Highland Fire District

Regular Meeting March 2, 2020 7 PM St 1

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

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that Phil DeAngelo of Focused Wealth Management was here tonight to give us an update of our LOSAP Funding. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we had a great year (2019); We used a 60/40 blend of investments and at year end moved to exchange traded funds to a more diverse blend. Mr. DeAngelo stated he spoke with Treasurer Passikoff regarding the markets being down and rebalancing now to back to the 60/40 blend. We became extremely defensive at year end. World event affect earnings and interest rates and inflation rates come down . the S& P 500 was down 8.5 % . the recommendation is to move the annual contribution now rather than later in the year. Chairman DiLorenzo stated the board would discuss during the business session of this meeting. It was noted that expenses have come down and TD Ameritrade has no transaction fee. Chairman DiLorenzo thanked Phil for coming in.

- 1. APPROVAL of Minutes- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12. 2020 meeting. Approval tabled for next meeting.
- **2.** Authorization to pay bills- As reviewed on Tuesday March 3, 2020 by Commissioners Alan Barone and Fraino and Chief Miller. Total Abstract \$41382.10

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve payment of the bills totaling \$41382.10 seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried. 3 **Correspondence**- the following correspondence was received:

Commissioner Training- April 4, 2020 Circleville Fire District (Saturday) **Verizon Micro**-Cell- received fund for Micro -Cell \$6000.

Requests for use of the Community Room

Girl Scout Cookie Drop-4/1/2020 8 am to 5 PM Station 2 requested by Sarah Hartley

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the request for use of Station2's Parking lot for the Annual Girl Scout Cookie Drop on April 1, 2020 8 AM to 5 PM, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

<u>American Red Cross</u>—blood Drive Saturday May 9, 2020 7:30 Am to 2:30 PM Requested by Susan Sommer of the American Red Cross

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the request for use of the Community room by the American Red Cross for a Blood Drive on Saturday May 9, 2020 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM, as requested by Susan Sommer of the American Red Cross, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

- 4. New Membership-none
- 5. Committee Reports-

Building and Grounds St 1-Commissioners Bragg and Barone

<u>Three Bay Sink</u>-completed/installed

<u>Ulster Recycling Report</u>- Report completed and sent. We are looking to have a container for paper and cardboard recycling. Cost would be \$10 per month for a bin. For plastic bottles, we will continue to use CLYNK.

<u>Gear Dryer</u>- Bragg's electrical completed the wiring.

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<u>Recycling</u>- currently until April 1, things like old printers can be brought to the Town Recycling Center for free.

<u>Card Access System</u>- all cores have been identified. Steve Lee completed the inventory. Chairman DiLorenzo spoke with A & R Security regarding systems. Things have gone wireless Which Is cost-saving.

Buildings and Grounds Station 2- Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

<u>Alarm system</u>- should be updated as per Safeco.

6. New Apparatus-

<u>New Ladder truck</u>- not online yet. Second set of drawings need to be revised.

<u>Old 31-45</u>- Chief Miller and Chairman to meet with Coeymans on March 11, 2020.

7. Insurance/Workers Compensation

Renewal documents for Cancer Insurance, Workers Comp/VFBL, NYS disability completed.

<u>Cancer Claim</u>-Chairman DiLorenzo reported that we have our first claim; we are working through Some minor issues regarding forms, etc. Our agent is assisting us.

- 8. Physical Fitness 2019 Reimbursement total \$441.09
- 9. Ulster County Fire District Association- Commissioners Bragg, DiLorenzo

Thursday March 5, 2020 in Marlboro - Association Attorney will be the speaker

May 21, 2020 to be held at Highland Fire District joint meeting with Chiefs' Association

Chief Miller will handle refreshments with the Ladies Auxiliary

10. Service Awards-

LOSAP Upgrade -approved Dec 10, 2019

Census Updated -ready to be sent to Penflex

New entitles have been sent notification and paperwork.

11. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Passikoff reported that there is no report as yet; Year-end is almost done and will send report to Board when complete.

All tax money has been received from the Town of Lloyd. Bond payment received and sent.

CD rate- 1.2%

12. Public Comment-none

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

OSHA 3/1/2020 completed

Battalion Meeting 3/10/2020

Radio system upgrade-working with Ulster County; gathering information from other departments. Design is being formulated around existing VHFs channels.

3/17/20-UCVFA meeting 31-80 needed

MASR & Maze Training at Kingston

Duty Night-3/9/2020 & 3/22/2020

14. Old Business-

Grant-Div. of Criminal Justice - extension to March 2020

documents sent for reimbursement 2/19/2020.

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Thermal Imaging cameras were in cars on Monday and used for the fire at New Paltz.

AED's- batteries are needed.

15. New Business-

Approval to transfer \$140,000 to LOSAP fund

MOTION: Commissioner_John Fraino moved to transfer \$140,000. 00 to the LOSAP fund at TD America seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

Approval for 31-80 to be used to UCVFA at Sawkill

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to authorize the use of 31-80 for travel to Sawkill For the UCVFA meeting on March 17, 2020, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

16. Executive Session-

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to go to executive session at 8:08 PM to discuss the Police station lease seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone. VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

17. Return to regular Session and Adjournment

MOTION: At 8:30 PM, Commissioner Alan Barone moved to return to the regular session of the meeting and there being no further business, moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk