fallen firefighters.

2. Approval of minutes- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 regular meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 regular meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

3. Bills- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by Commissioners Palladino and Fraino and Chief Miller on August 11, 2015.

Regarding the Zoll bill, it was noted that the Town of Lloyd Police Department would reimburse the fire district for two units. (AEDs). The Quill bill and the Motorola bill were pulled from the abstract. There were two late arrivals: Timberline \$8443.50 and Nichols \$2151.70. Chief Miller explained that we have trying to get more details from Nichols and we have received the detail.

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the bills totaling \$43232.41 as reviewed on July 13 and 14, 2015 by Commissioners Palladino and Fraino and Chief Miller, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 AYE 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

4. Correspondence-District Clerk Holzberger reported the following received:
Check \$316 from Quilty Dwyer for refund of premium-deletion of 2005 Chevy
Fire Districts of NY Mutual Insurance Co. -renewal application
Certificate of Liability Insurance- Heritagenergy
ASFDSNY- Fall 2015 Workshop-copies distributed to Board
American Red Cross-Thank you letter

Room Requests:

Tuesday December 29, 2015 1 Pm to 6 Pm American Red Cross Blood Drive requested by Steve Leary.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the community room for an American Red Cross Blood on December 29, 2015 from 1 PM to 6 PM as requested by Steve Leary, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 AYE 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

5. NEW MEMBER INTERVIEWS/MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS

Chairman DiLorenzo welcomed the following prospective new members:

Idel Patterson

Joel Palmiteer

Stephenson Acquah

Chairman DiLorenzo thanked the new members for joining and explained that we are strict here as this is a serious business; the more you put in the more rewarding an experience you will have. Chairman DiLorenzo encouraged them to ask questions of the officers. Commissioner Palladino stated that in the event of injury in the line of duty, Highland Fire District is considered your employer as it pertains to workers compensation.

Commissioner Fraino stated that it is a privilege to belong here; we have a very proud membership. He also thanked them for volunteering.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to approve Idel Patterson, Joel Palmiteer and Stephenson Acquah as members pending their successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 AYE 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings and Grounds ST 1-Cmrs. Bragg and DiLorenzo

Broken Water Pipe 7/15/2015-Chairman DiLorenzo reported that caused damage to our phone system. The Firefighter I class did the salvage work and did a great job cleaning up. Six phones in the Fire House are not working. We will follow-up with our insurance agent regarding coverage.

Re-keying -Chairman Dilorenzo stated that we had discussed re-keying the firehouses. A& R Security quoted \$ 4 for each key; it would be approx. \$3000 to re-key.

Generator Service-Gentech serviced our generators on august 7, 2015. Commissioner Bragg met with the tech. At St.1 the exercise clock was not working; this is a connection with Safeco. St 2 was in good shape; however mice had eaten through some of the wires. A proposal is pending; this should be a priority to repair. Both generators should be tied into Safeco. Perhaps there is a system to allow Safeco to text us when there is a problem.

Verizon Micro-Cell-Verizon is putting out to bid for contractors; there will be separate electric meters.

Town of Lloyd Police Station- Chairman DiLorenzo stated that there was a leak due to A/C Airflow repaired. We needed to replace ceiling tiles which we purchased at Lowes.

Station 1 Painting-Commissioner Bragg getting quotes for power washing.

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

Shed- Commissioner Erichsen reported that exterior finishing to begin next week; waiting for a call back from George Ottaviano. Valley is lined up for the top soil.

7. Apparatus Repair-Cmrs. Erichsen and Dilorenzo

31-60- Chief Miller reported that the generator went to Cummins.

8. Insurance/Workers compensation-Cmrs. Fraino and Palladino

Broken Water Pipe- to contact Linda Flanagan regarding coverage.

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

1st Qtr. 2015 total \$ 152.50 disbursed to 4 members

2nd Qtr. 2015- Total \$75.50 disbursed to two members

9. New Apparatus-nothing to report

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

Next Meeting September 17, 2015 Tom Rinaldi will be the guest speaker

Commissioner Erichsen to handle the food; food will be served at 6:30 pm.

11. Service Awards-July 2015 Activity Report posted

12. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Passikoff distributed the July 2015 financial report.

Treasurer Passikoff reported that we are waiting for the truck repairs. He stated that an adjustment was made for the permissive referendum for the Chief's car: \$43884 was the total and the referendum was for \$46,000.

Treasurer Passikoff distributed the report for the 2016 Budget Prep. The Board decided to meet Monday September 14, 2015 at 7 Pm to discuss the budget. We need the timetable for the 2016 Budget. (Pending the Fire District Affairs Bulletin).

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to accept the July 2015 financial report as submitted by the Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 AYE 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

13. Inspection Dinner -September 18, 2015 The Would

Invitations sent out 8/6/15

14. Public Comment-none

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

September 12, 2015- 75th Anniversary Parade for Esopus. Permission needed to take apparatus.

September 11, 2015-ceremony here at headquarters at 6:30 PM

August 25, 2015-Fireman's Night at the Marist Camp; Touch a Truck. Permission needed to take a truck.

ISO- nothing to report

September 15, 2015-School Bus Evacuation Drill

31-80- August 18, 2015 UCVFA meeting at Modena. Request Mike Depaola use 31-80 to attend.

Grant Status-under consideration; Chief Miller to contact Chuck Schumer's office. Every week an award is given; Senator's office will notify us. NYSAFC was awarded \$245,000 for fire prevention materials. LaGrange Fire District (Dutchess County) was awarded a grant for \$114,000 for equipment.

Fire Prevention- materials have arrived. It was noted that our message and presentations are NFPA compliant.

16. Old Business-

AFDSNY Fall Workshop-this is the last year at Ellenville
Cell Phone Policy- we need to work on.

17. New Business

Gentech Proposals

MOTION-Commissioner Fraino moved that when the Gentech quotes for service to the generators at Station 1 and 2 arrive, they be forwarded to the Board members and upon approval; proceed with the work, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 AYE 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Phone System

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved that we should obtain the module and have the system re-programed, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 AYE 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

75th Anniversary Parade at Esopus

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve attendance with trucks at the 75th Anniversary Parade at Esopus on September 12, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 AYE 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Fireman's Night

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve 31-40 to the Fireman's Night at the Marist Camp on August 25, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 AYE 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

31-80 to Modena

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve 31-80 for use by Mike Depaola on August 18, 2015 for the UCVFA meeting in Modena, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 AYE 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Times Herald Record Request-information sent

18. Records Management-pending

19. Executive Session-

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to go to executive session at 8:14 PM, to discuss the employment history of a particular individual, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 AYE 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried

20. Return to Regular session and Adjournment-

MOTION: At 8:17 PM, Commissioner Palladino moved to return to the regular session of the meeting and there being no further business moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 AYE 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk