Highland Fire District
Regular Meeting
January 3, 2018
7:15 PM St 1

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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)

Chairman Dilorenzo stated that we will now move on to our regular meeting for January 2017.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting. Chairman DiLorenzo noted that there has been Bell trouble signals on the alarm system at St.1; we may have to look at upgrading the system.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 0 Absent Commissioner Erichsen abstained Motion carried.

2. Bills-Chairman Dilorenzo asked for a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by Commissioners Alan Barone and John Fraino and Chief Peter Miller on January 2, 2018.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the bills totaling \$94373.60 seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

It was noted that the PORCO bill was incomplete; we were not charged for the propane. The District Clerk will follow up.

3. Correspondence-

<u>Letter from RBT</u>- regarding 2017 Audit

Certificate of Insurance-Heritagenergy

<u>Certificate of Insurance</u>- Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson

<u>Fire & EMS Law & Management Conference</u> – March 22-March 25, 2018 at Turning Stone Ulster County Fire Advisory Board- minutes October 25, 2017

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Room Requests-

Tuesday Jan 9, 2018 5:30Pm to 7 PM Alzheimer Association Meeting requested by Sgt.

Roloson

Town of Lloyd Police

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for January 9, 2018 for the Alzheimer Association meeting as requested by Sgt. Roloson of the Town of Lloyd Police, Seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Wednesday January 17, 2018 6 Pm to 8 PM Cub Scout Pack 70 Pinewood Derby Weigh-in requested by Mike Bakatsias.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the request for January 17, 2018 for the Cub Scout Pack 70 Pinewood Derby Weigh-in, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg. VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent Motion carried unan.

- 4. New Membership- none
- 5. Committee Reports-

Buildings & Grounds St.1- Commissioners Bragg and Barone

<u>Community Room Kitchen</u>- Hose Company proposes to remove a wall in the kitchen that would involve some electrical work and moving the telephone; it is not a load bearing wall. Cost estimate needed.

Snow Plowing- Garone's plowed. Town of Lloyd salted and removed snow piles.

Buildings & Grounds St 2.-Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

Generator-Building Permit needed; no cost. Generator is to arrive next week for install.

Water spotting- no improvement

- **6. New Apparatus**-Chief Miller reported more info follow; meeting in late January 2018.
- 7. Insurance/Workers Compensation- Renewals pending for March 2018

- 8. Physical Fitness- 4th Quarter 2017 pending.
- 9. Ulster County Fire Districts Association- Commissioners Bragg, DiLorenzo and Erichsen March 29 2018 at Marlboro

September 2018 meeting to be held here at Highland.

Note: Joint meeting with Ulster County Chiefs Association November 2018

- **10. Service Awards** December 2017 activity to be posted next week.
- **11. Treasurer's Report**-Treasurer Passikoff reported the financial report will be done next week. Contribution for LOSAP can be done when tax money is in.

Resolution needed to appoint RBT as auditors for the 2017 Audit.

12. Public Comment-

Fundraiser: Assistant Chief Everett Erichsen requested approval for a Daytona 500 fundraising event for the Highland Hose Company. Event cost \$50 and would sell tickets with all-you-can eat food and door prizes. Would be held 1:30 PM to 7 PM. Event would be open to anyone. Approval needed by Board to serve Beer only. Event would be February 17 and 18 2018.

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

31-35-out of service

Training Schedule-in process

Membership-meeting to be held on 1/11/18

OSHA- Sunday March 4, 2018

14. Old Business-

Holiday Schedule-Addendum for District Clerk's agreement.

Ambulance Contract and Lease- all commissioners now have copies.

<u>Commissioner Training</u>- Saturday January 13, 2018 here at Highland. Commissioner Barone to attend.

15. New Business-

<u>LTR Mountaintop</u> –Milton went live. In about 30 days we will be off (February)

Appointment of RBT for 2017 Audit

MOTION: Commissioner Bragg moved to appoint RBT LLC auditors to perform our 2017 Audit, Seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Daytona 500 Fundraiser Approval

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the Daytona 500 Fundraiser for the Highland Hose Company #1, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

<u>Videoconferencing</u>- Chairman DiLorenzo stated he met with Jeff Zupan of HVAV and obtained a Quote for a complete system. Quote is \$6920. There was discussion of the quote and it was decided it was too expensive.

16. Executive Session-

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to go to executive session at 8:15 PM to review contracts relating to ambulance service and rent, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

17. Return to regular Session and Adjournment-

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to return to the regular session of the meeting, and with no further business to discuss, at 9 pm, moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Respectfully submitted.
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED BOFC 2/14/18