

Regular Meeting
 April 14, 2020
 7 PM St 1

Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(PRESENT)
	Benjamin Bragg	(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)
Assistant Chiefs:	Mike Gaffney	(PRESENT)
	James Anzalone	(PRESENT)
	Jeffrey DiMetro	(PRESENT)
Captain	George Monteverdi	(PRESENT)
Highland Hose Co.#1	Secretary Steve Lee	(PRESENT)

Due to the COVID 19 crisis, as per Executive Order 202.1 of 2020 issued by Governor Andrew Cuomo this meeting was held via videoconference by means of Zoom.com. Notice of this was posted with access information for the public at the Firehouse and on the Highland Fire District page of the Town of Lloyd' website.

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

Chairman DiLorenzo welcomed everyone and explained that due to the unusual circumstances we must videoconference and not meet in person. Notification was made on our website and we have a brief agenda planned, starting with the approval of minutes.

1. **Approval of Minutes- 2/12/2020 and 3/2/2020**

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020 as submitted, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 0 Absent Commissioner Ben Bragg Abstained
 Motion carried .

MOTION: Commissioners Alan Barone moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain 0 Absent Commissioner Bragg and Erichsen Abstained
 Motion carried.

It was noted that the Girl Scout Cookie Drop was postponed until April 18, 2020.

2. **Authorization to Pay Bills-** Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize payment of the Bills as reviewed on April 13, 2020 by himself, Commissioner Barone, and Chief Peter Miller. It was noted that the county waste bill for Station 2 was for \$149.14 instead of \$148.14.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to authorize payment of the bills totaling \$39413.14, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion was carried unan.

3. **Correspondence-**
Room Requests

June 10, 2020 Ulster County Fire Police Association meeting as requested by Mike DePaola
7 pm to 10 pm

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for use of the community room for the Ulster County Fire Police Association meeting on June 10, 2020, pending the lifting of Corvid 19 restrictions, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

4. **New Apparatus-**

Chief Miller reported that the new ladder truck is delayed; Chief Miller and Chairman DiLorenzo met with Coeyman's Fire District representatives to discuss this delay and they were okay with Th delay. An email was received from Coeymans Fire District that their permissive referendum is complete. E-One's delay (with our new truck) complicates things with Coeymans.

Chief Miller has had numerous conversations with the sales rep and regional manager regarding the delivery date.

Commissioner Fraino asked what the reason was for the delay. E-One has significant orders and Had to pause to install a jig; they have 120 ladders on order. E-One is in very high demand.

Commissioner Chris Erichsen asked about the contract build date. Chairman Dilorenzo state it is 435 days which brings to May 2020, but there is a 2 to 3-month delay.

5. Ulster County Fire District Association-

Chairman DiLorenzo reported a meeting was scheduled for May 20, 2020 to be held Here at Highland. We have sent an email to Jim Crowley ; the meeting will most likely be cancelled or delayed.

6. Treasurer's Report-

Treasurer Passikoff reported that the report for March 2020 was sent out. It is early in the year and we are in good shape. Last year's funds have been allocated to the Apparatus Fund 2019 Fund balance is \$154685.81.

Commissioner Barone stated that he reviewed the Bank Statements and noticed that interest rates have dropped since March 1, 2020. Treasurer Passikoff noted that money market rates are better than Certificate of Deposit rates.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to allocate the 2019 Fund Balance, \$154685.81 to the Apparatus Reserve, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to accept the Treasurer's report for March 2020 as submitted, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

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

7. Public Comment-none

8. Chief's Report- Approval needed to have current officers remain in their positions until an election can be held by the Hose Company.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to authorize the current officers remain in place until the Highland Hose Company # 1 can hold an Election, seconded by Alan Barone.

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

9. New Business-

American Red Cross Blood Drive-approved previously for May 9, 2020.

Commissioner Ben Bragg stated that this was approved prior to Covid19; does not agree with holding it here in the firehouse again.

Chief Miller explained that donors were screened, were by appointment only. Yielded a good amount of blood donations. There was no signage posted to prevent walk-ins. Donors were pre-registered. We have a good relationship with the Town, Police and American Red Cross. The American Red Cross sanitized things, temps were taken prior to admittance.

Commissioner Chris Erichsen good with holding this one.
Commissioner Fraino is good as long as protocols are in place.
Chairman DiLorenzo explained that chairs and tables were sanitized prior to the American Red Cross leaving.

Commissioner Chris Erichsen noted that Past Assistance chief Louie Miller passed away.

10. Executive Session-

At 7:40 Pm , Commissioner Barone moved to go to executive session to discuss the E-One contract and Coeymans, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

11. Return to Regular Session

At 9 PM, Commissioner Barone moved to return to the regular session, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Resolution to move money from the Building Reserve to Apparatus Reserve :

Commissioner Alan Barone offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Treasurer of the Fire District be authorized to transfer an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$290,000.00) DOLLARS from the Capital Reserve Fund heretofore established for Acquisition of land and improvement to buildings to the Capital Reserve Fund heretofore established for Acquisition of Firefighting Equipment, Vehicles and Apparatus and Equipment appurtenant thereto and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer of the Fire District be authorized to withdraw an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$1,490,000.00) DOLLARS from the Capital Reserve Fund heretofore established for Acquisition of Firefighting Equipment, Vehicles and Apparatus and Equipment appurtenant thereto, for the purchase of up to two (2) Fire Engine Apparatus and Equipment appurtenant thereto

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Commissioner Benjamin Bragg and duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

AYES: Stephen Dilorenzo
Benjamin Bragg
Christian Erichsen
John Fraino
Alan Barone

NOES: NONE

The Resolution was declared duly adopted.

12. Adjournment-

Commissioner Alan Barone moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger
District Clerk

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