Regular Meeting

September 10, 2019

7 PM St 1

Commissioners: Stephen DiLorenzo (PRESENT)

Benjamin Bragg (PRESENT) Christian Erichsen (PRESENT) John Fraino (PRESENT)

Alan Barone (ABSENT) arrived at 7:50 PM

Secretary/Treasurer James Passikoff (PRESENT)
District Clerk Denise A. Holzberger (PRESENT)
Chief Peter Miller (Present)

Chairman DiLorenzo called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM, led the salute to the flag and called for a moment of silence in memory of all fallen firefighters.

1. **APPROVAL of Minutes**- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for motions to approve the minutes of the 8/7/19 Special Meeting and the August 13, 2019 regular meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2019 regular meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Approval of minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting tabled until next meeting.

2. **Authorization to pay bills-** As reviewed on Monday September 9, 2019 by Commissioners Alan Barone and Ben Bragg and Chief Miller. Total Abstract \$29749.97.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve payment of the bills totaling \$29749.97, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

3. Correspondence- AFDSNY Regional Training 9/26/19 Port EWEN at 6 PM

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Room requests-

September 28, 2019 Saturday 11 am to 6 PM for Baby Shower requested by A. Passante

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve request for use of the community room, on September 28, 2019 as requested by Augie Passante, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

4. New Membership- none

5. Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds St 1-Commissioners Bragg and Barone

Snowplow Bid received

Generators-serviced

IT Upgrade- laptop in district office is very useful.

Buildings and Grounds ST 2- Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

Siren Tower painting-proposals received; discussion; no action taken.

Alarm system- Commissioner Chris Erichsen stated he would like to get an estimate to upgrade the alarm system; current system does not identify zones.

6. New Apparatus-

Contract, Permissive Referendum- Sale of Old 31-45

Coeyman's has the contract to review, once it is signed by them and sent back to us, we can go forward with our permissive referendum. Coeyman's would also like to review the truck to determine what fixtures will stay with the truck, such as mounts. The items should inventoried in writing.

Command Car- new car is at Nu Look to have the radios installed; once it is delivered to us it will be turn-key.

7. Insurance/Workers Compensation

Sewer Back-up- should not influence our General Liability premiums.

8. Physical Fitness – Activity Report received from January through June 2019

4 members reimbursed total \$129.86 (2019 1st & 2nd Qtr.)

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

9/19/19 meeting here at St.1 Refreshment Committee to prepare dinner. (Comrs. Bragg and Erichsen).

Drone Demo- presented by Kevin Maguire

10. Service Awards-

July 2019 activity posted

Upgrade LOSAP- proposal pending; if an affirmative vote, upgrade will be effective 1/1/2020 vested members will be eligible to receive benefits at age 55. This vote will take place on December 10, 2019 along with the Annual Commissioners Election.

11. Treasurer Report - August 2019

Treasurer Passikoff reviewed the august 2019 Financial Report. New A/C units for have been Charged against the repair maintenance account for the Police Station.

Page 4 of 9 – Buildings and grounds there is a little room for repairs (ST. !) Overall, district Budget is fine.

12. 2020 Proposed Budget

2020 Proposed Budget must be approved by the Board by on or before 9/24/19. There was discussion of the budget. Tax levy would be \$1190708.00 which yields a tax rate of about \$1.15 per thousand.

Approval of 2020 Proposed Budget

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the 2020 Proposed Budget With an operating budget of \$1,285,646.00 of which \$1,190,708.00 will be raised by real property taxes, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg. When the Board was polled the Vote was as follows:

Commissioner John Fraino Aye
Commissioner Chris Erichsen AYE
Commissioner Ben Bragg Aye
Commissioner Alan Barone Aye
Commissioner Steve DiLorenzo Aye

The motion was carried unan.

13. Public Comment:

Highland Hose Company #1 President stated that 9/11 Ceremony will be held at 6:30 PM Here on 9/11/19, on 9/29/19 BBQ at the Fireman's Home in Hudson, and on October 6, 2019, we have the 200 Club Beef BBQ.

14. Chief's Report:

9/19/19 Auto Extrication at St 2

9/23/19 Duty night

9/26-29/19 Nassau County weekend; paid for by Ulster County & Fireman's Assn.

10/3/19 Training

10/5/19 Past President's Dinner

10/8/19 No Commissioners meeting; moved to 10/15/19

10/9/19 Fire Prevention Open house

10/12/19 Penny Social

10/14/19 Duty night

10/15/ 2020 Proposed Budget hearing

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15. OLD Business:

Grant- researching /pursuing another Thermal Imaging camera; grant is extended until the end of the year: 12/31/19

IT Upgrade- most printers are operational.

16. New Business:

Chief Miller asked for Approvals for the following:

31-80 to be used on 9/17/19 to Kerhonkson

31-80 to Hudson, Fireman's Home for BBQ 9/29/19

31-80 9/18/19 to be used to pick up supplies for AFDUC meeting by Commissioners.

Hydrants- Chief Miller stated that there are some issues:

Installer is responsible for Storz Cap

Hydrant at Hudson Valley Nursing Home is out of Service

Dollar General- drains are in roadway.

FF1 class- Chairman Dilorenzo asked what we are doing for those who need the class.

Sale of 31-80- 2008 Tahoe letter received from Tillson expressing interest in purchasing.

<u>Snowplow Proposal</u> -received from Garone's. Discussion regarding asking for a 2 or 3 year contract. Proposal was read. Cost is same as last year. Chairman DiLorenzo will inquire regarding 2 or 3 year contract.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to accept the proposal from Garones for snowplow services at the same rate as last year, second by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent Motion carried.

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<u>Authorization of 31-80 to Kerhonkson</u>

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to authorize 31-80 be used for transportation to Kerhonkson on 9/17/19, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

Authorization of 31-80 to Hudson-Fireman's BBQ

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize 31-80 be used for transportation to Hudson for the Fireman's Home BBQ on 9/29/19, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

<u>Authorization of 31-80 to Restaurant Depot</u>

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to authorize 31-80 be used for transportation to Restaurant Depot on 9/17/19, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

17. Executive Session

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to go to Executive session at 9:03 PM to discuss the contract relating to the Sale of 31-45, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

18. Return to regular session

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to return to the regular session of the Meeting at 9:40 PM, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

Surplus Command Car

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to set the price for the 2008 Tahoe known as 31-80 at \$6500, and declare as surplus, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

19. Adjournment:

MOTION: There being no further business, Commissioner John Fraino moved to Adjourn at 9:41 PM, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk