**Highland Fire District** 

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Regular Meeting August 10, 2021 7:00 PM St 1

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)

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.

### 1. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Dilorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021, regular meeting, and July 13, 2021, regular meeting.

**MOTION**: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021, minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 2 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried. Commissioners Barone and Fraino abstained.

**MOTION**: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021, minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 1 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried. Commissioner Ben Bragg abstained.

# 2. Authorization to pay Bills:

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize payment of the bills as reviewed on August 9, 2021, by Commissioners Fraino and Barone and Chief Miller. Abstract of bills total is \$23960.83 for the period of 7/14/2021--8/10/2021.

**MOTION**: Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize payment of the bills totaling \$23960.83 seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT Motion was carried.

Certificate of Insurance-County Waste

## Requests for use of the Community Room

<u>August 17, 2021</u>, UCVFPA for a small meeting requested by Mike DePaola requesting use of Meeting room. 7pm to 9 pm

**MOTION**: commissioner Ben Bragg moved to approve the request for use of the meeting on August 17, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen. VOTE: 5YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT Motion was carried.

# 4. New Membership- Matthew John Laird, Vincent John Bordino

Chairman DiLorenzo explained a member with age restrictions can participate in most training but cannot use power tools or do interior firefighting. School work is a priority and always comes first. A Physical exam must be passed. There is a probationary period and an orientation program. Duty nights are beneficial to attend because you learn where things are on the trucks .

**MOTION**: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the membership of Matthew John Laird, with age restrictions, pending a successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT Motion was carried.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that Vincent has some EMT training and of course, will have an orientation and probationary period. He must also pass a physical exam. Chairman DiLorenzo noted that if a member is injured during a firematic event, it is workers compensation, and the Fire District is considered the employer.

**MOTION**: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the membership of Vincent John Bordino Pending a successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen. VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT Motion was carried.

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#### 5 . Committee Reports:

#### Building and Grounds St.1- Commissioners Bragg and Barone

SRI- repair completed-community room kitchen

Stove- Hoodz cleaned

**Trees**- need to be trimmed in St 1 Parking lot: also, by Mobile Life.

**Parking Lot**- Commissioner Bragg stated it needs to be sealed; we should get quotes. Sealing cost about \$5000; also need to repair catch basins.

### **Buildings and Grounds St 2-Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino**

**Electrical issue**- Commissioner Erichsen stated lights flickered and Central Hudson checked out. Seems fine now.

#### 6. New Apparatus-

Chief Miller reported that the 2 pumpers on the line. The platform has changed for viewing Trucks online: you now need a log in for a security. Commissioner Barone asked about a delivery date: clock starts ticking when final approval is complete. Inspection could be 9/14/2021.

**Sale of 31-20 & 31-30**- possibly using a different outlet to sell. Checking out the legalities if sold through other outlets beside Brindlee.

7. Insurance/Workers Compensation- nothing to report

#### 8. Ulster County Fire District Association- Commissioners Bragg, DiLorenzo

September 16, 2021, at West Hurley

9. Service Awards- July 2021 Activity pending posting.

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### 10. Treasurer Report- July 2021 Financial Report

Commissioner Alan Barone thanked Treasurer Passikoff for sending the financial report to him prior to the meeting.

Chief Miller reported that the compressor is here, pending invoice. Gear sizing will take place on 8/23/2021. Gear will be replaced that is outdated or worn. Cost approximately is \$31000. 2020 Fund Balance to be discussed .

**MOTION:** Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to accept the financial report as submitted by the Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT Motion was carried unan.

### 11. Public Comment- none

### 12. Chief's Report-Chief Miller reported the following:

**Compressor**- electrician to complete connections. In-service training will be held on 8/11/2021. Officers will have a key fob and training session to learn how to access information. Firefighters for PIN numbers.

Pump/Hose testing - postponed.

**Ulster County Training Center**- 8/19/2021 will need authorization to take Engine and Tanker or Rescue.

31-C Car- headlamp needed repair.

Ulster County Radio System- high band system.

New Gear- 12-14 will be trying on gear.

**Command Car**- looking to purchase a new one.

**ISO review**- optimistic for an improved class rating. ISO reviews are done every 5 years. Training information is also reviewed. We currently have a 3 rating. Fire Prevention is also looked at.

Administrative Assistant- need furniture for office.

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#### 13. Old Business-

Discussion regarding creating a tobacco free campus. .

### 14. New Business-

**2022 Proposed Budget** - meeting August 24, 2021

# Authorization for an Engine and Tanker or Rescue to UCTC

**MOTION:** Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve an engine and tanker, or rescue be permitted to go the Ulster County training Center on august 19, 2021, seconded by commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT Motion was carried.

### 15. Executive Session

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to go to executive session at 8:28 PM to discuss the medical status and physical exam status of an individual, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone. VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT Motion was carried.

# 16. Return to regular Session and Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to return to the regular session of the meeting, at 9:40 PM , and there being no further business, moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.
VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED BOFC MTG 9/14/2021