

Regular Meeting
October 16, 2019
7 PM St 1

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

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. It was noted that this was the October regular meeting re-scheduled from October 15, 2019.

1. **APPROVAL of Minutes-** Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 regular meeting.
MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 regular meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.
VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent
Motion carried.

Minutes of the 2020 Annual Budget Hearing and August 13, 2019 meeting are tabled.

2. **Authorization to pay bills-** As reviewed on Monday October 14, 2019 by Commissioners Alan Barone and Steve DiLorenzo and Chief Miller. Total Abstract \$88,831.71 . This includes the new 2019 Tahoe.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve payment of the bills totaling \$88831.71, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.
VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent
Motion carried.

3. **Correspondence-**
Central Hudson-letter regarding cleanup project along the Hudson River
Certificate of Insurance- Valley lawn Care

Room Requests-

February 18, 2020 7 PM to 11 PM Ulster County Volunteer Firemans' Assoc. Meeting
Requested by Steven Lee , Highland Hose Co. #1

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the Community room by the Ulster County Volunteer Fireman's Association on February 18, 2020, Seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

4. New Membership- Louis Dolcemascolo and Marshall Bellizzi

Chairman DiLorenzo welcomed the candidates for membership. Chairman DiLorenzo Stated he had met Marshall at the interview; he needs some additional training. Chairman DiLorenzo urged him to attend duty nights to familiarize himself with the trucks, Equipment and officers. Once a physical is passed successfully, there will be orientation where gear and radios will be distributed.

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the Marshall Bellizzi for Probationary Active Membership pending his successful completion of a physical, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Chairman Dilorenzo stated that Louis Dolcemascolo had previously been an active member, 2000 -2012 and welcomed him back.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approved Louis Dolcemascolo for Probationary Active membership pending successful completion of a physical exam, Seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

5. **Committee Reports-**

Buildings & Grounds St. 1 -Commissioners Bragg and Barone

Grease Trap-Community Room - cleaned out by M & O; replacement needed due to leaking.

Three Quotes received M & O \$3500

Taylor \$4560

Community \$1086

Going with Community Plumbing; trap and tank on order.

Siren- not working; not under warranty; needs to be replaced. Chairman DiLorenzo Will take to Schreck to see if it can be repaired.

Three Bay Sink- in apparatus bay is rusting needs to be replaced . Received sealed quote from Taylor Plumbing; pending another quote from another vendor.

Buildings & Grounds St. 2 -Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

BBQ PIT- Commissioner Erichsen stated Jim Anzalone will get quotes for sink and water.

Alarm System- pending quotes; Commissioner Chris Erichsen to contact vendors.

Snow Plowing- Garone's to quote for 3 years.

Refrigerator – it is 30 years old and in need of replacement. We have a quote from Dutchess Restaurant Supply for the same one that is at Station 1. Cost is \$4735.00

6. **New Apparatus-**

Sale of 31-45-contract pending Coeyman's signature. Need to determine what will go with the truck and what will stay.

2008 Tahoe- sold and plates have been turned in.

2019 Tahoe- registered today.

7. **Insurance/Workers Compensation-**

Renewal documents have been received for Cancer Insurance, Workers comp/ VFBL and disability.

8. Physical Fitness-

2019 Reimbursement \$129.86

2018 Reimbursement \$317.11

Preventative Maintenance- for fitness equipment performed on 8/15/17 . Tabling until Further notice.

9. **Ulster County Fire District Association**- next meeting November 21, 2019 at Centerville

10. **Service Awards**- August 2019 posted September 24, 2019

Upgrade of LOSAP- would be voted on at December 2019 Annual Election.

11. **Treasurer's Report**- September 2019 report reviewed by Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to accept the September 2019 Treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

12. **Public Comment**- none

13. **Chief's Report**- Assistant Chief Mike Gaffney stated that we have new members and the new 2019 Tahoe (Command Car) is in.

Chairman Dilorenzo inquired as to who needs Firefighter One; Assistant Chief Gaffney stated that new members Bellizzi and Rockwell need it; Hertel is no longer a member.

14. Old Business-

Grant Extension- we have been given an extension for the grant and approval is pending for the Equipment we wish to purchase.

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training-needs to be done.

15. New Business-

3 Bay Sink for apparatus Bay St 1- to get price from Dutchess Restaurant Supply

Authorization to approve purchase of Refrigerator

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to authorize the purchase of a Traulsen Refrigerator at a cost of \$4735 for Station 2, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

2019 Annual Election- Tuesday December 10, 2019 6 PM to 9 PM
Last day to file petitions for office of commissioner November 20, 2019

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we will have two separate ballots:

One for commissioner election

One for LOSAP referendum

Request for List of Registered Voters

Motion: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to authorize a letter requesting a list of the registered voters from the Ulster county Board of Elections be sent to us for the 2019 Annual Election, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 3 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Resolution designating Date of Annual Election , publication of notices and other Matters Elections

At a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Highland Fire District, held at the Fire District Headquarters, 25 Milton Avenue, Highland, New York on the **16th day of October, 2019** in the Town of Lloyd, at 7:00 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

Commissioners – Stephen DiLorenzo, Christian Erichsen and Alan Barone

Absent: Benjamin Bragg and John Fraino

The following resolution was moved by Commissioner Christian Erichsen and Seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone:

WHEREAS, Section 175-a of the Town Law provides for a system of registration for Fire District elections; and

WHEREAS, a register of eligible Fire District voters must be prepared prior to the Fire District election; and

WHEREAS, such register shall be prepared from names of persons who have registered with the County Board of Elections;

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following resident electors of the Highland Fire District are hereby appointed to constitute the Highland Fire District Board of Elections for the **2014 Annual** Fire District election:

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| Mary Darcy | - | Chairman |
| Amy Dunham | - | Election Inspector |
| Candace Benson | - | Election Inspector |
| Theresa Gentilquore | - | Ballot Clerk |
| Lisa Lee | - | Ballot Clerk |
| Karrington Knauer | | Alternate |

The Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0- Abstain, 2- Absent --- Resolution Adopted

RESOLUTION OF THE HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF LLOYD, NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 16, 2019 DESIGNATING THE DATE OF ANNUAL ELECTION, DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICES, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH:

The following was moved by Commissioner Alan Barone and Seconded by Commissioner Christian Erichsen :

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF LLOYD, IN THE COUNTY OF ULSTER, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Annual Election of the Highland Fire District, in the Town of Lloyd, in the County of Ulster, New York (herein called "Fire District") shall be held at Fire District Headquarters in the Hamlet of Highland, Town of Lloyd, Highland, New York in said Fire District, on December 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) and the polls shall remain open until 9:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) or as much long as may be necessary to enable voters then present to cast their votes. At said annual election, one Fire District Commissioner for a term of five (5) years, commencing on the 1st day of January 2020 will be elected. All duly registered residents of the Highland Fire District shall be eligible to vote. The Secretary is directed to publish notices as required by law.

SECTION 2. In preparing such register, the inspectors of election shall comply with the following procedure:

(a) They shall adopt, use or copy from, the registration list certified and supplied by the Ulster County Board of Elections the names appearing thereon of all persons residing in the Fire District and qualified to vote in such forthcoming Annual Election.

(b) The register for the Fire District shall include as a minimum the space for the name of the voter, his address within the Fire District and a space for his or her signature to be signed by the voter on election day.

SECTION 3. The Fire District Secretary Shall furnish the inspectors of election, at Fire District expense, with all necessary registration books, papers, equipment and supplies.

SECTION 4. This resolution has been adopted at least thirty (30) days prior to the Election.

SECTION 5. The Fire District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish a legal notice informing the resident electors of the meeting of the Board of Elections once at least twenty-seven (27) days prior to the Election in the "New Paltz Times" and the "Southern Ulster Times", newspapers published for Highland, Ulster County, New York, and having a general circulation within the District and hereby designated as the official newspapers for such publication.

SECTION 6. The Chairman, Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks are to be compensated for their services in preparing the registration records and attendance at the annual election.

SECTION 7. In Case any of the members appointed herein are unable or refuse to assume or perform the duties required of them, this Board of Fire Commissioners will appoint alternates who are resident electors.

SECTION 8. If clerical help is deemed necessary, this Board of Fire Commissioners will consider the appointment of such clerical persons upon request of the Chairman of the Fire District Board of Elections.

SECTION 10. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Vote: 3- Yes, 0- No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent --- Resolution Adopted

Adoption of 2020 Proposed Budget

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to adopt the 2020 Proposed Budget with an Operating budget of \$1,292,146.00 of which \$1,197, 208 to be raised by real property taxes, With a rate per thousand of \$1.1534, seconded by Commissioner Christian Erichsen.

Vote: 3- Yes, 0- No, 0 - Abstain, 2 – Absent

16. Executive Session-

MOTION: At 8:17 PM, Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to go to executive session to discuss the employment history of a specific individual seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

Vote: 3- Yes, 0- No, 0 - Abstain, 2 – Absent

17. Return to regular session and Adjournment-

MOTION: Commissioner Alan Barone moved to return to the regular session and there being no further business, moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Vote: 3- Yes, 0- No, 0 - Abstain, 2 – Absent

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk