

Highland Fire District

Regular Meeting

January 10, 2023

7:20 pm – St #1

Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(PRESENT)
	Christian Erichsen	(PRESENT)
	Alan Barone	(PRESENT)
	Kevin Rizzo	(PRESENT)
	Phil Roloson	(PRESENT)
Treasurer	James Passikoff	(PRESENT)
District Clerk	Denise A. Holzberger	(ABSENT)
District Secretary	Leslie B. Benson	(PRESENT)
Assistant Chief	Jeff DiMetro	(present)
	Jim Anzalone	(Present)
President	Jim Balint	(Present)

Chairman DiLorenzo advised we will move to our regular meeting immediately following the organizational meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for approval of the minutes for December 13, 2022 as taken by Fred DeMaio.

Motion: Commissioner Kevin Rizzo moved to approve minutes from December 13, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Phil Roloson

Vote: 3 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain 0 Absent

2. Authorization to Pay bills:

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for approval to pay the bills as reviewed by Commissioners Stephen DiLorenzo and Christian Erichsen, totaling \$36,983.98 on Monday, January 9, 2023. On hold bill for Premier for \$2500 – warranty on 31-45. Commissioner DiLorenzo will follow up with Premier.

Motion: Commissioner Kevin Rizzo moved to approve payment of the revised abstract of bills totaling \$36,983.98, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

3. Correspondence:

Room Requests:

Taylor Dailey requested the community room for 1/17/23 for a funeral gathering and 2/18/23 for a birthday party with use of the kitchen. Deposits of \$50 were received. Assistant Chief DiMetro checked dates for Firefighter 1 class.

Motion: Commissioner Phil Roloson moved to approve both requests, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

4. Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds St 1 - Commissioners Barone and Roloson

Commissioner Phil Roloson advised server in, started process.

Police Station - New roof unit for heat, the heat exchanger went bad, Commissioner DiLorenzo received proposals with a 4 week wait, the work will be done end of this week, replacing the 17-year-old unit.

Building and Grounds St 2 - Commissioners Erichsen and Rizzo

Commissioner Chris Erichsen advised the apron work will be revisited in Spring.

5. New Membership: None

6. New Apparatus:

31-11 - On the line, no updates

Cars – Nothing new to report

7. Insurance/Workers Compensation:

NYSIF Premium Audit completed, credit received – Commissioner DiLorenzo advised he spoke with Linda and early February we will have renewals.

8. Service Awards:

Chairman DiLorenzo advised we are behind posting December 2022. We now have 2 or 3 members - 55 years old. LOSAP \$150,000 budgeted for 2023.

9. Ulster County Fire District Association: Commissioner DiLorenzo advised next meeting is March 16, 2023 In Highland. Commissioner Erichsen and Assistant Chief Anzalone will assist with Food. All Commissioners and Chiefs to attend.

10. Treasurer Report: Treasurer Jim Passikoff sent preliminary report \$82,933 and balance will be reduced due to accounts payable. Final numbers will be provided at the end of February or at March 2023 meeting.

11. Public Comment: None

12. Chief's Report: Assistant Chief Jeff DiMetro presented in the absence of Chief Peter Miller

Company Training dates: 1/19/23, 2/2/23,

Company Duty nights: 1/23/23, 2/13/23 and 2/27/23

SCBA flow testing: 2/6 and 2/7/23

OHSA is 2/26/23 – there will be driver and firefighter sessions

Apparatus Repair items:

31-45 Auto Stow, E-One has not scheduled a tech to come to Premier

31-60 – A/C part on order

31-80 – GM/Chevy recall, parts are on order

31-45 – latch for engine compartment on order

31-13 – Breaker tripping issue with generator running – Premier

31-11 - No update on the completion date for 31-11 – Still on schedule for February

Hose failure: 2 lengths of defective hose sent back – nothing yet

Kenny Finke – part is here, tech to program and install – delivered to Premier

New Boat – 14' John boat, capacity 3 plus people has oar locks, at St 2, no training scheduled yet, boat will be registered.

13. Old Business-

Commissioner Phil Roloson asked about new furniture for district secretary, Commissioner DiLorenzo advised Denise is working a couple of months and we should wait. Commissioner Alan Barone felt we should have the secretary and chairman tie in their offices as we expressed setting up the district office and the need for a bigger set up. Next month will have an answer, wait a month to order furniture.

Commissioner Kevin Rizzo moved to suspend their previous motion to allocate \$4,000 for renovation seconded by Commissioner Phil Roloson.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

14. New Business:

31-80

Jim Balint and Mike DePaola asked if they could take 31-80 to Napanoch for the UCVFA meeting on 1/17/23.

Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve taking 31-80 to the UCVFA county meeting on 1/17/23 seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

New 10% tax exemption:

Commissioner Stephen DiLorenzo said he met with Supervisor Dave Plavchak regarding a tax credit, where volunteer firefighters can receive up to a 10% tax exemption on their primary home for property tax. The resolution is separate from each district and the town must adopt the law. Email to Scott Dow. Supervisor Dave Plavchak to contact Sean Murphy, Town lawyer, to adopt 10% on property tax with more discussion to follow.

Commissioner Kevin Rizzo said we need to propose to the School board. We will send liaisons to the school board meeting...Commissioners Alan Barone and Kevin Rizzo will attend this meeting.

AED's:

AED's: Jim Balint advised we are waiting for Chief Miller. Jim provided pricing. The community room AED's is out and covered.

15. Executive Session:

Motion: At 7:58 PM, Commissioner DiLorenzo moved to go to executive session to discuss a contractual item regarding hydrants requested by Assistant Chief DiMetro and Anzalone, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Rizzo

Vote: 5 yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

16. Return to regular session and Adjournment:

Motion: Commissioner Phil Roloson moved to return to the regular session of the meeting at 9:17 PM, and there being no further business, moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Rizzo.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Benson, District Secretary