

HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2015
7:00 PM St 1

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Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(Present)
	Benjamin Bragg	(Present)
	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.

2. Approval of minutes- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 regular meeting. Chairman DiLorenzo stated we would table the approval of the minutes until Commissioner Fraino arrives.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to approve the bills which total \$11992.82, as reviewed by Commissioners Palladino and Erichsen on September 3, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

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

Ulster County Board of Elections-our facilities will not be used for the Sept . 10 primary. General Election is November 3, 2015 and our facilities will be used then.

Notice of Public Hearing-Town of Lloyd for Highland Water District

Letter from AFDSNY-next meeting September 17, 2015 here at Highland

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

Robert Pardy- letter received regarding 2016 Budget suggestions

Requests for Use of the Community Room

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 12 PM to 1 PM for NYSDCP Retirement Meeting for CSEA -Town of Lloyd Highway Department requested by Eugene Roosa

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to approve the request for use of the community room by Eugene Roosa of the Town of Lloyd Highway Department for Wednesday September 8, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

5. New Membership-none

6. Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds St 1-Commissioners Bragg and DiLorenzo

Verizon Micro-Cell-Commissioner Bragg reported that the building permit has been obtained; pending a contractor.

Locks- Chairman DiLorenzo reported a meeting with A & R is pending; Cost is estimated to be a couple of thousand dollars.

Phone System St 1-Chairman DiLorenzo reported that we estimate 20 new phones are needed; we will have a paging system and call forwarding. We received approximately \$9800 from our insurance as a result of the broken water pipe and this will cover the cost of the new phone system.

Generator Service- to schedule repair with GenTech

SAFECO-There was as small flood at the Police station; repairs done by Airflow. Safeco scheduled for 9/22 15 at 2 PM to review.

St 1 Paint (Exterior)-Commissioner Bragg to contact a local paint contractor for estimate.

Buildings and Grounds St 2-Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

Shed-Fascia and Soffit Started; grading and seeding pending; paint complete on interior.

7. Apparatus Repair- Chief Miller reported the following:
October 14, 2015-pump testing

8. Insurance/Workers Compensation-Commissioners Fraino and Palladino
Commissioner Palladino commented on the quick response by our carrier, VFIS and our agent, Linda Flanagan when we had the broken pipe on July 15, 2015.

9. Physical Fitness Program- Commissioners Erichsen, DiLorenzo and Chief Miller
Next report will be 3rd quarter 2015 at the October 12, 2015 meeting.

10. New Apparatus- 2015 1750 GPM Pumper/Tanker
Nothing to report.

11. Ulster County Fire District Association- September 17, 2015 at Highland Fire District. Estimate of 50-80 attendees.

12. Service Awards- August 2015 Activity will be posted by end of week.

13. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Passikoff reviewed the August 2015 financial report that was distributed to the Board. It was noted that we received \$9837 from VFIS (insurance recovery) for Broken Water pipe on July 15, 2015. November and December expenses usually pick up. We only used \$43834 for the 2015 Chevy and the referendum was \$45,000.

2016 Budget-tax cap .73 %. Efficiencies must be in place to have a rebate. Chairman recommends a special meeting on Monday September 14, 2015 at 7 PM for the purpose of planning the 2016 Budget.

14. Annual Inspection Dinner- September 18, 2015 The Would.

15. Public Comment-none

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

9/11/15 Ceremony at 6:30 PM here at Highland Fire District

9/15/15 31-80 to Napanoch-approved at last meeting

9/26/15 Orange County Parade Engine requested to cover at Cornwall

10/14/15 Pump Test

10/20/15 Live Fire Drill

11/17/15 Hazmat Mandatory Training

SCBA Grant- Chief Miller reported that he is monitoring this closely; no verdict as yet.

17. Old Business-

Cell phone policy-pending

Procurement Policy- we should update
AFDSNY-Fall Workshop 10/29-11/1/15

18. New Business-

Approval of Engine to Cornwall

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve an engine to Cornwall to cover for the Orange County Parade on September 26, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent
Motion carried.

Approval to Repair St.2 door

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the repair of the 31-10 bay door at Station 2 damaged by the snowplow, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent
Motion carried.

Special Meeting September 14, 2015 at 7 Pm

19. Executive Session-

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to go to executive session at 7:42 PM to discuss a personnel disciplinary action, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent
Motion carried.

20. Return to regular session-

MOTION: At 8:47 PM, Commissioner Fraino moved to return to the regular session of the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent
Motion carried.

Member Resignation

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved that as a result of the disciplinary action, the Board accept the resignation of Matthew Parker pending the return of all Highland Fire District equipment, badges, pagers and gear by September 14, 2015 and a letter be sent to him describing our request, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent
Motion carried.

October Regular Meeting Date Change

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to change the October regular meeting from Tuesday, October 13, 2015 to Monday, October 12, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

21. ADJOURNMENT-

MOTION: There being no further business, Commissioner Bragg moved to adjourn at 9:05 PM, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk