

Regular Meeting
December 10, 2019
7 PM St 1

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

)

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.

1. **APPROVAL of Minutes-** Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting, October 15, 2019 2020 Budget Hearing, October 16, 2019 meeting and August 13,2019.

August 13, 2019 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

October 15, 2019 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the 2020 Proposed Budget Hearing held on October 15, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Steve DiLorenzo.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

October 16, 2019 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 Minutes seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried. Commissioners Ben Bragg and John Fraino Abstained.

November 12, 2019 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019
Seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

2. **Authorization to pay bills-** As reviewed on Monday December 9, 2019 by Commissioners Alan Barone and Fraino and Chief Miller. Total Abstract \$.18920.44.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve payment of the bills totaling \$18920.44, This includes the Fire Wipes bill which may be paid upon receipt of the invoice, seconded by Commissioner Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

3. **Correspondence-**

Requests for use of the Community Room

December 14 and 15 2019 Set up and party Children's Christmas Party -Highland Hose Company #1 requested by Leslie Benson

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for December 14 and 15, 2019 for the Highland Hose Company's Children's Christmas Party, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

January 1, 2020 Swearing- in Ceremony Town of Lloyd requested by Fred Pizzuto !0 Am

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for use of the community room on January 1, 2020 for the Swearing- in ceremony, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

4. **New Membership- Steven Lozonczy, Jr.**

Chairman DiLorenzo welcomed Steven, and explained the value of attending duty nights, and the extensive training involved including Firefighter 1. Commissioner Bragg stated that he should always ask questions and to remember that schoolwork is very important. Commissioner Alan Barone stressed the importance of training and staying involved in the social aspect as well. This is a very rewarding job; helpful to our community. Commissioner Fraino thanked him for coming in and explained that we have a blend of members-young and old who have a lot of experience to share.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to accept Steven Lozonczy, Jr. membership pending his successful completion of a physical, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

5. **Committee Reports:**

Building and Grounds St.1- Commissioners Bragg and Barone

FANS-St 1 and 2 Chairman DiLorenzo reported that the cost to have the fans activate automatically or manually would be \$1200.

Three-Basin Sink- for St 1. Ordered

Buildings and Grounds St 2-Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

Cage- Proposals for Cage for Tools at St.2 received:

ADAMS Fence- \$5250

American Fence \$3840

It was noted that ST1 door lock does not seem to work.

6. **New Apparatus-**

Contract, Permissive Referendum- Sale of Old 31-45- legal ad on November 20, 2019.

2019 Chevy Tahoe received- Chief Miller explained that we were trying to have everything completed in one shot; the console is incorrect. We are now going to NYCOMCO.

7. Insurance/Workers Compensation

Renewal documents for Cancer Insurance, Workers Comp/VFBL, NYS disability

Accident & Sickness

Linda Flanagan met with us and reviewed the Accident & Sickness Policy. It was noted that there has been a significant reduction in premiums; with that in mind coverage may be increased for a lot less money.

CANCER Insurance-

Annual Roster was sent to OFPC prior to 12/1/2019.

Our Insurance carrier (VFIS) offers Blanket coverage ; number of members are needed. A member must have 5 years. Five years of physicals and FIT tests will be needed. The definition of an Active Volunteer firefighter member was discussed.

8. . Physical Fitness –

2019 Reimbursement

2018 Reimbursement-317.11

Preventive Maintenance for fitness equipment performed on 8/15/17

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

May 2020 to be held at Highland Fire District joint meeting with Chiefs' Association

10. Service Awards- November 2019 Activity posted 12/3/2019

Upgrade Proposition- vote at Annual Election on Dec 10, 2019 tonight

If it is approved, we will contact Penflex to proceed to the next step.

11. Treasurer Report -November2019 was distributed to the Board.

IT was noted that the motion to allocate the 2018 Fund balance was done at the July 9, 2019 meeting.

12 Public Comment- none

12. Chief's Report-

Chief Miller reported the following:

Out of Service Hydrants- Hudson Valley Rehab, Pavero's, and Coppola's Hudson Valley Rehab is a critical one. Commissioner Fraino asked if the Board needs to send a letter: Chief Miller stated he would address.

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training- to do at OSHA.

13. OLD Business:

Grant/ Dept of Criminal Justice- Chief Miller reported that he is trying to obtain an extension. This is due to difficulties with a vendor.

14. NEW Business

Fans at St 1 and St.2

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve moving forward with the install of the mechanism to enable the fans to be activated both automatically and manually at Station 1 and 2 at a cost of \$1200, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried. Commissioner Ben Bragg abstained.

Cage for Tools at St.2

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the tool cage at St2 be installed by American Fence at a cost of \$3840, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

2020 Meeting Schedule

Organizational Meeting-1/2/2020

Set 2020 Meeting Schedule -

Jan 15 2020 Wed

Feb 12, 2020 Wed

March 2 2020 Monday

April 14, 2020 Tuesday

May 12 2020 Tuesday

Then Second Tuesday of each Month for remainder of 2020

Accident & Sickness Policy -increase of benefit

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to authorize the increase in maximum benefits from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for loss of Life, weekly income benefits from \$400 to \$500 and Sickness benefit maximum from \$100,000 to \$15000 at a cost of \$2329, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried

Disability Insurance-increase benefit

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to authorize the increase of NYS disability benefits to \$340 per week up from \$170 per week, with Shelterpoint, effective 1/1/2020 at a cost of \$309.60, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried

15. Executive Session

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to go to executive session at 8:30 PM to discuss the employment history of a specific individual, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried

16. Return to regular session and Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to return to the regular session of the meeting at 9 PM, and there being no further business moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

DRAFT