

Regular Meeting
September 14, 2021
7:00 PM St 1

Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(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 and for Commissioner Benjamin A. Bragg who passed away on 9/13,2021.

1. Approval of Minutes

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2021, regular meeting, and August 23, 2021, Special meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021, minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2021, minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

It was noted that the Special meeting scheduled for September 9, 2021, was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

2. Authorization to pay Bills:

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize payment of the bills as reviewed on September 13, 2021, by Commissioners Fraino and DiLorenzo and Chief Miller. Abstract of bills total is \$163011.29 for the period of 8/11/2021--9/14/2021. This includes the payment for the compressor.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize payment of the bills totaling \$163011.29 seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

3. Correspondence- The following correspondence was received:

Certificate of Insurance- United Air Conditioning

EZ Pass- New tags

Iamresponding- Received refund check

4. New Membership- None

5 . Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds St.1- Commissioners Bragg and Barone

St.1- Chairman DiIorenzo stated that we have a roof leak (central hall; near Uniform closet). Hollenbeck called in to repair.

Trees – Commissioner Barone reported that branches on the trees near entrances to firehouse Parking Lot need to be trimmed so that they do not hit trucks.

Sealcoating of parking lots- working on getting prices.

Police Station-ceiling tile needs to be replaced with detector; pending Safco .

Buildings and Grounds St 2-Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

St. 2- 3-pole breaker was replaced as one phase was out.

6. New Apparatus-

Ladder-Chief Miller reported that the laptop is pending; strobe light and hubcap are fixed .

Two pumpers- Chief Miller reported that he has seen the cabs and bodies. Possible November delivery.

Penalty phase begins March 3, 2022. The pre-build conference was October 16; stripper and comments was back to us December 12 with questions and then to E-One January 20, 2021. A new set of comments came to us 1/22/2021 and was back to them 2/22/2021 with a release date of March 3, 2021. Commissioner Barone stated that the pre-conference not pre-build is in the contract; he is okay with resources being unavailable as an excuse for delays but not because of trivial items. The contract was reviewed by legal counsel. Chief noted that industry wide, there is a shortage of talented labor.

7. Insurance/Workers Compensation-

Cancer Insurance is now available for Exterior firefighters.

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

September 16, 2021, at West Hurley

9. Service Awards- August 2021 Activity pending posting.

10. Treasurer Report- August 2021 Financial Report

Treasurer Passikoff noted that there is \$40,000. Left in the Service Award Budget; we should cut a check to our fund.

Proposed 2022 Budget must be to Town by September 29, 2021.

Next Special meeting for Budget work is September 22, 2021, at 7 Pm here at St.1.

2020 Audit- Treasurer to follow up on status with auditors.

2020 fund Balance- Total is \$299,000. \$128,000 covers the cost of the new Air Compressor, leaving \$171,000 to allocate.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to allocate the \$128,000 from the fund balance to cover the cost of the air compressor and the associated costs, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

Chairman DiLorenzo noted that this month TD Ameritrade seems to have gotten the direct deposit of payments correct.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to accept the August 2021 Financial Report as submitted by the Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

11. Public Comment- none

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

Auto Extrication- 9/18/21 and 9/23/2021

Naponoch Parade- 10/3/2021

Hazmat Training-11/4/2021

Town of Lloyd and Ambulance Contract-Draft RFP is ready for Shawn Murphy. Calls and locations are needed to analyze volume and response time. This does not have to be competitively bid.

Sale of 20 & 30- We could look at donating one to the Ulster County Training Center and look for a Fire Department in need.

Email-still having some issues; will contact Nick at MCS.

ISO- AC DiMetro to get with the District Clerk regarding items needed. We are currently a class 3
It is possible to get a class 2.

13. Old Business-

SCBA Reserve-

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved that pursuant to Section 6-G of the General Municipal Law as amended, the Highland Fire District does hereby establish a Capital Reserve Fund to finance the cost of Construction, Reconstruction, acquisition of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and for all costs associated therewith, with estimates maximum amount to be held in said reserve at any given time not to exceed \$750,000.00 . the fire District Treasurer is hereby directed to deposit moneys of this reserve fund in a separate bank account to be known as the "Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus or SCBA Reserve Fund".

The Fire District Treasurer is authorized to invest, from time to time, the moneys of this fund pursuant to Section 6-F of the General Municipal Law.

No Expenditure shall be made from this fund, except upon authorization of the Board pursuant to a mandatory referendum"

It is further resolved that the above resolution is subject to approval of the electors at the Annual Election of the highland Fire District on December 14, 2021, at the firehouse located at 25 Milton Ave, Highland, New York. Commissioner Alan Barone seconded.

Prior to a vote, there was a question regarding a mandatory referendum to make an expenditure out of the reserve and it was decided to get clarification from legal counsel.

Commissioner Chris Erichsen rescinded his motion.

14. New Business-

2022 Proposed Budget Hearing – October 19, 2021

Police Lease- Commissioner Fraino reported that it is on Town of Lloyd Board meeting's agenda.

Revisions- 1. cancellation notice changed to 2 years. (Previously one year)

2. Annual rent increase is not to exceed the CPI (U) or the New York State mandatory Tax cap and all not to exceed 2%. If the NY State Tax cap is lower than 2%, the rent would reflect that rate.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to accept the revisions contingent upon legal Counsel's review, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

Authorization of 31-45 to Napanoch

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve 31-45 to Napanoch for the parade, Seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

Authorization of purchase of LED lights for St.2 kitchen

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize the purchase of 10 LED light at a cost of \$100 each for the kitchen at Station 2, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

Commissioner Bragg's Nameplate

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved that Commissioner Bragg's nameplate remain Until a new commissioner is appointed or elected, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

15. Executive Session-

MOTION: At 8:45 PM Commissioner Fraino moved to go to executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

16. Return to regular session and Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to return to the regular session and there being No further business, moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM, seconded by commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstain 0 ABSENT

Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved BOFC mtg 10/12/2021

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk