Highland Fire District Regular Meeting August 8, 2017 7:00 PM St 1

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

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

- 1. Approval of Minutes- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 regular meeting. Table until next meeting when there is a quorum.
- Bills- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize payment of the bills as reviewed by, Commissioners Alan Barone and John Fraino and Chief Miller on August 7 2017 for the period of 7/15/17 through 8/7/17 for a total of \$25,653.63.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to authorize payment of the bills submitted in the amount of \$25653.63, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

 Correspondence- The following correspondence was received: <u>AFDSNY-</u>2017 Fall Leadership Summit October 12-14 2017- registration packet <u>D& D Auto Supply</u>-letter re: ownership change <u>Certificate of Liability Insurance</u> –from Waste Connections

Room Requests-

Saturday August 19, 2017 Town of Lloyd Police family event requested by Sgt. Roloson 9:30 am to 2 PM
MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to approve the request for use of the community by the Town of Lloyd Police on August 19, 2017, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.
VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent
Motion carried.

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Wednesday September 13 and Thursday September 14 9 am to 5 pm Training for Volunteer Respite for Family Care Givers requested by Sharon Murray Cohen of Jewish Family Services of Ulster County.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for use of the community Room for September 13 and 14 by the Jewish Family Services of Ulster County, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

Sunday September 17, 2017 3 Pm to 6 :30 PM Baby Shower requested by Tiffany Weaver, Highland Hose Co. #1 member.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for use of the community on Sunday September 17, 2017 as requested by Tiffany Weaver, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

Saturday November 11, 2017 8 am to 4 Pm UCVFPA Seminar requested by Mike DePaola. HOLD checking on date

October 3, 2017 through November 30, 2017 3 PM to 4PM Tuesdays and Thursdays Tai Chi Program for Seniors requested by Kim Butwell Ulster County Office of the Aging Discussion and review of guidelines. Request denied –exceeds use limit.

December 26, 2017 11:30 am to 7 pm American Red Cross Blood Drive requested b By Steve Leary.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for use of the community room for an American Red Cross Blood Drive December 26, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

February 20, 2017 Tuesday UCVFA meeting 7 PM to 9:30 PM requested by Mike DePaola

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for use of the Community room on Tuesday February 20, 2017 for the UCVFA meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

4. New Membership- none

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings and Grounds ST 1-Cmrs. Bragg and Barone

Sealing Blacktop-in progress; to begin first week in September 2017

Drains-cleaned by M & O

Windows ST 1-cleaning; Commissioner Barone to follow up.

<u>New Custodians</u>- ID and Keys needed. Lori to continue handling access for events at ST.1 and cleaning Station 2.

<u>Radio Room chairs</u>- Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we have looked at Corcraft and Herman Miller. Cost per Chair is approx. \$700 each. We need a hard back sturdy chair.

Buildings and Grounds St.2-Cmrs. Erichsen and Fraino <u>Fire Alarm Inspection</u>- completed by Safeco and okay.

Tree-pending

BBQ pit- 1/2 inch screen to deter birds.

<u>St 2 Water-spotting</u>- Commissioner Fraino had Hudson Valley Water test; 7.7 hard water. \$1900 installed for a residential softener system \$3100 for a commercial system which would take up more space. Either system does not guarantee spot –free. Current filter will remain to filter the sand.

- 6. New Apparatus-no report
- 7. Insurance/Workers Compensation- nothing to report
- 8. Physical Fitness- next update October 2017 (3rd quarter)
- Ulster County Fire District Association-Cmrs. Bragg, DiLorenzo, Erichsen Sept 21 2017 at Highland November 16 2017 at Ulster 5

10. Service Awards- July 2017 activity posted August 2, 2017

11. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Passikoff

Treasurer Passikoff reported that things look good.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to send a check for \$140,000 to the LOSAP fund, Seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg. VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

2018 Budget – Treasurer Passikoff distributed the Draft 2018 Budget for review by the Board. A special meeting has been scheduled for <u>August 22, 2017 at 7 pm</u> to discuss the 2018 Budget.

Treasurer Passikoff noted that a 10 % increase is anticipated for Workers Compensation Insurance rates.

11. Public Comment-

Highland Hose Co. #1 President, Jim Balint, noted that the 9/11 ceremony will take place on Monday night (9/11/17). Also the parade route has changed; It will proceed from St. Augustine's and through Commercial Avenue through the village.

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

<u>31-80 August 24, 2017</u> –to Woodstock for Highway Safety Training <u>31-80 September 10, 2017</u> -to Hudson Fireman's Home BBQ <u>9/11 Ceremony</u>- Sept. 11, 2017 Monday <u>8/19-</u> A BBQ is being given for those that responded to the house fire on RT 44/55 <u>Out of Town-</u>31-C will be out of town for one month <u>31-35 Towing</u> bill- in tonight's bill abstract Officer's Duties-in process

13. Old Business-

<u>Old Low-Band Radios</u>-listed on GovDeals.com LOSAP- Chairman Dilorenzo stated that VFIS would give us presentation of their LOSAP Program. There was discussion and it was favorable to receive the information.

14. New Business-

<u>Chairs for St 1 Radio Room</u>-pending sample review

St 2 Water Softener-

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to authorize the purchase of the water Softener at a cost of \$1900 by Hudson Valley Water Resources, Inc., seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Authorization for 31-80 to Woodstock on 8/24/17

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to authorize 31-80 to Woodstock on 8/24/17 For Highway Safety Training, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

Authorization for 31-80 to go to Hudson for the Fireman's BBQ on September 10, 2017

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino move to authorize 31-80 to Hudson for the Fireman's Home BBQ, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg. VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

Fire Advisory Board-

There was discussion of the need for a representative for the Fire Advisory Board since resignation of Fred DeMaio. Chairman Steve DiLorenzo stated that Steve Lee expressed Interest and would be a good candidate for this position. His resume' has been received.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to endorse Steve Lee's appointment to the Ulster County Fire Advisory Board, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg. VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Commissioner Bragg moved to go to executive session at 8:40 PM to discuss Paid personnel's request for time off, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

16. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 9:25 PM, Commissioner Bragg moved to return to the regular session, and there being no further business, moved to adjourn at 9:25 PM. VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

Approved BOFC mtg 9/12/17