

Highland Fire District
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2017
7:25 PM St 1

Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(PRESENT)
	Benjamin Bragg	(ABSENT)
	Christian Erichsen	(PRESENT)
	John Fraino	(ABSENT)
	Alan Barone	(PRESENT)
Secretary/Treasurer	James Passikoff	(PRESENT)
District Clerk	Denise A. Holzberger	(PRESENT)
Chief	Peter Miller	(PRESENT)

Chairman Steve DiLorenzo called the meeting to order, led the salute to the flag and asked for a moment of silence for our fallen firefighters.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that the normal order of business would be suspended to permit Phil DeAnagelo of Focused Wealth Management to give an update regarding our LOSAP funding.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the S & P is on target and good right now. We are about 90% funded right now and could liquidate quickly if needed. The fund is a blend of ETF and individual stocks . Chairman DiLorenzo thanked Phil for coming in.

1. Approval of Minutes- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2017 organizational meeting, regular meeting and January 10, 2017 special meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the January 4, 2017 Organizational meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2017 regular meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

The approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Special Meeting to discuss the Workers Compensation Insurance cost increase will be tabled until the next meeting.

3. Bills- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize payment of the bills as reviewed by himself, Commissioner Alan Barone and Chief Miller on February 13, 2017.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$101,903.70, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

It was noted that the BCG, Inc. bill for \$11,883.85 was the retainage for the repair and renovation project for ST 1 and 2.

4. Correspondence-

Certificate of Insurance-County of Ulster

VFIS- letter re: Group Term Insurance

Rockland Community Foundation-thank you

AFDUC- next meeting Thurs. 3/16 at Marlboro

Direct Energy- letter re: changes to bill

AFDSNY- 2017 Annual Meeting 4/20-4/22/17

Requests for Use of the Community Room

Thursday Feb 16, 2017 7 PM to 9 PM Highland Youth Lacrosse Coaches Meeting requested by Mike Lecato.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for the Highland Youth Lacrosse Coaches' Meeting to use the community room on February 16, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Saturday March 11, 2017- for baby shower requested by Alan Benicase 10 AM to 5 PM.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the community room by Member Alan Benicase for a Baby Shower on March 11, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Spring Penny Social Fri 3/31/17 Sat 4/1/17 Ladies Aux. HHCo.#1. Requested by Leslie Benson

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the community room by the Highland Hose Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary for March 31 through April 1, 2017 for the Spring Penny Social, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Highland Village Nursery School- Friday June 16, 2017 rehearsal, set up and graduation (9am-12 pm and 6 pm to 12 pm)

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the community room by Highland Village Nursery School for rehearsal, set-up and graduation on Friday June 16, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Ulster County Volunteer Fire Police Association Meeting Wed June 14, 2017 6 PM to 9 PM

Requested by Marty Newman

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the community room by Marty Newman for a meeting of the Ulster County Volunteer Fire Police Association on June 14, 2017 6 PM to 9 pm, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Fall Penny Social Fri 9/29/17 Sat 9/30/17 Ladies Aux HHCo. #1 Requested by Leslie Benson

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the community room by the Highland Hose Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary for the Fall Penny Social Friday 9/29/17 to 9/30/17, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

5. New Membership-Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we have 4 new members up for approval tonight. Chairman DiLorenzo explained that there is new member orientation that will take place. We have a good record regarding injuries and that we attribute to our training. Firefighter 1 is necessary. BEFO training will start March 28, 2017. We are an active department and we are proud of our building and it is a privilege to be a member. Commissioner Barone stated that it is a commitment and it is a serious job; you represent the fire department. School grades are very important. It was noted that Cadet members do have some restrictions.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the membership of the Nefthaly Leon Saravia, Barron Rockwell, Christopher Scott Moyer, Jr. and Cadet member Matthew T Brognano , pending their successful completion of pyhsical exams, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

6. Committee Reports: Buildings & Grounds

St 1- Bay Doors-Commissioner Barone stated that proposals have been requested for cleaning of the Bay door windows and radio room windows. Will have RFP's for next meeting.

Bollard by 31-80- sprung; touch up will be done in the Spring. There is some curb damage by the monument.

Dutchess Door-preventative maintenance quote received. Last work was done 5/23/16; recommends waiting until 2018.

Lawn Maintenance-received a sealed proposal. There was discussion regarding waiting another month for more proposals.

ST.2- Alarm Panel-Commissioner Erichsen stated that Safeco should look at the alarm panel .

Blacktop- Commissioner Erichsen noted that it is showing cracks and replacement is needed. To review.

7. New Apparatus- nothing at this time.

8. Insurance/Workers Compensation- Commissioners met with Linda Flanagan and had discussion over replacement values-31-10,31-20 and 31-60. Decided to keep values as they are and will discuss further at next meeting.

9. Physical Fitness- 2016 4th quarter \$149.74 4 members received reimbursement.

10. Ulster County Fire District Association- Meeting Thursday 3/16/17 at Marlboro

11. Service Awards- January 2017 pending posting (posted March 3, 2017)

2016 Census-to complete

12. Treasurer's Report- 2016 Closeout time. It is easier to wait to finalize financial reports. Bond payment is due.

13. Public Comment-none

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

FF1- 127 hours now. 2 parts

BEFO-starts March 28. 2017

Feb 18, 2017- Ulster County class at Mohonk; Chief's cars will be needed

Boot Camp- if we get it: Ulster County will pay.

Vineyard Commons- Apartment numbering; we are working on some issues.

Selux alarm system- we are working on resolving issues regarding fire door and biometric entrance doors.

Feb 23, 2017-radio in rigs for Firefighters; every firefighter with SCBA will have a radio: UHF and VHF.

OSHA 3/5/17-mandatory training

SCBA Training-2/21 and 2/28 2017 Milton requested training here.

2/19/17-(Sunday) Everett is lead instructor at Stone Ridge requested.

Community Police Program- Town of Lloyd Police Department

New Command Car- ordered 12-16 week delivery.

Mutual Aid-Roosevelt requested m/a from us for a tanker. Milton has also requested us. This is why it is so important to ensure we have SCBA qualified personnel.

Apparatus-Commissioner Erichsen asked regarding a replacement plan. Chief Miller stated that preliminary research is being done to prepare for a plan that works. More than half our fleet is over 20 years old.

15. OLD Business-

Old pagers- Chairman DiLorenzo reported that the old pagers have been sold and we received \$925

Commissioner Training- Steve DiLorenzo 3/18/17 to attend at Circleville and Commissioner Barone to attend 3/7/17 at Cromner Valley.

Sales Tax- Chairman DiLorenzo discussed recent audit findings of another district and criticism for paying sales tax. We are tax exempt.

Authorization of bills- there was discussion regarding paying utility bills and other bills that could incur late charges and the ability to pay prior to Board meetings.

16. New Business-

Fitness Showroom Preventative Maintenance Contract- Commissioner Barone to review; Hold till next meeting.

Lawn Maintenance Proposal

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to accept the Proposal for lawn maintenance from FB's Property and Facility Maintenance for the 2017 season, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Coffee in the Radio Room- Chief Miller and Company President to discuss further.

17. Adjournment-

MOTION: There being no further business, Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to adjourn at 9:30 PM, seconded by Commissioner Al Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

Approved BOFC mtg 3/15/17