

Highland Fire District  
Regular Meeting  
**September 11, 2018**  
7:30 PM St 1

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

Chairman DiLorenzo called the meeting to order, led the salute to the flag and called for a moment of silence in memory of all fallen firefighters. It was noted that the meeting started at 7:30 PM due to the 9/11 memorial ceremony.

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 14, 2018 and Special meeting held on August 21, 2018.  
Tabled until next meeting.

- 2. BILLS-**Chairman Dilorenzo asked for a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by Commissioners John Fraino and Alan Barone and Chief Miller on September 10, 2018.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the bills totaling \$30919.52 for the period 8/15/18 through 9/11/2018 seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

- 3. Correspondence-** The following Room Requests were presented for approval:

**Monday September 24, 2018** requested by Sgt. Roloson TOLPD for Rotary Club Board meeting Requested by Sgt Roloson. 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for the meeting room for Rotary Club Board meeting on September 24, 2018 as requested by Sgt. Roloson, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

**Wednesday September 6 2018 and Wednesday September 26, 2018** requested by Sgt. Roloson  
For use of the meeting room for the Alzheimer's Association meeting at 6: 00 PM.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for the meeting room for Alzheimer's Association Board meeting on September 6 and 26, 2018 as requested by Sgt. Roloson, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

**Saturday October 27, 2018** community room requested by Joe Valentino for a Baby Shower.  
12 PM to 7 PM.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to approve the request for the community for a Baby Shower on Saturday October 27, 2018, as requested by Joe Valentino, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

**4. New Membership**-none

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Buildings and Grounds ST 1-Cmrs. Bragg and Barone**

**Air movement Fans**- project has begun

**Wi-Fi**- update held off until next week.

**SCBA Fill Station**- costly to replace with a larger compressor. Service is rated for 50 hours; we could service more often such as 3-4 times a year. It takes 10 minutes to fill a bottle.

**Stop in The Box**- Chief Miller reported that the Town of Lloyd Police has requested from DOT a solution to alleviate cars from blocking the exit to Milton Avenue from the parking lot. NYS would paint it.

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

**Tree**- pending

**BBQ Pit Pad**- Steve to talk with Jim Anzalone.

**Fire Alarm Update-** so far so good.

**Security Cameras-** A & R Proposal pending; to start on Tuesday.

**Bathroom Update-**Commissioner Barone to review first to get an idea of cost. Need for hot water in kitchen.

7. **New Apparatus-** 2 years are up; time to replace 31-80. We can purchase out of general fund with a mini-bid.

8. **Insurance/Workers Compensation**

Cancer Insurance- considered cost in our 2019 Proposed Budget.

9. **Physical Fitness-**

Total reimbursed \$684.40 for 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2018 total reimbursed \$83.06

2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2018 total reimbursed \$92.62

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

10. **Ulster County Fire District Association-Cmrs. Bragg, DiLorenzo, September 20, 2018 at Highland Fire District**

11. **Service Awards-** August 2018 activity posting pending (posted September 15, 2018)

12. **Treasurer's Report-**Treasurer Passikoff reported on the August 2018 Financial Report. Nothing concerning in this report; Yearly service for apparatus is the next big expense coming up.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to accept the August 2018 Financial Report as submitted by the Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

**2019 Proposed Budget –**

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to adopt the 2019 Proposed Budget which is a 1.19% increase from last year, with a \$1.167 rate per thousand, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

2019 Proposed Public Hearing & Special Meeting-Tuesday October 16, 2018 at 6 PM

**13. Public Comment-**

Steve Lee complimented the Board for a doing a good job on the proposed budget.

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

September 13, 2018 Truck Clean up for Ardsley Parade  
September 13, 2018 approval needed for 31-80 to Ardsley for Convention meeting  
September 18, 2018 approval for 31-80 to Kerhonksen –County meeting  
September 20, 2018 Solar Class at Esopus  
September 22, 2018 31-20 to stand-by at Cornwall  
September 29, 2018 Auto Extrication  
October 10, 2018 Open House 6-8PM Fire Prevention Trailer

Hose Test-Report to be review by Assistant Chief Anzalone and Chief Miller

Grant- progressing

**15. New Business-**

Mobile Life support Services-Chairman DiLorenzo and Commissioner John Fraino met with Town of Lloyd Supervisor, Paul Hansut and Scott Woebse, Mobile Life Support Services to discuss the rent relating to Mobile Life Support Services. Mobile Life Support Services will send \$1000 per month to the Highland Fire District.

New Carpet-to get estimates for carpet for the District Office and Commissioners' Room.

New Floor- Radio room is in need of new flooring.

2018 Leadership Summit & Vendor EXPO- Oct.11-13 2018 Saratoga Hilton – If any one wishes to go Let District Clerk know so registration can be done. Chairman Dilorenzo stated he wishes to go.

RFP Letter for Audits 2018-2022- Treasurer Passikoff has prepared.

*Authorization for 31-80 to Ardsley*

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to authorize 31-80 to Ardsley for the Convention Meeting on September 13, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

*Authorization for 31-80 to Kerhonksen for Ulster county Meeting*

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize 31-80 and members to Kerhonksen on September 18, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

*Authorization for 31-20 and members to Cornwall*

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize 31-20 and members to Cornwall for stand by on September 22, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

*Authorization for 31-80 to Fireman's Home on September 30, 2018*

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize 31-80 and members to go to the Fireman's Home to work at the BBQ on September 30, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

**16. OLD Business**

**Snow Removal Proposal-** an unsolicited snow removal proposal was received.  
Table until October meeting.

**Technology Upgrade-** Commissioner Barone and Chief Miller are working on it.

**Ready Room-** work has been completed.

**Donation-**Treasurer Passikoff noted that a \$1000 donation was received in memory of Lindy Palladino.  
The check was made payable to the Highland Fire District but intended to go to the Highland Hose co. #1. The check has been deposited to the fire District and a check has been cut to the Hose Company.

**16. Executive Session-**

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to go to executive session at 8:35 PM to discuss The employment history of a particular individual, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

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

**17. Return to regular session and Adjournment-**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to return to the regular session of the meeting and there being no further business, moved to adjourn at 9: 00 PM, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk