

**Highland Fire District
June 12, 2019
Regular Meeting
7 PM St 1**

Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(PRESENT)
	Benjamin Bragg	(PRESENT)
	Christian Erichsen	(PRESENT)
	John Fraino	(PRESENT)
	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.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**-Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 regular meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 regular meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

2. **Authorization to pay bills**- As reviewed on Monday June 10, 2019 by Commissioners Steve DiLorenzo and Alan Barone and Chief Miller. Total Abstract \$43412.42. It was noted that the \$350 invoice from M & O Sanitation was deducted; Commissioner DiLorenzo to contact M & O regarding charge.

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve payment of the bills totaling \$43412.42, seconded by Commissioner Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

3. **Correspondence**- District Clerk Holzberger reported the following was received:

**Certificate of Insurance –rec'd for Main Care
Central Hudson-energy-efficient lighting upgrades
Porco- Porco Energy joined Superior Plus
FASNY-convention info. August 1-9 in Syracuse**

Room Requests:

Saturday June 22, 2019 6 Pm -9 Pm First Aid and CPR class requested by Jim Balint

MOTION: Commissioner Bragg moved to approve the request for use of the community room by Jim Balint for a First Aid and CPR class on June 22, 2019, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Saturday October 11 and 12 5pm 10/11 thru 10 pm 10/12 Fall Penny Social requested by Leslie Benson HHCo #1 Ladies Auxiliary

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request to use the community by the Ladies Auxiliary for the Fall Penny Social on October 11 and 12 2019, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Saturday November 2, 2019 UCVFPA seminar 8am to 4:30 Pm requested by Mike Depaola

MOTION: Commissioner Bragg moved to approve the request for use of the community room by Mike Depaola for the UCVFPA on Saturday November 2, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

6. New Membership-none

7. Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds St.1- Commissioners Bragg and Barone

Sewer Back-up- Chairman DiLorenzo reported that we are monitoring the repairs that were made to be sure there are no issue and so far things are working.

IT Upgrade- Estimate for new equipment. Chief Miller and Commissioner Bragg met with MCS (Nick and Dan) regarding upgrading equipment and leasing versus purchasing. The Board prefers purchasing equipment out right.

Roof Maintenance-estimate received from Hollenbeck & Dailey , Inc. for Roof Inspection and maintenance. Cost is \$1500. Recent repairs were done and covered by the Firestone warranty. Commissioner Bragg recommends going with the preventive inspections.

St 1 Painting of Radio Room- replace ceiling tiles also.

MLSS Ambulance Quarters- upgrade of A/C. Will need new maintenance contract from Airflow.

Buildings and Grounds St 2-Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

BBQ Pit Pad-Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we had prices; Jim A to do site. Commissioner Bragg suggested pouring a trench with a cover on the corners.

Cage- Chairman DiLorenzo stated that the cage ordered from Uline was returned.

8. New Apparatus-Nothing new to report; delivery for new ladder truck will be in 2020.

9. Insurance/Workers Compensation

Accident Insurance- Sickness allowed back into policy; NYS approved

31-C- received check for damage from VFIS.

125th Celebration Fireworks- Certificate of Insurance received from Legion. Additional insurance from VFIS would be \$836. There was discussion .

10. Physical Fitness- pending report from Mike Artega's

2018 Reimbursement-317.11

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

Commissioner Barone asked the District Clerk to obtain a price for preventative maintenance.

11. Ulster County Fire District Association- Commissioners Bragg, DiLorenzo

September 19, 2019 meeting to be held here at HFD

12. Service Awards-

May 2019 activity – pending posting *Posted 6/25/2019*

April 2019 data –sent to NYS

2018 Statements mailed to members

Upgrade LOSAP- proposals . There was discussion regarding upgrading our program;

1. increasing amount credited per year
2. lowering entitlement age to 55 years old

The Board discussed and reviewed the estimates for the different scenarios. IT was noted that 5 members would be affected by lowering the entitlement age to 55 .

Increase to \$30 per year would be an increase cost of \$27000. there would be no retro. Funding concerns were discussed. It was noted that it would be an incentive to sustain members.

13. Treasurer Report- May 2019 financial report distributed.

Authorization of Certificate of Deposit

MOTION: Commissioner Bragg moved to authorize Treasurer Passikoff to purchase a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$1.8 million for a 60 days term to mature on August 19, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

May 2019 Financial Report- pending approval at next meeting.

14. Public Comment- none

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

6/25/19- 125th Parade meeting
6/14/19- 2 cars to Syracuse NYSAFC
6/17/19-
6/20/19
6/24/19 Duty night
6/27/19 Boot Camp
7/8/19 duty night
6/22/19-- FF1 Wallkill Physical Assessment
Burnt cars @ St 2- Chief Miller to follow up (from Milton FD)
Plywood - Milton FD to replace plywood used at last training (Roof Simulator)
New command Car- build in process now

There was discussion regarding exterior and interior classifications for physicals. Drivers are and exterior physical. NFPA standards are the accepted industry standard. Chairman DiLorenzo asked about new members as he hasn't seen them.

16. New Business-

Color Guard for 125th Parade- Commissioner Fraino American Legion color guard will attend our 125th parade. Distance is 8/10 of a mile. (less than Memorial Day Parade).

Main Care- Commissioner Erichsen asked that we obtain propane bids from them.

Authorization of up to \$7000 for Computer Equipment

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize an amount not to exceed \$7000 for the upgrade and purchase of IT equipment as per MCS Tech Services estimate #281, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Authorization of \$2500 to HHCO #1

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve payment of \$2500 to the Highland Hose Company #1 in lieu of the Fire District holding an Annual Inspection for the members, to cover partial cost of their Annual Installation Dinner on May 11, 2019, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Authorization of Roof Inspection Preventative Maintenance

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to authorize the Roof Inspection Maintenance Contract from Hollenbeck and Dailey at a cost of \$1500, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan. It was noted that the roof at St 1 would be inspected three times a year

Authorization of Two cars to Syracuse NYSAFC Convention June 14, 2019

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to authorize 2 District cars be used to travel to Syracuse New York for the NYSAFC convention on June 14, 2019, seconded by Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

LOSAP UpGrade Discussion-

Commissioner Fraino stated that he is leaning towards option 3 which is the \$30 per year and 40 years.

Commissioner Bragg is leaning towards option 4 \$30 per year and 40 years with entitlement age of 55 years.

Commissioner Alan Barone stated the increase of the benefit and 55 year entitlement age will definitely help attract the 40-45 year old.

Authorization to Upgrade the LOSAP Program

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to increase the benefit for the LOSAP Program to \$30 per year and 40 year with the entitlement age of 55 years to be voted in December 2019 at the Annual Election, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Misc. Items-

10/8/19 regular meeting-Chairman DiLorenzo noted that three commissioners will not be available for that night. He proposed that the regular meeting be held the same night as the 2020 budget Public Hearing on 10/15/19.

2020 Budget Special Meeting- Wednesday August 7, 2019

8/13/2019- Regular August Meeting

125th Parade- Certificate of Insurances -to follow up with Marshall & Sterling

17. Executive Session-

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to go to Executive session at 8:56 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular individual, seconded by Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

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 9:30 PM, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk