Highland Fire District

Regular Meeting February 13, 2019 7 PM St 1

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

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of The Organizational Meeting January 2, 2019, the Regular Meeting January 2, 2019 and the Special Meeting January 15, 2019.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the minutes of the 2019 Organizational meeting held on January 2, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Stephen Dilorenzo. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stephen Dilorenzo. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 Special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

3. Authorization to pay bills- as reviewed on Tuesday February 12, 2019 by Commissioners Alan Barone and Steve DiLorenzo and Chief Miller. It was noted that the bill for \$94.50 was to be deducted from the abstract for further research and review by the Chief. Also, \$116.74 was added as it was a 2018 expense (natural gas ST 1). Total abstract \$55192.53.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$55170.29 as reviewed by Commissioners Barone and DiLorenzo and Chief Miller on February 12, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

4. Correspondence-

Fire District Commissioner Training- March 28-March 31, 2019 Annual EMS Conference Certificate of Liability-received from County of Ulster Certificate of Liability Insurance- John Herbert Co. Certificate of liability insurance –A-1 Communications Certificate of Liability Insurance- Fairview Fire District

Room Requests-

Monday Feb 25 2019 5:30 PM Rotary Board Meeting-requested by Sgt. Roloson

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the meeting for a Rotary Board meeting on Monday February 25, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Saturday March 16, 2019 8 am – 5 pm Hose Co. Corned Beef Dinner requested by Steven Lee

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone move d to approve the Corned Beef Dinner to be held on March 16, 2019 by the Highland Hose Company, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

Friday May 3 2019 12 pm to 8 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive requested by Steve Leary

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the community room by the American Red Cross on Friday May 3, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried. 5. New Membership- The following new members were presented for approval:

Magnolia Castellano

Andi Driza

Lucia Nicole Long

Taylor Elizabeth Farino

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that intense training is involved in being a volunteer, however the more effort you put in the more you get out of it. We have a good record as far as safety of our members. You will have to complete Firefighter 1 (BEFO) then Firefighter 2. Membership is contingent on your successful completion of a physical exam. Then you will have orientation. We take membership here seriously; it is considered an honor and a privilege to be a member. There is plenty of hard work with, duty nights twice a month. Volunteering in this capacity is very rewarding.

Commissioner Barone stated we all have a common intent and that is to give to our community and this is very rewarding. Our officers put forward a lot of effort into training and we congratulate them for that. There is a social side of things as well; fundraising activities. There is good communication as to what it going on in the department as well.

Commissioner Chris Erichsen stated that if you are injured in the line of duty you are covered under Workers Comp. Chairman Dilorenzo stated in such a situation, someone will accompany to the hospital.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the membership of Magnolia Castellano, Andi Driza, Lucia Nicole Long and Taylor Elizabeth Farino pending successful completion of their physical exams, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

6. Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds St.1- Commissioners Bragg and Barone

Air Movement/Fans- installed

<u>IT Upgrade</u>-WiFi improved and CAT System is operating better. Konica Copier has to be reconnected to the network. <u>Radio Room</u>-new flooring proposal is \$2000. Commissioner Barone reported this flooring Features durability and easy maintenance; it is double the thickness of vinyl tile.

Buildings and Grounds St 2-Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

BBQ Pit Pad - Chairman DiLorenzo spoke with John Diaz who will review in the Spring (2019)

7. New Apparatus-

Two Proposals were received as follows:

Sourcewell \$1,369,921

Premier Apparatus !,290,175

Contract will be reviewed by legal counsel first Performance Bond included Pre-Construction inspections

There was discussion regarding review of the specifications as soon as possible. A special meeting will be held on Saturday at 9 AM to review the truck specifications in detail.

8. Insurance/Workers Compensation- renewal of our package policy portfolio will by next week.

9. Physical Fitness-

1st Qtr 2018 total reimbursed \$83.06 2nd Qtr 2018 total reimbursed \$92.62 3rd Qtr 2018 total reimbursed \$69.93 4th Qtr 2018 total reimbursed \$71.50

Preventive Maintenance for fitness equipment performed on 8/15/17

10. Ulster County Fire District Association-Cmrs. Bragg, DiLorenzo,

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11. Service Awards – January 2019 Activity –pending posting 2018 Census is prepped to send to Penflex

12. Treasurer Report-

Treasurer Passikoff reported that a Financial Report will be submitted in March 2019 for January and February 2019.

It was noted that we have received \$150,000. In Tax Money

13 Public Comment- none

- 14. Chief's Report- Chief Miller reported the following:
- 31-80- approval needed to go to Mohonk for UCFCA Seminar
- 2/21/19 Training
- 2/25/19 Duty Night
- 2/26/19 Parade meeting
- 2/27/19 SCBA Recertification
- 2/25/19 and March Dates TBA-Fairview SCBA Recertification

Training with Clintondale- dates pending

Commissioner Alan Barone stated that the Planning Department is trying to get someone from the Fire Department involved.

Chief Miller noted that a certificate of occupancy was given regarding the Bridge Capacity. The snow removal issue has been addressed.

15. Old Business

Grant- Chief Miller reported that we have time; we are waiting to order the equipment until a battery issue is resolved by the manufacturer.

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16. New Business

<u>LOSAP-</u> There was discussion regarding increasing the benefit to \$30 per year . Penflex will charge approx. \$500 to develop a plan. We would need the approval of the tax payers and if approved would increase going forward. The Board agreed to get more information.

<u>Meeting Room</u>- new chairs for the meeting room Board table would cost \$325 each from Corcraft. Current chairs are 20 year old and have become wobbly. Also looking at upgrading a desk in the District office. The chairs would roll and have no arms.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the purchase five chairs at a cost of \$325 each from Corcraft for the meeting room, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

17. Executive Session-

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to go to executive session to discuss the employment history of a paid employee at 8:12 PM, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

18. Return to regular session and Adjournment-

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to return to the regular session of the meeting And there being no further business, moved to adjourn at 8:58 PM, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted, Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk