

Regular Meeting

May 12, 2020

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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 Past Assistant Chief Louie Miller, and life members Nathan Borsina and Vinnie DiLorenzo.

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-** April 14, 2020

It was noted that the date for the UCFDA meeting at Highland was 5/21/2020; we have been notified that it has been cancelled.

MOTION: Commissioner Barone moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

2. Authorization to Pay Bills

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to pay the bills as reviewed on May 11, 2020 by Commissioner Fraino and Barone, and Chief Miller.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the abstract of bills in the amount \$12620.69, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

It was noted that tax was charged by Staples on the purchase of a router; District Clerk will contact Staples for refund.

3. Correspondence- the following correspondence was received:

Email received from Robert Pardy
Letter received from John J. Wadlin
Cancellation of NYSAFC conference

There was discussion regarding posting of monthly financial reports on the website; all commissioners were okay with posting. Commissioner Bragg noted that he attended 80% of the meetings last year.

The letter from John Wadlin relates to addressing of properties. Chief Miller stated that 911 and Assessor 's office would have to remedy with new numbering.

Room Requests-

Saturday June 13, 2020 American Red Cross Blood Drive request

Chief Miller stated that there were no issues with the May 9, 2020 drive. Boot Camp begins June 6 and 7 so there is not a conflict. UC Emergency management is going forward with the training; start was moved from May to June. We will have more info after May 15, 2020.

4. New Apparatus-

Chief Peter Miller reported that the new ladder truck will begin construction in two weeks. Regarding pricing for two trucks, pricing will hold until 9/15/20. The 100-inch cab will not have an upcharge and the price will also be held until 9/15/20

The permissive referendum ran so funds will be available if we decide to go forward with the purchase of one or two trucks.

Chief Miller will have a conversation with the E-One representative on what concessions will be made because of delays.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated we should give this serious thought due to the price savings. In 2008, the increase (E-One) was 10 %.

Chief Miller spoke regarding history; Pierce is the leader of price increases. Chief Miller stated he is developing an Apparatus Plan that will go beyond 2020. If you look at cost as per 2010 plan, cost is on par. As an example, the Rescue Truck we purchase was approximately \$525,000, today's cost is \$800,000.

Commissioner Ben Bragg asked if we know how far out the delivery schedule (for E-One) goes Chief Miller stated aerials are 465 days out: engines 365 days out. Commissioner Barone asked if we move forward in the Fall (2020) , delivery would be Fall/Winter of 2021.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated Coeyman's has been very cooperative. They will take 31-45 upon delivery of our new ladder. Commissioner Fraino asked if Coeyman's could back out. There are no dates in the agreement. Commissioner Bragg stated he heard that vendors cannot get laid off people back to work (in Florida) .

Commissioner Barone asked if we let 31-45 go sooner (to Coeyman's) is there a plan? Chief Miller stated yes. It was noted that we would hate to lose this sale to Coeyman's. Commissioner Ben Bragg stated he is not comfortable with deciding now; need more time. Commissioner Chris Erichsen stated that as long as we can get the proper coverage, he is willing to let it go prior to receipt of new ladder truck. Commissioner Fraino stated we would need to solidify our back up plan.

Chief Miller stated that Pierce is the leader as far as price increases. The board agreed to wait another month to think about pumpers.

5. **Association of Fire Districts of Ulster County-** May 21, 2020 meeting cancelled
New date will be June 18, 2020 at Ulster #5

6. **Treasurer's Report-**

Treasurer Passikoff reported that it was a light month as far as expenses; really nothing to report. All money has been transferred to reserves that had to be.

Commissioner Barone reported that interest rates have dropped significantly.

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to accept the April 2020 financial report as submitted by the Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

7. **Service Awards-**

Chairman DiLorenzo reported that there are new members collected for a total of 32 overall.

8. **Chief's Report-**

Chief Miller reported that it is difficult doing training; we are getting web training.

George Monteverdi is setting up duty nights. We are seeing 17-23 members attending calls which is good. We are sanitizing door handles, etc. Everyone is cooperating

Birthday Runs- Chief Miller reported we have done 23 so far. We have had a positive response from the public. Chief Miller stated that we may discontinue after 5/15/2020.

Penflex- Chief Miller stated that Ed Holohan has proposed legislation that would allow for points earned during COVID for duty nights and drills. This is due to not being able to gather in groups.

Memorial Day- chief Miller reported that Memorial Day Parade and events are cancelled. The veterans will hold some services that are very minimal and respectful. There will only be 2 escort vehicles (fire command and police cars with the Legion chaplain.)

9. **New Business-**

Flowers- Commissioner Fraino will get the flowers for the Ladies Auxiliary to plant at the Firehouse.

SRI- annual sprinkler inspection done today.

Blood Drive- the American has requested to hold another blood drive here on June 13, 2020. Commissioner Fraino stated that he donated blood at the last drive and was very impressed with the screening that was done; the screening included temperature taking and the timing of appointments, and well-spaced chairs and tables. Commissioner Fraino stated he felt comfortable the way things were handled.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for use of the community room by the American Red Cross for a blood drive on June 13, 2020 9 am to 2 pm seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone .

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried. Commissioner Ben Bragg abstained.

Officer's Election- Commissioner Bragg asked the status on the Hose Company elections. Chairman DiLorenzo stated that if cleared by NYS, the elections will be held on June 2, 2020. At this time meetings and elections are not considered essential.

10. Adjournment-

MOTION: there being no further business, Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to adjourn at 8 PM, Seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

Approved BOFC mtg 6/9/2020

APPROVED