

**HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
2021 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING  
OCTOBER 20, 2020 5 PM**

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

**1. Opening of Hearing-***Chairman DiLorenzo welcomed everyone, led the salute to the flag and asked for a moment of silence for fallen firefighters.*

**2. Public Hearing:** Chairman DiLorenzo reviewed the following:

Notice of Public Hearing was published or posted at least once at least 5 days before the date specified for the hearing in:

- The official newspaper of the fire district-Southern Ulster Times
- The official signboard of the Town of Lloyd
- The Fire District's webpage on the website of the Town of Lloyd
- The signboard located at Highland Fire District headquarters

The notice of 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 the proposed budget to any interested person during district office hours.

Purpose of 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 adopts the final budget.

Prior to the public comment portion of the hearing, The Treasurer will make a brief presentation about the preliminary budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are present.

This budget must be adopted no later than November 7, 2020 and submitted to the Town of Lloyd budget officer.

**3. Presentation of Budget-** Chairman DiLorenzo presented the 2021 Proposed Budget and reviewed each budget line. It was noted that the budget is 2.02% decrease from last year's budget. The rate per thousand is \$1.1155.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that this is a good budget that allows us to accomplish a great deal.

**4. Public Comment-** the Board requests any person wishing to be heard to come forward so that he 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 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.

At this time, Chairman DiLorenzo asked for Public Comment and there was none.

**5. Conclusion of the Public Comment portion of the hearing**

There being no comments, 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 closed the public hearing at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk