

**Highland Fire District  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
2024 PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
October 17, 2023  
7:00 PM – St #1**

Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(PRESENT)
	Christian Erichsen	(PRESENT)
	Alan Barone	(PRESENT)
	Kevin Rizzo	(PRESENT)
	PJ Roloson	(ABSENT)
Treasurer	James Passikoff	(PRESENT)
District Secretary	Leslie B. Benson	(PRESENT)
Chief	Peter D. Miller	(PRESENT)

1. **Opening of Hearing** - Chairman DiLorenzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, led the salute to the flag and asked for a moment of silence. Chairman DiLorenzo welcomed everyone to the Board of Fire Commissioners 2024 Proposed Budget Public Hearing.
2. **Public Hearing**: Chairman DiLorenzo reviewed the following:  
 Notice of Public Hearing was published or posted at least 5 days before the date of the specified hearing in:  
 Secretary Leslie Benson advised the dates:  
 The official newspaper of the Fire district – Southern Ulster Times – September 28, 2023  
 The official signboard of the Town of Lloyd - October 16, 2023  
 The Fire District's webpage on the website of the Town of Lloyd – September 27, 2023 @ 4:22pm  
 The signboard located at Highland Fire District Headquarters – September 26, 2023  
 Posted on two (2) entrances of the firehouse  
  
 The notice of the public hearing specified the time, date, and place where the hearing would be held.  
 Upon its adoption, the Secretary made available for copying and inspection of the proposed budget to any interested person during district office hours, Monday – Friday from 9am – 5PM  
  
 The purpose of the hearing is to allow members of the general public to make comments on the Budget.  
 Any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget.

Please note that this is a proposed budget until the Board of Fire Commissioners adopt the final budget.

Prior to the public comment portion, Chairman DiLorenzo presented the preliminary budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are present.

3. **Presentation of Budget**: Chairman DiLorenzo presented the 2024 Proposed Budget and reviewed each budget line. Salaries are slightly less with hiring a full-time employee and we all

wanted to stay under 2%. It was noted that the budget is 1.95% increase from last year's budget. The rate per thousand is \$1.1475. Total Proposed Operating Budget is \$1,331,060.00. Total to be raised by Real Property Taxes is \$1,236,260.00

Chairman DiLorenzo read highlights of the 2024 Proposed Budget.

4. **Public Comment:** The Board requests any person wishing to be heard to come forward so that he or she may be heard in favor of, or against the proposed budget.

Please raise your hand to be recognized and state your name.

Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes and direct your questions to the Board or Treasurer.

Please note that this is not a question-and-answer session. The Board is looking for your opinion on the budget or any part of it, what you are in favor of, or what you are against. You may ask questions, but this board will not answer any questions until the conclusion of the public comment period

Mr. Robert Pardy and Mr. Mark Reynolds attended the meeting and had some questions for the Board and Treasurer.

No other questions were presented.

5. **Conclusion of the Public Comment portion of the hearing**  
The public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

6. **Questions from the Board**  
Chairman DiLorenzo asked for any questions from the Board. There were none.

7. **Close of Public Hearing**  
There being no further questions or comments, Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion: Commissioner Rizzo moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:14 PM seconded by Commissioner Barone

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent (Commissioner Roloson)

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie B. Benson, District Secretary