

Highland Fire District
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2017
7:00 PM St 1

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Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(PRESENT)
	Benjamin Bragg	(PRESENT)
	Christian Erichsen	(PRESENT)
	John Fraino	(PRESENT)
	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 all fallen firefighters.

Chairman DiLorenzo dispensed with the normal order of business to permit Phil DeAngelo to Present an update of our LOSAP funding status. Mr. DeAngelo gave an overview of the current Market. Large cap Europe (stocks) are up 11 % and the S & P is up 15 %. Investments are Conservative: 40% fixed income and 60 % equities. Individual stocks are down with large cap growth. Vanguard is up year to date 23 %. We are in a period that has the longest period without a correction since 1931. We are getting more defensive and less risky as we are overdue for a (market correction. Fees are based on portfolio value. Markets are strong; tax package will have An effect. LOSAP funding is in good shape and to preserve our gains we will get less risky. The Board thanked Mr. DeAngelo for his update.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 regular meeting, October 17, 2017 2018 Budget Public hearing and October 17, 2017 Special Meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barone.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 2018 Proposed Budget Hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 Special Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

2. **BILLS**-Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize payment of the bills as reviewed by, Commissioners Alan Barone and Ben Bragg and Chief Miller on October 9, 2017 for the period of 9/14/17 through October 10, 2017 for a total of \$28071.01.

MOTION: Commissioner Barone moved to authorize payment of the bills submitted in the amount of \$28071.01 plus a bill from Haight Fire Equipment for \$1380.00 seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

3. **Correspondence**-District Clerk Holzberger reported the following correspondence received:
Certificate of Insurance- from Nichol's Oxygen Service

Requests for Use of the Community Room:

Rotary Executive Board Meeting-requested by the Town of Lloyd Police, Sgt. Roloson 6:30 to 8:30 PM
To use the Commissioner's meeting room. Approx. 4-5 persons.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the Board room by the Town of Lloyd Police and Rotary Club Executive Board members on November 20, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Barone.

VOTE: 5 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

HCo.1 Children's Christmas Party December 10 2017(set up 12/8 & 12/9) requested by the Highland Hose company #1.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the request for use of the community room by the Highland Hose Company #1 for the Children's Christmas Party, on December 10, 2017 with the set up on December 8 and 9, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

HCo.1- Members Christmas Party December 16 (set up 12/14, and 12/15; clean up 12/17)

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the request for use of the community room by the Highland Hose Company #1 for the Member Christmas Party, on December 16, 2017 with the set up on December 14 and 15, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

Jan 20 2018 Baby Shower requested by Marty Newman All day .

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for use of the community room by Marty Newman for a Baby Shower, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

December 16, 2017 Santa's Toy Drive requested by Chief Miller for joint Toy Drive with Town of Lloyd Police (Highland Hose company #1) 10 am to 2 pm in the Meeting room.

MOTION: Commissioner Bragg moved to approve the request for use of the meeting room for a toy drive as requested by Chief Miller, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

January 31, 2018 (Wed) 6 pm to 9 pm Weight-in, February 2, 2018 Track Set up 6 pm to 9 pm (Fri.) and February 3, 2018 (Sat.) 9 Am to 2 PM Derby- Girl Scouts Powder Puff Derby.

Requested by Erica Darcy, Troop Leader.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to approve the Girls Scouts Powder Puff Derby Jan. 31, Feb 2 and Feb. 3, 2018 as requested by Erica Darcy. Seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

Feb 27 2018 American Red Cross Blood Drive requested by Steve Leary 11 am to 7:30 PM

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for use of the community room for the American Red Cross Blood Drive on February 27, 2018 as requested by Steve Leary, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried

April 24 2018 American Red Cross Blood Drive requested by Steve Leary 11 am to 7:30 PM

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for use of the community room for the American Red Cross Blood Drive on April 24, 2018 as requested by Steve Leary, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried

4. **New Membership-** none.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS- Buildings and Grounds St. 1 Comrs. Bragg and Barone**

Transfer Switch-for generator ST 1. Ambulance Bay Commissioner Ben Bragg to review quotes as the parts did not resolve the issue. If there is a power outage the generator can be manually transferred for power in the ambulance bay.

Chairs for Radio Room- due in November 27, 2017.

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

Tree- no action

Black Top near shed- Hose Company doesn't want the slab; apron on side of shed needs to be fixed. Commissioner Erichsen to obtain a second quote.

6. **New Apparatus-** Chief Miller reported the following:

New Paltz's 100 ft tower will be coming to Highland for us to review.

On Tuesday we will go to Wappingers to look at their tower. Chief Miller explained the process of manufacturer's bidding and review of specifications; noting that this process is costly so the vendor will not invest \$100,000 in the review of the specifications if they think you will not purchase from them.

7. **Insurance/Workers Compensation-** renewals in March 2018

8. **Physical Fitness-**

Total reimbursed \$159.61 5 members for 1st Qtr. 2017 May 9, 2017

Total Reimbursed \$238.62 6 members for 2nd Qtr. 2017 July 10, 2017

Third Quarter 2017 due- pending Mike Artega's (new personnel there)

Preventive Maintenance for fitness equipment performed on 8/15/17

**9. Ulster County Fire District Association-Cmrs. Bragg, DiLorenzo, Erichsen
November 16 2017 at Ulster 5**

10. Service Awards- October 2017 activity posted November 6, 2017

11. Treasurer's Report- October 2017 financial report distributed to Board.
Treasurer Passikoff reported that we should funds leftover at end of year .
Tax Cap- override filed
2018 Budget filed with Town of Lloyd.

12. Public Comment-

Jim Balint President Highland Hose Co.#1-requested the Board pass a resolution to permit Alcohol at the Member Christmas Party as in previous years. Members may BYOB.

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to permit beer at the last Highland Hose company Company Meeting and Christmas Party, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

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

11/16/17- UCVFC meeting at Marlboro

11/25/17- Christmas Tree Sales begin.

11/27/17 -Duty Checks on IPADs Officer's review.

11/28 and 11/30/17- Bail out Training

12/7/17- SCBA Recert

12/8/17 Light up the Hamlet –there will be a fire pit. HFD to transport Santa.

12/16/17 Saturday. Highland Hose Company Member Christmas Party

12/17/17 Sunday Santa on Fire Engine

Chairman DiLorenzo inquired about the numbering system at Vineyard Commons.

Chief Miller reported in process.

Firefighter II- some of our members will be attending.

14. Old Business-

Commissioner Fraino stated that Supervisor Paul Hansut would like to meet with the Board to discuss the Ambulance Bay. Copies of the MLSS contract (2008 and 2015 distributed to Board for review.

15. New Business-

Filming- AFDSNY filmed here at HFD a training video. To be available Jan 2018.

2017 Organizational Meeting- Wednesday January 3, 2018. Regular meeting to follow.

Highland Water- to charge all sprinklered structures.

Commissioner Training Seminar- Mark Butler and Terry Hannigan to be hosted here at Highland. Either 1/13/17 or March 24, 2017. Board prefers March 24, 2018; to contact Linda Flanagan to arrange the date.

Internet/ Email issues- District Clerk to contact Northeast Computers to resolve.

Message Board- repair cost \$768.50

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to authorize payment of not more than \$800 for the repair of the message board, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to go to executive session at 8:23 PM to discuss Personnel history of a specific individual, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

17. Return to Regular Session and Adjournment-

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to return to the regular session of the meeting And there being no further business, moved to adjourn at 9:05 PM, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk