

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	(PRESENT)

### **1. Opening of meeting:**

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.

Chairman DiLorenzo asked if any Commissioners are interested in going to the AFDSNY Conference in Saratoga Springs in October 2017 to let the District Clerk know so that registration can be completed.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that the purpose of this meeting is to review and prepare the 2018 Budget for the Highland Fire District. Treasurer Passikoff distributed Draft copies to the Board for review.

### **2. Review of Proposed 2018 Budget-**

Chairman DiLorenzo noted that he had met with the Tax Assessor of the Town of Lloyd to discuss the assessed value. It was noted that Central Hudson and CSX have their assessments determined by New York State not the Town of Lloyd.

Treasurer Passikoff reviewed each line item of the draft of the 2018 Budget as follows:

Revenue-interest income was reduced to \$800 due to low interest rates, thereby reducing income.

Personal Services- 2% increase was used for salary and Deferred Compensation Plan  
Chairman DiLorenzo stated that the Board would discuss that.

It was noted that the amount for the Maintenance person, \$7200, was from Building maintenance.

Equipment- Technology and office equipment was reduced by \$500 each.

Propane- Commissioner Fraino noted that propane will increase .10 per gallon.

Water softener- It was noted that the water softener would be installed at Station 2 after Labor Day 2017.

Snow removal-increased \$500 for the community room

Review of Apparatus-Chief Miller noted that paint repair is needed for 31-10 and 31-30. 31-30 was done 4 years ago and the amount budget was \$25,000. Estimate for repair now would be \$30,000. There was discussion regarding cost-effectiveness and the overall life of the trucks. It was noted that if we plan on keeping the trucks longer, then there is value to repairing. There was discussion regarding if we could fund this with excess of revenue over fund balance at year end 2017.

Gasoline and Diesel-reduced Gasoline to \$7000 and Diesel to \$5000.

SCBA Testing- increased to \$3500 as this first year was provided no charge by the vendor.

RIT Bailout-does have a shelf-life.

Professional fees- Penflex fee may go up due to a new NYS OSC footnote requirement; could add \$1000.

Chairman DiLorenzo asked Treasurer Passikoff to revise the Draft 2018 Budget with the changes made this evening and send to the Board for review.

Chairman DiLorenzo noted that we should schedule Phil Deangelo for the October 2017 meeting for an update on our LOSAP Funding.

### **3. Adjournment-**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 3 YES 0 NAY 0 Absent 2 ABSENT  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED BOFC mtg 10/10/2017