

Regular Meeting
November 10, 2021
7:00 PM St 1

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

Chairman DiLorenzo called the meeting to order, led the salute to the flag and requested a moment of silence for all fallen firefighters. Chairman DiLorenzo dispensed with the normal order of business to allow Phil DeAngelo of Focused Wealth Management to discuss our LOSAP Funding.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that markets are good now but is concerned for the future; longest bull market so far and we are watching things closely. This year was a 12 % gain so far. 10-year Treasury note rates went; inflation is 6%, largest increase since 1990. The supply chain will take time to return. Bonds are down 1 %; ours are up. As interest rates move up, funding will reach 100%.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated we have a good membership right. Chairman DiLorenzo asked Phil his thoughts on Firefly (Actuary Group). Phil stated Tony Hill has always been great to work with and he is hands on. They do supply a monthly statement to recipients.

Commissioner Barone inquired what is done when the markets turn. Phil stated investment ratio will be adjusted (60/40) and we build cash now in anticipation of a market downturn.

Chairman DiLorenzo thanked Phil for coming in. Chairman DiLorenzo stated we would return to the normal order of business.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for approval of the following minutes: October 12, 2021, October 19, 2021, 2022 Budget Public hearing, October 19, 2021, Special Meeting, October 25, 2021, Special Meeting and October 28, 2021, Special Meeting.

October 12, 2021, meeting minutes-tabled until next meeting

October 19, 2021 - 2022 Budget Public Hearing

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the 2022 Budget Public Hearing held on October 19, 2021, as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

Motion carried unan.

October 19, 2021-Special Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of Special meeting held on October 19, 2021, as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

Motion carried unan.

October 25, 2021-Special Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the minutes of Special meeting held on October 25, 2021, as submitted, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 3 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

Motion carried unan.

October 28, 2021-Special Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of Special meeting held on October 28, 2021, as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

Motion carried unan.

2. Authorization to Pay Bills

The Abstract of bills totaling \$44607.55 was presented for payment. Chairman Dilorenzo asked for a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by Commissioners John Fraino and Alan Barone and Chief Miller on November 9, 2021.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to pay the bills totaling \$44607.55, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

Motion carried unan.

3. Correspondence-

NYS DOL- expansion of prevailing wage laws.

Room Requests-None

4. New Membership-

Kyle Adams- Chairman DiLorenzo stated that Kyle comes from Woodstock Fire Department; he is experienced. Chairman DiLorenzo explained that attendance at duty nights is important, and it is preferred that you should respond in our vehicles. Kyle is Active in the Army. Commissioner Fraino stated that it is great that he is experienced. He also explained that if you are injured during the performance of firematic duty you are considered an employee of the fire district and are covered under workers compensation. It was noted that here at Highland we do a great deal of training and as a result we have a very low rate of injury.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve Kyle Adams as an Active probationary member pending his successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

Vote: 3 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Garrett Lulli- Chairman DiLorenzo noted that Garrett is a former member.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve Garrett Lulli as an Active probationary member pending his successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

Vote: 3 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Luis Romero-Chairman DiLorenzo stated that Luis has graduated from Highland High School and has received good recommendations from his teachers. He works part-time at the Rocking Horse Ranch and attends college. Chairman DiLorenzo stated that he should not be afraid to ask questions.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve Luis Romero as an Active Probationary member pending the successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

Vote: 3 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried unan.

5. Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds St.1- Commissioner Barone

Roof- drains are good.

Camera- Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we would like to have a camera at the rear of the building; Safeco is preparing an estimate.

Buildings and Grounds St 2-Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

Kitchen -lights replaced.

6. New Apparatus-

Two Pumpers- Chief Miller reported that the inspection trip is Monday 11/15 to Wednesday 11/17 in Ocala, Florida at E-One.

Third Pumper- estimated delivery is late December 2022. February 2022 we should have contract; there will be no charges regarding the specifications. A Copy of our minutes containing the resolution for purchasing the pumper was sent to Premier Fire Apparatus; no letter of intent was needed.

31-45- Auto-stow adjustment, under warranty. Fan to be mounted.

7. Insurance/ Workers Compensation:

Cancer Insurance- time for renewal

General Liability – due for renewal

Workers Compensation-due for renewal

8. Ulster County Fire District Association- next meeting 11/18/2021

9. Service Awards- October 2021 Activity posted November 4, 2021
Penflex- invoice received; hold for review.

10. Treasurer's Report-October 2021 Financial Report presented; Treasurer Passikoff stated that there is nothing out of the ordinary.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to accept the October 2021 Financial Report as submitted, Seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

Vote: 3 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried unan.

11. Public Comment- none

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

ISO Review- Water Department was given a list of 11 hydrants for flow testing and very few questions were answered. The hydrant that was tested failed. The Water Department had been given advance notice of the ISO Review five weeks ago. Review was halted and re-scheduled for December 3, 2021.

Ulster County Fire District Association- filming a ride along and one of our members participated.

Villages Cooler- We will not be using it for training after all.

Duty Night-11/22/2021

SCBA Re-cert- 12/2/2021

Duty night-12/13/2021

Hazmat-11/4/2021 42 members attended

Christmas Party- H12/18/2021 Highland Hose Company # 1

Pumpers for Sale- no successful contacts from Brindlee; we have interest from the city of Beacon.

Marijuana- will be legal (Jan.1, 2022) we have questions now regarding testing positive at a physical. Chief has more information on this. Policy now would put the person out of service, same as with alcohol.

13. Old Business-

Message Board- has been ordered and purchase has been reviewed by a cooperative purchasing agreement.

RBT- we have received an invoice, no report as yet.

14. New Business-

2022 Annual Budget- sent to Town Clerk.

2022 Organizational Meeting and Regular January 2022 meetings- January 11, 2022

2021 Annual and Special Fire District Election- December 14, 2021, 5 PM to 9 PM

November 24, 2021- at 5 Pm District Clerk and Mary Darcy will draw names to establish order on ballots.

Letter of Resignation- from Commissioner John Fraino effective December 31, 2021.

Police Lease-finalized

Town of Lloyd Ambulance contract- results of RFP yielded numbers larger than expected and some issues relating to cost breakdowns.

Firefly-Actuarial services. To meet with representative, Tony Hill on November 30, 2021, at 3 PM; which will be a Special Meeting.

15. Executive Session-

MOTION: At 8:30 pm Commissioner John Fraino moved to go to executive session to discuss The medical history of a particular member, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

Vote: 3 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried unan.

16. Return to Regular Session and Adjournment

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

Vote: 3 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk