

**Highland Fire District  
Board of Fire Commissioner  
Regular Meeting  
December 14,2021  
7 PM**

PRESENT: Stephen DiLorenzo	(Present)
Alan Barone	(Present)
Christian Erichsen	(Present)
John Fraino	(Present )
Treasurer James Passikoff	(Absent)
District Clerk Denise Holzberger	(Present)
Chief Peter Miller	(Present)

Chairman DiLorenzo called the meeting to order, lead the salute to the flag, and called for a moment of silence for all fallen firefighters.

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for approval of the minutes of the October 12,2021 meeting and the November 10, 2021, meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021, as submitted, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

Vote: 3 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan. (Commissioner Alan Barone abstained)

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021 as amended to reflect the change of date of the organizational meeting to Wednesday, January 12, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Christian Erichsen.

Vote: 3 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried. (Commissioner Chris Erichsen abstained.)

**2. Authorization to Pay bills-**

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for approval to pay the bills as reviewed by Commissioners John Fraino and Alan Barone, totaling \$46831.08.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve payment of the abstract of bills totaling \$46831.08, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion was carried unan.

Erichsen's bill was held for clarification.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve payment of the bill from Passikoff and Scott for Treasurer's services for December 2021 in the amount of \$2267.00, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

**3. Correspondence-**

The following correspondence was received:

Letter from Ulster County Emergency Management- Steve Petersen explained that the Ulster County Emergency Management is considering the Town of Lloyd Police Department as a location for the back up to our Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

A concrete pad will be needed, and microwave disk would be attached.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated Police Chief Janso has no issue with this and we don't have an issue A concrete pad will be needed, and microwave disk would be attached. Steve Petersen stated that the goal is to have a reciprocity agreement with Dutchess County.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we will need an agreement. There is no financial expense to the fire district.

**Room Requests-** none

**4. New Membership-** none

**5. Buildings and Grounds St.1-**

**Safeco-** Quote received today for installation of rear camera total \$2500.

**Buildings and Grounds St. 2**

Commissioner Chris Erichsen reported that there is metal sticking out of Bay door. Commissioner Barone stated a dowel and concrete would remedy.

Water pressure – low.

**6. New Apparatus-**

Status – stainless steel pending for cab

31-45- Auto stow working.

31-10- photos pending

Sale of 31-20 -purchase order pending from City of Beacon (tentative sale date 12/20/2021.

Radios will be removed.

**7. Insurance and Workers Compensation-**

Workers Compensation- renewal 1/1/2022. We are currently with FDM who quoted \$42756 for 2022. PERMA declined to quote. Safety Group 497/ NYSIF quoted \$46756 with a projected dividends of \$13,630; the dividend would yield \$8900 in savings. Dividends are not guaranteed

but have a good track record. VFBL for volunteers and workers comp for office staff and custodial staff.

**Cancer Insurance Renewal**- individuals covered: Interior, exterior and those who were interior determine premium.

General Liability and Auto will be reviewed in February 2022.

**8. Service Awards-**

**LOSAP Administration/Actuarial Services- Firefly**

Chairman DiLorenzo stated we liked Tony Hill's presentation of what Firefly can offer.

Penflex's cost \$7874

Firefly's cost \$7600

Firefly will provide a monthly remittance statement to LOSAP recipients. Firefly has funds available to recipients the first of the month. If we chose to change to Firefly, there would be a slight delay for the January 2022 payment.

**9. Treasurer's Report-** November 2021 Financial Report

Nothing unusual was noted .

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to accept the November 2021 Financial Report as submitted by the Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

**Vote:** 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Audit 2020- RBT needs acceptance of draft report of Audit 2020.

**10. Public Comment-** Adult Hose Company Christmas Party cancelled.

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

New Member Orientation- 3 new members scheduled this Sunday.

SCBA Re-Cert- 12/2/2021 23 members

Duty Night- 1/6/2022

OSHA- February 27, 2022

COVID -update #6

Code of Conduct- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for comments from the Board. Members could sign at the upcoming OSHA class to be held February 27, 2022.

Chief Miller stated work still needs to be done on the code of conduct. Also, to be discussed is Smoke free campus which would include vaping. Also, noted was marijuana legalization as of January 1, 2022.

## 12. Old Business-

Town of Lloyd Ambulance Contract- currently on a month-to-month agreement; further negotiations to happen with the 2022 Town Board.

ISO-Chief Miller with Bob Schumacher. It was good meeting. There were hydrant issues need to be addressed.

## 13. New Business-

### ***Safeco Camera for rear of Station 1***

**MOTION:** Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the installation of a camera at the rear of Station 1 as per the quote from Safeco for \$2500, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

### ***Safety Group 497/ NYSIF***

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize the change to Safety Group 497 and The New York State Insurance Fund for workers compensation insurance and VFBL effective January 1, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

### ***Service Award Administration and Actuarial Services***

**MOTION:** Commissioner Alan Barone moved to authorize the Service Award Administration and Actuarial Services to be changed to Firefly effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

### ***Acceptance of Audit 2020 Draft Report***

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the Draft report of the 2020 Audit as submitted by RBT, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

#### **Dedication of Commissioners Board Room**

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that on January 1, 2022 at 9:30 am prior to the Swearing-in Ceremony we will dedicate the Commissioners Board Room to Ben Bragg. We will invite his family to attend.

#### **Presentation of Recognition Award to Commissioner John Fraino**

Chairman DiLorenzo presented a plaque to Commissioner John Fraino for his 17 years of dedication and service to Highland Fire District. Board members thanked Commissioner Fraino for his service on the Board and wished him well in his new post as Town of Lloyd Councilman.

#### **14. Adjournment-**

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Commissioner Alan Barone moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED BOFC 1/12/2022