

## Special Meeting

**August 23, 2021**

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)

At 7:00 Pm, Chairman DiLorenzo called the meeting to order, led the salute to the flag, and called for a moment of silence for fallen firefighters. Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we would be working on the Proposed 2022 Budget tonight. We do have some business to attend to first.

1. **Authorization to pay Bills:**

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we have one bill to pay for lawn care from FB's Property and Facility Maintenance in the amount of \$1575.00.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize payment of the bill from FB's property Maintenance for lawn care in the amount of \$1575.00, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

2. **2022 Proposed Budget**

Commissioner John Fraino stated he had questions regarding unexpended funds and the amount prior to the purchase of the compressor. He also stated we should know the rental amount for the Police Station by October 2021.

Treasurer Passikoff stated the unexpended funds total \$299,152.

Unexpended Funds	\$299,152.00
Less cost of Compressor -	\$128,000.00
Balance	\$171,000.00

The remaining funds of \$171,000 could be allocated to the apparatus Reserve \$100,000. , and the \$71,000.00 for a new command car.

Treasurer Passikoff stated that for the 2022 Budget as far income goes, we need to reduce interest income...\$600 is going to be a stretch.

Verizon Micro Cell rent is the same: \$6000 annually.

Mobile Life Rental- \$12,000 a year.

The Police and Mobile Life rental is still unknown at this time.

For Salaries 2% increase is used.

Equipment can be unchanged \$30,000.

Chief Miller stated that we have 7 pieces of major apparatus. We did not have a replacement plan for the ladder; we saved the money and the delay of purchase cost \$118,000.

He noted the Ulster County is currently working on a radio system which will cost for programming etc. An allotment of \$373,000 per year for apparatus would keep the reserve funded and enable us to purchase apparatus with a replacement plan without wiping out the fund.

SCBA- \$270,000 was borrowed for air packs and returned; we need to be prepared for future replacement of those and what the cost will be in five or ten years.

Treasurer Passikoff stated that administrative expenses don't really need too much adjusting; Association Dues should be increased \$100 based on our previous expenditures.

Buildings and Grounds ST!- increase snow removal to \$8000.

Buildings and ground St 2- also increase snow removal; major repairs should be increased.

Community Room-should increase snow removal and Landscaping .

Hydrant Rental remains the same.

Vehicle Repairs- should increase by \$6300. Chairman DiIorenzo noted that there will be a 2-year warranty on the new Pumpers.

Gas & Oil- increase by \$500.

Firematic Equipment could be decreased by \$2000.

Air testing is done quarterly

New Gear- gear will have to be replaced- cost approximately \$27,000.

New Hose has to be ordered; some hose will be used from old equipment.

Insurance- should increase \$5000 as per our agent there is a 5% increase for General Liability.

New trucks will increase cost slightly as well.

Professional fees- Service Award to increase to \$8000.

Benefits- Social Security Adjustment with Administrative Assistant.

Fitness – drop that number; not being used as much.

LOSAP- raise to \$150,300.

Debt- we no longer have debt.

There was discussion regarding when to meet again to plan the budget. The Board decided to meet on September 9, 2021, at St. 1. Next regular meeting will be September 14, 2021.

### 3. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Commissioner Fraino moved to adjourn at 9 PM,  
Seconded by Commissioner Barone.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 1 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED BOFC Mtg 9/14/2021