

HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 12, 2015
7:00 PM St 1

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Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(Present)
	Benjamin Bragg	(Absent)
	Christian Erichsen	(Absent)
	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. Chairman DiLorenzo stated that Phil DeAngelo of Focused Wealth Management will speak to us regarding out LOSAP investments.

Mr. DeAngelo gave a brief market review and explained we are approximately in the 80's as far as funding percentage. Draw down is about 4.7% and dividends are about 4.1%. Overall, we are in good shape. Chairman DiLorenzo thanked Phil for coming in.

2. Approval of minutes- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 regular meeting, September 14, 2015 special meeting and the September 23, 2015 special meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2015 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

It was noted that there was a minor clerical error on page 67: High-Band.

3. Bills- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by himself and Commissioner Fraino and Chief Miller on October 9, 2015.

MOTION: Commissioner moved to authorize payment of the bills totaling \$42,592.74, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried unan.

It was noted that the bills included the interest for the Police Bond due Sept 1, 2015.

4. Correspondence-District Clerk Holzberger reported the following received:

AFDSNY-Fall 2015 Workshop Oct 29-Nov 1 at Honors Haven

ISO-letter received

Fire District Affairs-received and distributed to all commissioners

Fire Districts of NY Mutual Insurance Co., Inc.-letter regarding premium rates

Association of Fire District-Regional Training -Nov 21 2015 at Rombout Fire District

Requests for Use of the Community Room

Saturday December 12, 2015 set up and Sunday December 13, 2015 Highland Hose Company #1 Kids Holiday party. All day set up and all day party. Requested by Highland Hose Co. #1.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to approve the request for use of the community room by the Highland Hose Company #1 for the Kids Holiday Party, set up Saturday December 12, 2015 and Sunday December 13, 2015 party, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Saturday, December 19, 2015 Highland Hose Company #1 Member Christmas Party, All day. Requested by Highland Hose Company #1.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to approve the request for use of the community room by the Highland Hose Company #1 for the Member Holiday Party, with set up on Friday December 18, 2015 and party on the evening of December 19, 2015, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Authorization for Highland Hose Company #1 to permit Alcohol at Holiday Party

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to permit Highland Hose Company # 1 to provide wine and beer at the Holiday party on December 19, 2015, and that members may bring their own alcoholic beverages for consumption and only members 21 or over shall be permitted to consume alcoholic beverages, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

5. New Membership-none

6. Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds St 1-Commissioners Bragg and DiLorenzo
Verizon Micro-Cell- pending contractor as reported last month. A separate account will be opened just for the deposit of these funds.

Generator Repairs-Gentech has some additional repairs.

Training Center- Chairman Dilorenzo stated that once Dave K is on board as our handy man he will paint the training center

IT- Chairman DiLorenzo stated that as there have been complaints of slow response with internet usage, he will have someone come in to review and evaluate our system. Chief Miller requested 2 UPS devices be purchased for the computers (APC)

Phone System- has been installed; looking at having messages sent to email. Voicemail for Fire Prevention set up. Remember dial 9 to get out. There was discussion regarding extending the number of rings prior to going to voicemail. It was decided to leave as is and monitor.

SAFECO-Chairman Dilorenzo stated that we have been having trouble with the alarm system. On Saturday we had to change out the key pad and Wednesday we had the same problem again. We will get with Safeco to remedy.

Buildings and Grounds ST 2-Commissioners John Fraino and Chris Erichsen

St.2 Storage Building -Commissioner Fraino reported that the electrical work, concrete work and paint have been completed. Installation of locks to be completed; one more core needed.

7. **New Apparatus**-Chief Miller reported that the inspection trip is tentative for after Thanksgiving.

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8. **Insurance and Workers Compensation**-nothing to report

9. **Physical Fitness**- report pending

10. **Ulster County Association of Fire Districts**- next meeting November 19, 2015 at Ulster Hose.

11. **Service Awards**-Received a good report from Phil DeAngelo regarding our funding status.

12. **Treasurer's Report**- September 2015 financial report. Treasurer Passikoff reported that all looks fine; service on trucks is left to do. Chief Miller noted that the ladder truck is to be greased. Some maintenance will be done in Spring 2016.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to accept the Treasurer's report for September 2015 as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

13. **Public Comment:** none

14. **Old Business**-
Cell Phone Policy- pending.

15. **Proposed 2016 Budget**-hearing October 20, 2015 4 PM

16. **Annual Election**-December 8, 2015 6 pm to 9 pm

Resolution Appointing Board of Elections

MOTION: Commissioner DiLorenzo moved to appoint the Election Officials for the 2015 Annual Election as follows: Mary Darcy, Chairman, Pat Winchell and Elena Muscarella Election Inspectors, and Candace Benson and Barbara Vache Ballot Clerks. Seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Resolution designating date of the Election and publication of notices

MOTION: Commissioner DiLorenzo moved to hold the Annual Election on December 8, 2015 at headquarters, 25 Milton Avenue, from 6 Pm to 9 PM to elect one commissioner for a five year term commencing January 1, 2015, direct the Secretary to publish the notices as directed by law, direct the election inspectors to comply with using the registration list certified by the Ulster county Board of Elections, and compensate the election clerks and inspectors, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried. (See Resolution in its entirety)

17. Membership Interviews-10/21/15 7 PM 3 interviews

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

Pump Testing-October 14, 2015 Thursday

Live Burn Drill -moving to Saturday; Esopus to participate

Hazmat Training-Nov 17, 2015 6:30 PM in-house

November and December-Driver Re-cert

Lloyd Police- phone problem

Damaged Gear/Equipment- gear and hose was damaged at alarm on October 2, 2015

Working on claim. Bail out systems need new webbing; Gemtor and gear will go to Minerva.

Ladder Testing-To be scheduled.

Grant- still alive; but we should have an alternate plan.

19. AFDSNY-conference October 30, 2015 Honor's Haven

20. New Business-

Out of town- Commissioner Fraino noted that he would out of town 10/21/15-10/30/15

MLSS Contract- Commissioners Fraino and DiLorenzo spoke with Supervisor Paul Hansut regarding the contract with Mobile Life Support Services.

Station 1 Exterior- Chairman DiLorenzo stated that more than just paint is needed in some areas. Chairman DiLorenzo requested authorization from the Board to proceed with getting specifications from Mauri and Associates.

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to authorize Chairman DiLorenzo to proceed with getting specification from Mauri and Associates for the repair work of the exterior of Station 1, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

21. Adjournment-

MOTION: There being no further business, Commissioner Fraino moved to adjourn at 8 :15 PM, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED BOFC 11/10/15