

Regular Meeting

June 9, 2020

7 PM St 1

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))
Highland Hose Co.#1	Secretary Steve Lee	(PRESENT)
Highland Hose Co. #1 President	Jim Balint	(PRESENT)

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

1. Approval of Minutes- May 12, 2020-

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

2. Authorization to Pay Bills

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to pay the bills as reviewed on June 8, 2020 by Commissioners Bragg and Barone, and Chief Miller.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the abstract of bills in the amount \$23754.35, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

3. **Correspondence-** the following correspondence was received:

Certificate of Insurance-Main Care

FDM- Annual Meeting July 18, 2020

NYClass-NY Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System

Room Requests

American Red Cross request use of the community room for a blood drive on one of the following:

Tuesday August 4

Friday August 14

Friday August 21

Thursday August 27

Friday August 28

Chief Miller to confirm status of BEFO summer classes to determine best date for Blood Drive.

4. **Buildings & Grounds- St1.-**

Ants- Chairman DiLorenzo reported that there was evidence of ants above Bay door. Cappillino Pest Control called in and sprayed. The Ants were burrowing through the insulation. Problem seems to have been resolved.

Wireless Access System- Chairman DiLorenzo spoke with Pat Rose of A & R; should be less costly. Pending specifications. A demo would be done prior to purchase. Commissioner Barone asked why we should go keyless. It was noted that there are keys out there that have never been returned. This system would be for outside doors only; we have eight doors total. Keyless entry allows for immediate activation and de-activation. We would only have a prescribed number of people who would have an actual key to permit access in the event of an emergency. There would be notification of the system going down by the alarm system.

Treasurer Passikoff knows of two fire districts that have keyless entry and it works well.

Buildings & grounds St.2-

Safeco- Commissioner Chris Erichsen to follow up with Safeco quote.

5. New Apparatus-

Chief Miller stated that we are not trying to just push things through; we are trying gather information from vendors prior to a meeting so that we can present everything to the Board. This is not an affront to any member; we are just trying to get questions answered prior to meeting and in doing such, we need to contact the Chairman and or The Treasurer to ascertain Information.

Chief Miller reported that the new ladder truck is supposed to be completed by October 1, 2020. Commissioner Erichsen asked if it is late. Chief Miller stated that contract states approximately 435 days. Commissioner Bragg stated that with a state of emergency declared That affects production. Chief Miller explained that the biggest issue was E-One had to install a third turn table in the factory. Chief Miller stated that the inspection would take place in October 2020 with completion and delivery late October or early November.(2020)

Chief Miller stated that an order number is assigned when you begin the creation of specifications and a design quote number is assigned to the drawings. These numbers stay with your apparatus throughout the build .

Pumpers- Chief Miller stated that 31-20 and 30 were not the same price. In 2018 There was a 10.5% increase; this cost us \$120,000 because we procrastinated. There was no increase in 2008, but in 2009, there was an increase in 2009. Our Apparatus Plan dated 2010 had 31-20's Replacement cost at around \$688,000. We revised our plan in 2013 after 31-45 purchase. To replace a ladder, it is \$1,100,000.

Commissioner Bragg asked if the price for the two pumpers would be held until 9/15/2020. Chief Miller stated yes.

Chief Miller stated today we have to have a plan for replacement and how it will be funded.

Chairman DiIorenzo stated that if these numbers are true, we should purchase consider purchasing two. To buy one and then purchase one a year and a half later would cost us more money. The savings of buying two at the same time is \$100,000.

Commissioner Bragg stated his concern regarding tax implications and public perception. By September we will have a better idea.

Commissioner Barone stated that a savings is a savings; we can save \$100,000 now and two years from now with an increase of 6 or 7 % that could be another \$100,000.

Commissioner Erichsen has concerns like Commissioner Bragg.

It was noted that government entities have become more refined . Commissioner Barone stated that we have to act in the best interest of the community based on experiences with the school district, the community does rely on us to make these decisions.

6. Insurance/Workers Compensation

Chief Miller noted that we had an injury at the fire in Clintondale; it involves dental work. Commissioner Bragg asked about insurance as it pertain to mutual aid calls. Chairman DiLorenzo to contact our agent.

7. Fitness- no report; gyms are closed due to Covid-19

8. LOSAP/Service Award Program-

Chairman DiLorenzo stated we now have 32 recipients. Phil DeAngelo of Focused Wealth Mgt. Had asked if we wanted a videoconference.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated there is legislation pending in NYS regarding giving additional points to members during COVID. If this passes , the Board of Fire commissioners will have to pass a resolution to permit this. Penflex can draft the resolution, and amendment to our plan document at a cost of \$300.

9. Treasurer's Report-

Treasurer Passikoff reviewed the May 2020 financial report that had been distributed to the Board. It was noted that we saved money on Workers compensation (\$33,000) and on liability insurance (\$1500)

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the May 2020 Financial Report as submitted by the Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

NYCLASS-New York cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System is a local government investment pool. Treasurer Passikoff stated that this is not recommended as there is no insurance to protect funds as is done with banks, pledged collateral, and FDIC insurance.

10. Public Comment-none

11. Chiefs Report—

Chief Miller reported that the Birthday runs have been discontinued.

FF1- begins 6/13 and 6/14 It is up in the air if it will move forward due to funding.

Physicals- Chief Miller stated that he is investigating other options besides the Work Place.

New Applicants- we have 5-6; but physicals cannot take place.

CoVID-19- Chief Miller noted that we are in Phase II, so we will be getting back to training. We will be devising guidelines for training with social distancing and masks.

We are opening the firehouse with limited use of the gym; only one person at a time.

HHCO #1 – meeting will be held on June 23, 2020. 36 members are eligible to vote. Approval of the officers can be done at a Special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on Wednesday June 24, 2020

Driver Training- Chief Miller stated that we are working on one on one driver training; we have to do Driver Re-Cert.

12. Old Business-

31-45- Chairman DiLorenzo reported that Coeymans Fire District contacted him regarding Old 31-45 and when they could get it. June was the time frame we had given them. There was discussion. Chief Miller to come back to the Board with a plan for us, if we released The ladder truck prior to receiving the new Ladder truck. Board will discuss at next meeting.

13. New Business-

Commissioner Fraino announced that the American Legion will have a flag burning ceremony on Sunday .

14. Executive Session-

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to go to executive session at 9:10 pm to discuss the employment history of a specific individual, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

15. Return to Regular session and Adjournment-

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to return to the regular session at 9:20 PM, and there being no further business, moved to adjourn, seconded by commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED BOFC 7/14/2020