

Regular Meeting

MAY 11, 2021

7:00 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)

At 7:00 Pm, Chairman DiLorenzo called the regular meeting to order, led the salute to the flag, and called for a moment of silence for fallen firefighters.

1. Approval of Minutes

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021, regular meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 YES 0 No 2 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried. Commissioners Erichsen and Bragg abstained.

2. Authorization to pay Bills:

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize payment of the bills as reviewed on May 10, 2021, by Commissioners Fraino and Barone and Chief Miller. Abstract of bills total is \$20427.54 for 4/14/2021--5/11/2021.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize payment of the bills totaling \$20427.54, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

3. Correspondence- the following correspondence was received:

Certificate of Insurance- Main Care

Room Requests:

MT Beacon Amateur Radio Club requests use of community room for meetings, every other month , flexible regarding dates, requested by Rich Valentine.

There was discussion regarding new COVID-19 guidelines coming out on May 19, 2021. The Board decided to hold and wait on the new guidelines.

June 5, 2021, Saturday Memorial Repast for use of the pavilion at ST 2 requested by Leslie Benson 11:30 am to 3:30 PM 50 guests

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to approve the request for use of the pavilion at St. 2 for a Memorial Repast on June 5, 2021, as requested by Leslie Benson, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT
Motion was carried

4. New Membership- none.

5. Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds Station1- Commissioners Bragg and Barone

Storage container- delivered

Back Office- Medical Office moved into fire prevention office. Still need to complete removal of old equipment.

Administrative Assistant- moving forward.

Police Station- Proposal for exhaust fan in police station evidence room. There was discussion. Roof does not need to be penetrated; needs air exchange. Board agrees to install a fan, but wishes to explore other options for installation.

EMAILS- we need to get administrative passwords and other info from our former IT vendor in order. Have our current IT provider assist us and create additional email addresses. Board decided to Contact legal counsel for advice on how to proceed.

Outside Lighting- Chairman DiLorenzo to contact Dennis Bragg to contract him to come during A duty night to assess the lighting needs outside the bays.

Radio Room- tile needs replacement and the grid of the ceiling.

Buildings & Grounds Station 2 – Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

Lawn- lawn and grounds have been cleaned up. Logs have been removed.

6. **New Apparatus**- Chief Miller reported the following:

New Pumpers- round of approvals; graphics are done

Sale of 31-20 and 31-30 – Permissive referendum needed; Brindlee has info for sale, and they would receive a 10% commission for the sale of the trucks.

New Pumpers- construction of new trucks should be completed on 9/14/2021. **7.**

7. Insurance/Workers Compensation- Life insurance coverage drops at age 70; we can discuss changes prior to the next renewal.

8 Physical Fitness – nothing to report

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

9/16/2021 at West Hurley

10. Service Awards- 2020 LOSAP Census has been sent.

April 2021 Activity posted May 4, 2021

Retro payments and adjusted payments will be sent in June 2021

37 Members are currently collecting.

For 2022 Service Award Budget- Increase funding to \$150,000

12. Treasurer Report- April 2021 Financial Report

Treasurer Passikoff noted that the AUD was sent to NYS.

2020 Unexpended Funds- will be used to pay for new compressor.

Interest Rates- interest rates on certificates of deposits are so low that money market accounts have higher rates.

13. Public Comment- none

14. Chief's Report- chief Miller reported the following:

5/20/21 approval needed for engine and tanker to UC Fire Center Live Burn.

5/24/21 Duty Night

5/29/21 Truck clean- up

5/31/21 HFD to meet with American legion regarding honors at each monument in Town
(There will be no parade this Memorial Day)
A school Bus will be used to transport Legionnaire's.

31-60 will be out of service for 3-4 days due to repairs of scene lighting.

Approval needed for a member in good standing who will be attending the Fire Academy in Utica NY, to use his Highland Fire District issued gear. It is a 14-week training on his own.

New Compressor- Chief Miller reported that Bauer will be doing bench testing and we should Participate. Two people would attend, and Bauer would put them up.

Multi-Company Operations Training- this training is intense and successful. Ulster County has Asked Highland to be the pilot. We will review the lesson plan and modify to our department. It is unknown when we will do it; it would be held at Ulster County Training Center, 3 weeks in a Row.

Physicals- Chief Miller reported we are moving forward and will follow up with those who have not gone yet.

Boot Camp- to be held at Ulster County Training Center

Membership- we have three new members and a fourth in the cue for a physical.

15. Old Business-

Police Station Lease-committee working on.

Ambulance Contract- Town of Lloyd and Mobile Life Support to meet in early July 2021

Flowers for HQ- Commissioner Fraino to pick up flowers for Ladies auxiliary to plant at Station 1.

Budget- add to agenda Budget meeting Tuesday August 17, 2021

16. New Business-

Exhaust Fan for Police Station- there was discussion and Board agrees to go forward with the request.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved that we should go forward with the exhaust fan request for the Police station evidence room and research the cost of the project so as to have the least cost, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried

Approval for engine and tanker to UC Fire Center for Live Burn 5/20/21

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve an engine and tanker be permitted to go to Ulster County Fire Center for Live Burn on 5/20/21, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried

Request for use of the Community Room from Mount Beacon Amateur Radio club

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to grant authorization for use of the community room For one month and future months on a month-by-month basis, pending the new COVID 19 guidelines Due out on May 19, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

Vote: 3 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion was carried.

Authorization for use of Gear and Air Pack at Utica Fire Academy

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the use of Highland Fire District issued gear and air pack by a member while he attends the Utica Fire Academy, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried

Authorization for Assistant Chief, Commissioner, and command car to Bauer for bench testing of Compressor

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to authorize an Assistant Chief , Commissioner and Command Car to attend the Bauer compressor bench testing, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried unan.

Treasurer's Report

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to accept the April 2021 financial Report as submitted by the Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried

Resolution declaring 31-20 and 31-30 Surplus and For Sale

Commissioner Alan Barone offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the 1994 Emergency One Hurricane Pumper 1750GPM known as 31-20 Apparatus VIN 4ENDAAA81R1003392 when taken out of service will deemed and declared surplus and sold for a sum less than ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS subject to permissive referendum and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the 1996 Emergency One Pumper known as 31-30 Apparatus VIN 4ENDAAA87V1006873 when taken out of service will be deemed and declared surplus and sold for a sum less than ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS subject to permissive referendum

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg and duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alan Barone
Commissioner Benjamin A. Bragg
Commissioner Stephen DiLorenzo
Commissioner Christian Erichsen
Commissioner John Fraino

NOES: None

The resolution adopted 11th day of May by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Highland Fire District, Town of Lloyd, County of Ulster, State of New York.

17. Executive Session

MOTION: Commissioner Bragg moved to go to executive session at 8:30 PM to discuss the Medical status of a particular member, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried unan.

18. Return to regular session and Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Commissioner John Fraino moved to return to the regular session and adjourn at 9 PM, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried unan.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED 6/8/2021 BOFC