Highland Fire District

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Regular Meeting **April 13, 2021** 7:00 PM St 1

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

At 7:00 Pm, Chairman Dilorenzo called the regular meeting to order, led the salute to the flag, and called for a moment of silence for fallen firefighters. Chairman DiLorenzo dispensed with the normal order of business to permit Councilman Lenny Auchmoody to address the Board.

Mr. Auchmoody thanked the Board for seeing him. He explained that he had met with Scott Woebse of Mobile Life Support Services regarding the cost of the Ambulance contract with the Town of Lloyd. Mr. Auchmoody wanted to clear up any rumors regarding the contract. He explained that the Town extended the existing contract with MLSS and requested response reports so that they could begin working on the 2022 contract in July of 2021. He noted that the first meeting with MLSS was on 11/9/2021. Also, the Town must put out for bid with the 31% increase in cost as per the Association of Towns. However, best value may be utilized. \$1,150,000 will come from the Federal Government over a period of two years for the purpose of infrastructure. Things like generators could be purchased and installed for power outages.

Commissioner Fraino stated that if the Town loses power, they will only have 72 hours of water.

Chief Miller added that his understanding of the CARES ACT allows it to apply to items that are impacted by COVID. Mr. Auchmoody stated that of course we would like to have the highest level of ambulance care when needed. Chairman DiLorenzo thanked Councilman Auchmoody for coming in tonight.

1. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Dilorenzo asked for a motion the approve the minutes of January 6, 2021 re-Organizational meeting and January 6, 2021 regular meeting and February 9, 2021 regular meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

2. Authorization to pay Bills:

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize payment of the bills as reviewed on April 12, 2021 by Commissioners Fraino and Barone and Chief Miller. Abstract of bills total is \$128,872.17 for 3/10/21-4/13/2021.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize payment of the bills totaling \$128,872.17, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

3. Correspondence- the following correspondence was received:

Certificate of Insurance- Eagle Diesel

Room Requests:

Wednesday June 9, 2021 8 PM to 10 PM Ulster County Volunteer Fire Police Association Meeting As requested by Mike DePaola.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the use of the Community room for the Ulster County Volunteer Fire Police meeting on June 9, 2021, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

Wednesday April 14, 2021, Town of Lloyd Police meeting 6 PM to 9 PM as requested by Lt. Roloson.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the use of the Community room by the Town of Lloyd Police for a meeting, April 14, 2021, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

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May 6, 2021 Harassment Prevention Training Town of Lloyd Police 11 am to 12 PM requested by Lt. Roloson.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the use of the Community room by the Town of Lloyd Police for training on May 6, 2021, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

- 4. New Membership- none.
- 5. Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds Station1- Commissioners Bragg and Barone

Storage container- painting in process; may be delivered this week.

Hot Water- Hot water heater repaired .

Buildings & Grounds Station 2 – Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

Nothing to report.

It was noted that cars are at ST. 2 for extrication drills.

- 6. New Apparatus- Chief Miller reported the following:
 - 31-45- ladder testing done.
- 7. Insurance/Workers Compensation- Life insurance coverage drops at age 70; we can discuss Changes prior to the next renewal.
- 8 Physical Fitness nothing to report
- 9. Ulster County Fire District Association- Commissioners Bragg, DiLorenzo
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10. **Service Awards-** 2020 LOSAP Census has been sent.

March 2021 Activity posted April 1, 2021

Retro payments and adjusted payments will probably be completed in May 2021

11. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Passikoff reported the following :

Treas. Passikoff contacted Focused Wealth Management for reports needed for upcoming audit; Commissioners DiLorenzo and Erichsen need to sign.

There is \$299,000 left over from last year; recommends waiting until next month to allocate.

12. Public Comment- none.

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

4/22, 5/6 - Training ; one day may be at Ulster County

<u>#1 Grove Street</u>- Building in not in compliance as per the Dept. Of Health and Town of Lloyd Building Dept. Further investigation was a result of the fire in the Rockland County facility. (Owned by same entity).

<u>31-80</u>- 4/17/21 Fire Police Training will take place in Saugerties. Three HHCo. #1 members and 1 from Plattekill will be attending.

Equipment Recovery from past members- issue has been resolved.

<u>Physical Exams</u>- now at First Care; members who have not been vaccinated are not being FIT tested. Chief Miller will follow up. Jim Balint stated that the physical takes about an hour.

14. Old Business-

MLSS and Town of Lloyd- Chief Miller to assist with RFP and look into the CARES Act.

15. New Business-

Appointment of Newly Elected Officers

Nate Peura and Frank Piscopo could not attend this evening.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino move to accept the newly elected Officers as follows: Chief Peter Miller, First Assistant Chief James Anzalone, Second Assistant chief Mike Gaffney Third Assistant chief Jeff DiMetro, Captain Nathan Peura, First Lieutenant Kevin Rizzo and Second Lieutenant Frain Piscopo, seconded by Commissioner Barone. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

<u>Administrative Assistant for Chief-</u>Chairman Dilorenzo noted that the board is in the process of adding An Administrative Assistant to assist the Chief. That person would be in the back office; we would carpet and get a desk.

MOTION: Commissioner Barone moved to authorize cosmetic upgrades to the back office consisting of paint and carpet tiles, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.
VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT
Motion was carried.

31-80 to Saugerties

MOTION: Commissioner Barone moved to authorize 31-80 to Saugerties for the Fire Police Training On April 17, 2021, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

Authorization to Close Key Bank Account

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino authorized the Treasurer to close the Key Bank account and deposit the funds into the General Fund, seconded by Commissioner Barone. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

Police Lease- Commissioner Barone and Fraino to meet Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

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16. Executive Session

MOTION: Commissioner Barone moved to go to Executive Session at 7:56 PM to discuss the rental contract with Mobile Life Support Services, seconded by John Fraino. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

17. Return to Regular Session

MOTION: Commissioner Barone moved to return to the regular session of the meeting at 8:48 PM, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

Resolution to Proceed with Sale of 31-20 and 31-30

MOTION: Commissioner Joh Fraino moved that the Highland Fire District has resolved that a 1994 E-One Pumper s/O# 13392, VIN # 4ENDAAA81R1003392 and a 1996 E-One Pumper, S/O # 16873 VIN# 4ENDAAA87V1003873 are surplus equipment and are to be disposed of by employing the least cost and best Value method for the Highland Fire District, resulting in minimal expense and where / if possible, the highest revenue obtainable from the disposal. Seconded by Commissioner Barone. When the Board was polled the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Stephen DiLorenzoAyeCommissioner Ben BraggAbsentCommissioner John FrainoAyeCommissioner Chris ErichsenAbsentCommissioner Alan BaroneAyeThe resolution was declared duly adopted.

18. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Commissioner John Fraino moved to adjourn at 8:53 PM Seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted, Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED BOFC 5/11/2021