

Highland Fire District

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Regular Meeting

October 10, 2017

7:00 PM St 1

Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(PRESENT)
	Benjamin Bragg	(ABSENT)
	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.

1. **Approval of Minutes-** Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2017 special meeting and the September 12, 2017 regular meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Barone.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

September 12, 2017 minute's approval tabled until Commissioner Fraino's arrival at 7:19 PM

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 Meeting, . Seconded by Commissioner Barone.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

2. **Bills-** Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize payment of the bills as reviewed by, Commissioners Alan Barone and John Fraino and Chief Miller on October 9,2017 for the period of 9/14/17 through October 10, 2017 for a total of \$19856.36.

MOTION: Commissioner Barone moved to authorize payment of the bills submitted in the amount of \$19856.36, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

3. Correspondence-

Fire prevention Schedule
Invitation from Focused Wealth Mgt-re: Economic and Market Update
VFIS- Privacy info., beneficiary forms
Cert. of Insurance- Valley Lawn Care
Direct Energy –new format
Arch Insurance- re: Paid Family Leave and Disability

Room Requests

Saturday October 14, 2017 10 am to 11:30 am Girl Scout troop meeting requested by Angela D’Ambrosio 12 brownies and 2 adults

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the use of the community room for a Girl Scout meeting on Saturday October 14, 2017 10 am to 11:30 pm as requested by Angela D’Ambrosio, seconded by Commissioner Barone.

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

Wednesday October 18 2017 Right to Know Training for Town of Lloyd Highway Department
10 Am to 12 PM requested by Eugene Roosa

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the use of the community room Town of Lloyd Right to Know Training on Wednesday October 18, 2017 10 AM to 12 PM as requested by Eugene Roosa, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

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

4. New Membership- none

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings and Grounds ST 1-Cmrs. Bragg and Barone

Radio Room chairs- on order estimated delivery is November 27, 2017

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

Tree- no report

Black top-near shed – a gap exists that makes it difficult to move things in and out of the shed
Membership requesting a concrete slab approx. 4x6 to facilitate even tree-drilling during Christmas tree sales. Commissioner Erichsen to follow up with Valley

6. New Apparatus- no report

7. Insurance and Workers Compensation-

Chairman DiLorenzo note that there could be a possible reduction in the Workers Comp as our experience rating is being reviewed as per Linda Flanagan.

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

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- September 2017 activity posted October 4, 2017

Penflex –forms to be signed for audit package

11. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Passikoff

September 30, 2017 Financial Report distributed

Treasurer Passikoff noted that there is \$106,000 left for the rest of the year.

2018 Proposed Budget hearing Oct 17 2017 7 PM

Special Meeting immediately to follow

12. Public Comment- none

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

10/19/17-Hands-on Training

10/23/17-Pump Testing

10/28/17- Halloween in the Hamlet 31-40

10/29/17-Flashover Training Marlboro

11/9/17- Mandatory Hazmat

11/11/17- UCVFPA seminar

11/12/17-First Presbyterian Church service for firefighters 9:30 AM

11/13/17- duty night

11/16/17- UCVFC meeting Marlboro

11/21/17-UCVFA meeting at Ulster Hose

11/27/17-Duty night

Chief's Report continued-

Foam- 10 pails need to go as per the DEC; have to bring to Fairgrounds for disposal

31-20-tires

31-30 - front tires

DFY- Chief Miller and AC Gaffney met with officials at DFY regarding the occupancy and high security of this facility.

Firefighter II-schedule runs 10/30 through 12/4/17.

Firefighter I Boot Camp-schedule runs 5/19-20, 6/24-6/29 7/16-7/22

9/29/2017- Video was shot here for AFDSNY training film; will be available after Jan 1, 2017.

14. OLD BUSINESS-

Vineyard Commons Numbering- pending

AFDSNY Conference-Saratoga Springs NY 10/13 Commissioners John Fraino, Steve DiLorenzo and Chris Erichsen to attend for the day.

BBQ Screen at St 2-completed

VFBL-clarification regarding active members with age restrictions needed. Honorary and Life members Are Covered under our accident & sickness policy.

15. New Business-

Radios- LTR at Mountaintop; Letter to NYCOMCO needed prior to November 1, 2017.

2018 Annual Budget Hearing- Tuesday October 17, 2017

Annual Election-December 12, 2017 6 PM to 9 PM

Petitions for Candidates are available from the District Clerk

Candidates must file petitions by November 22, 2017.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING FORM OF NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR ELECTION OF FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Highland Fire District adopt, as its official nominating petition, the attached form to be used by all candidates for the office of Fire District Commissioner of the Highland Fire District, and it is further

RESOLVED, that only registered electors of the Highland Fire District may obtain signatures on the nominating petitions, as provided in the approved form, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the signature of the witness to the signers of the nominating petition must be notarized in the form and in the manner as set forth in the nominating petitions, and it is further

RESOLVED, that signatures of all signers of the nominating petitions must be dated between October 1st preceding the date of the annual election and the date the petitions are required to be filed with the Secretary of the Fire District, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Highland Fire District shall make the nominating petitions available to any interested party no earlier than September 25th preceding the date of the annual election, and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event a special election for the position of Fire District Commissioner is required,

- a) The signatures of all signers of the nominating petitions must be dated no earlier than 70 days preceding the date of the special election and the date the petitions are required to be filed with the Secretary of the Fire District, and
- b) The Secretary of the Highland Fire District shall make the nominating petitions available to any interested party no earlier than 75 days before the date of the special election of Fire District Commissioners.

This resolution was made by Commissioner Alan Barone and seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Resolution Appointing Board of Elections

At a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Highland Fire District, held at the Fire District Headquarters, 25 Milton Avenue, Highland, New York on the 10th day of October, 2017 in the Town of Lloyd, at 7:00 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

Commissioners – Christian Erichsen, John Fraino, Stephen Dilorenzo, Alan Barone

Absent: Benjamin Bragg

The following resolution was moved by Commissioner Alan Barone and Seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen:

WHEREAS, Section 175-a of the Town Law provides for a system of registration for Fire District elections; and

WHEREAS, a register of eligible Fire District voters must be prepared prior to the Fire District election; and

WHEREAS, such register shall be prepared from names of persons who have registered with the County Board of Elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following resident electors of the Highland Fire District are hereby appointed to constitute the Highland Fire District Board of Elections for the 2011 annual Fire District election:

Mary Darcy	-	Chairman
Amy Dunham	-	Election Inspector
Candace Benson	-	Election Inspector
Theresa Gentilquore	-	Ballot Clerk
Karen Martin	-	Ballot Clerk

The Vote: 4 - Yes, 0 - No, 0- Abstain, 1- Absent --- Resolution Adopted

Resolution Designating Date of the Annual Election

RESOLUTION OF THE HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF LLOYD, NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 10, 2017 DESIGNATING THE DATE OF ANNUAL ELECTION, DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICES, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH:

The following was moved by Commissioner Alan Barone and Seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen:

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF LLOYD, IN THE COUNTY OF ULSTER, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Annual Election of the Highland Fire District, in the Town of Lloyd, in the County of Ulster, New York (herein called "Fire District") shall be held at Fire District Headquarters in the Hamlet of Highland, Town of Lloyd, Highland, New York in said Fire District, on December 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) and the polls shall remain open until 9:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) or as much long as may be necessary to enable voters then present to cast their votes. At said annual election, one Fire District Commissioner for a term of five (5) years, commencing on the 1st day of January, 2018, will be elected. All duly registered residents of the Highland Fire District shall be eligible to vote. The Secretary is directed to publish notices as required by law.

SECTION 2. In preparing such register, the inspectors of election shall comply with the following procedure:

(a) They shall adopt, use or copy from, the registration list certified and supplied by the Ulster County Board of Elections the names appearing thereon of all persons residing in the Fire District and qualified to vote in such forthcoming Annual Election.

(b) The register for the Fire District shall include as a minimum the space for the name of the voter, his address within the Fire District and a space for his or her signature to be signed by the voter on election day.

SECTION 3. The Fire District Secretary Shall furnish the inspectors of election, at Fire District expense, with all necessary registration books, papers, equipment and supplies.

SECTION 4. This resolution has been adopted at least thirty (30) days prior to the Election.

SECTION 5. The Fire District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish a legal notice informing the resident electors of the meeting of the Board of Elections once at least twenty-seven (27) days prior to the Election in the "New Paltz Times" and the "Southern Ulster Times", newspapers published for Highland, Ulster County, New York, and having a general circulation within the District and hereby designated as the official newspapers for such publication.

SECTION 6. The Chairman, Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks are to be compensated for their services in preparing the registration records and attendance at the annual election.

SECTION 7. In Case any of the members appointed herein are unable or refuse to assume or perform the duties required of them, this Board of Fire Commissioners will appoint alternates who are resident electors.

SECTION 8. If clerical help is deemed necessary, this Board of Fire Commissioners will consider the appointment of such clerical persons upon request of the Chairman of the Fire District Board of Elections.

SECTION 10. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Vote: 4- Yes, 0- No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent --- Resolution Adopted

The Board congratulated Assistant Chief Everett Erichsen on his appointment to the position of Ulster County Fire Coordinator.

16. Executive Session-

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to go to executive session at 7:58 PM to discuss a specific member's employment history, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

Vote: 4- Yes, 0- No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent

17. Adjournment-

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to return to executive session at 9:04 PM and there being no further business, moved to adjourn at 9:04 PM, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

Vote: 4- Yes, 0- No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent

APPROVED 11/14/17 BOFC mtg

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk