Highland Fire District

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Regular Meeting February 9, 2021 7:00 PM St 1

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

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 the approve the minutes of November 10, 2020, January 6, 2021 re-Organizational meeting and January 6, 2021 regular meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENTMotion was carried.

January 6, 2021 RE-org and regular meeting minutes were tabled for approval until next meeting when additional board members would be in attendance.

2. Authorization to pay Bills:

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize payment of the bills as reviewed on February 8, 2021 by Commissioners Fraino and Barone and Chief Miller. Abstract of bills total is \$1,292,330.81.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize payment of the bills totaling \$1,292,330.81, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

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3. Correspondence-

Certificate of Liability Insurance- received from Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson

4. New Membership-

Barron Rockwell-former member

Chairman Dilorenzo explained that Barron already has training as discussed in his interview. Commissioner Fraino welcomed Barron back.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the membership of Barron Rockwell pending his successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

Michael Jon Schaeffer-former member with previous training

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve Michael Jon Schaeffer as a probationary active member pending a successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

5. Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds St. 1 - Commissioners Bragg and Barone

<u>Storage Project</u>- community room. Three closets are being constructed for Fire Prevention, District And Equipment and gear storage.

<u>Outside Storage</u>- rear of Station 1. Container will be installed, pending painting (weather permitting) by vendor.

Security- receiving calls regarding trouble alarms . System resets.

Buildings & Grounds ST 2- Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino. No issues to report.

6. New Apparatus- Assistant Chief Jim Anzalone reported the following:

<u>New Ladder Truck</u>-working on new additions; smooth operation. Chairman DiLorenzo stated you can learn a great deal about the truck at the dashboard.

7. Insurance/Workers Compensation-

<u>Insurance Renewals</u>- should set up a meeting with our agent Linda Flanagan. District Clerk to coordinate with Insurance committee. (Commissioners Barone and Fraino)

Chairman DiLorenzo noted that Marshall & Sterling , Kingston office only, offers discount to members of the NYSAFC.

8. Ulster County Fire District Association- Commissioners Bragg and Dilorenzo

9/16/2021 -scheduled to be held here at Highland.

9. Service Awards-

Annual LOSAP Census-ready to submit for 2020; just need Board members signatures.

COVID-19- Each Active member will receive 22 points for the period of 3/14/20 through 7/31/2020.

Funding- Next month Phil DeAngelo would like to report via zoom.

10. Treasurer's Report-

Treasurer Passikoff reported that the Jan-Feb 2020 Financial report will be ready at next meeting, March 9. We will also have the year end balance finalized then. The Compressor and Roof Unit are 2020 expenses.

Tax Money was received all at once. Bond and Rent payments from Town of Lloyd are pending.

AUD 2020- Board will approve when completed.

Equipment from Premier- Assistant Chief Anzalone doesn't know when it will be in.

Gear- working on retrieval from inactive members.

31-20,30- preparing for sale.

11. Public Comment- none.

12. Old Business-

<u>Gasoline-</u> Commissioner Chris Erichsen stated we should look at our unleaded gas pricing. Main Care is our current supplier.

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<u>Administrative position-</u> to support Chief. We could use Norman Staffing to find appropriate candidates; we would interview. This person could be a back- up for the District Clerk. We need a Description of job duties and the position would be part time. Office would be the Medical office as the Medical office will move to the Fire Prevent office; fire prevention would be moved to the storage closet. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to further investigate the process of hiring a temp from a staffing agency, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

14. Chief's Report-

New 31-45 -in service; a few small items still pending.

<u>FAP</u>- cost is \$1100.

OSHA-February 28,2021 will be held in two 4- hour sessions.

PE's- pending a new vendor. First Care does physical exams for some fire departments.

Time frame to complete physicals will be 60-90 Days. FIT tests are not being done due to COVID.

<u>Ambulance Contract</u>- Town of Lloyd. There was a discussion regarding spearheading a meeting with the Town and Ambulance vendor. Commissioner Fraino to set up a meeting with the Town Supervisor.

15. Adjournment-

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM , seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen. VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 2 ABSENT Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved BOFC 3/9/2021

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk