

HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2014
7 PM

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Commissioners: Stephen DiLorenzo, Chairman	(Present)
Benjamin Bragg	(Absent)
Christian Erichsen	(Present)
John Fraino	(Absent)
Dominick Palladino	(Present)

Secretary/Treasurer Jim Passikoff	(Absent)
District Clerk Denise A. Holzberger	(Present)
Chief Peter D. Miller	(Present)

1. Opening of meeting- Chairman DiLorenzo called the meeting to order, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and called for a moment of silence for fallen firefighters.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 RE-org and regular meetings.

It was noted that a quorum did not exist for the purpose of approving these minutes and their approval would be tabled until the next regular meeting. It was noted that there was a typo to correct on page 5 regarding a motion seconded by Commissioner Bragg. District Clerk Holzberger will revise in the draft minutes.

2. Bills- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills as reviewed by Commissioners Erichsen and Palladino and Chief Peter Miller on February 10 and 11, 2014.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve payment of the bills as reviewed by Commissioner Palladino, himself and Chief Miller, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014Feb11-25

It was noted that an invoice from FWP was received at 5 pm today for snow removal. Amount is \$3590.00. Commissioners Palladino and Erichsen reviewed and signed.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve payment of the FWP invoice in the amount of \$3590.00 for snow removal, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014Feb11-26

4. Correspondence-

In-Coming:

NYS AFC-gift certificate for Annual Conference June 11-14 2014 at Turning Stone

PERMA-2014 Annual Conference May 22 & 23 and new filing requirements.

Pinsky Law Group-Training at Turning Stone March 27-March 30, 3014

On line Training information

Ulster County Fire Advisory Board-minutes of December 4, 2013 meeting

Requests for Use of the Community Room-

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 Town of Lloyd Highway Dept. meeting 4 PM to 6 PM Requested by Eugene Roosa.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the request by the Town of Lloyd Highway for use of the community room on February 19, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014Feb11-27

Friday March 21, 2014 and Saturday March 22, 2014 Penny Social Ladies Aux.

Requested by Leslie Benson

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the request by the Ladies Auxiliary for use of the community room on March 21 and 22 2014 for the Spring Penny Social, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014Feb11-28

Friday June 13, 2014 and Saturday June 14, 2014 Highland Village Nursery School rehearsal and graduation 9 AM to 1 PM Sat.

Requested by Jo Keating

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the request by Highland Village Nursery School for use of the community room on June 13 and 14 2014 for the rehearsal and graduation for the nursery school, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014Feb11-29

Tuesday June 24, 2014 American Red Cross Blood Drive 1 Pm to 6 PM

Requested by Steve Leary

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the request by American Red Cross for use of the community room on Tuesday June 24, 2014 for a Blood Drive, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014Feb11-30

Sunday July 20, 2014 Iron Riders 8 ARE to 11:30 AM Outside of Bays Station 1

Requested by Toni Elia

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the request by the Iron Riders for use of the space outside the bays at Station 1 on Sunday July 20, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014Feb11-31

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Note: Fireman's Home BBQ scheduled for September 14, 2014 as per Toni Elia

Thursday February 13, 2014 Press Conference for Hudson Valley Wine Village 9AM to 1 PM

Requested by Town of Lloyd Building Department, Dave Barton.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the request by the Town of Lloyd for use of the community room on Thursday February 13, 2014 for a Press conference for the Hudson Valley Wine Village project, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014Feb11-32

Monday March 3, 2014 6:30 Pm to 10:00 PM Highland Wrestling Team Dinner requested by Sally Bellacicco

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the request by Sally Bellacicco for use of the community room on Monday March 3, 2014 for the Highland Wrestling Team dinner, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014Feb11-33

Sunday March 30, 2014 12 pm to 6 pm Baby Shower requested by Joe Valentino, Life member, for his granddaughter.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the request by Joe Valentino for use of the community room on Sunday March 30, 2014 for a Baby shower for his granddaughter, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion was carried. 2014Feb11-34

5. New Member Interviews/Approvals- none

6. Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds: St. 1 Commissioners Bragg and DiLorenzo

Chairman DiLorenzo reported that the lock has been replaced in the District Office door.

Chairman DiLorenzo noted there was damage to tables in the community room; the damaged table was stacked between other tables.

Highland Library-Chairman DiLorenzo reported that we met with Nancy Hammond of the Highland Library regarding their interest in acquiring the property. It was noted that any expenses would be on the library as far as surveys etc. Commissioner Erichsen stated that he felt that it is not in the best interest of the Highland Fire District to give this land away as we may need it down the road. Commissioner Palladino stated that we should let them (Library) determine feasibility. Chief Miller stated that we may need that property sometime in the future.

Overhanging Limbs-Chairman DiLorenzo to follow up on status.

Training facility-being used

Generator maintenance-Chief Miller will address along with 31-30.

St. 2: Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino
Fascia, painting and shed-pending estimates

Commissioner Erichsen stated we would meet with Michael Krusen regarding drawings for shed; we will at the least paint.

Mold-Chairman DiLorenzo reported that he spoke to Serv Pro and he will get a price in the spring.

7. Apparatus Repair: Commissioners Erichsen and DiLorenzo

Chief Miller reported that everything is up to snuff; 31-45 is fine; the rotation times did not calculate however this may be a mathematical error.

31-30 –is in service

Hose- Chief Miller is looking into cover.

8. Insurance/Workers Comp-Commissioners Fraino and Palladino

Accident & Sickness Policy-Commissioner Palladino noted that we have changed our Accident and Sickness Policy. We have increased benefit coverage from \$50,000 to \$100,000 as well as added other enhancements for less than a \$700 increase.

9. Physicals/Health Program- letters sent out through March 14, 2014 (for physicals due)

10. Physical Fitness Program-Commissioners Erichsen, DiLorenzo and Chief Miller

4th Qtr. 2013 All sport- Total reimbursement to members \$76.50 (3 members)

12. Service Awards-Commissioners Palladino, Chief, HHCo. Pres. Or their designee

Dec 2013 statistics posted January 16, 2014

16. Town Emergency Plan-Erichsen, Chief, HHCo President

There was discussion with Chief Miller and it was decided that this item may be removed from the agenda.

17. Treasurer Report-Treasurer Passikoff

Treasurer's report is pending.

It was noted that we have received \$500,000 in tax money from the Town of Lloyd to date.

18. Inspection Dinner-Chairman DiLorenzo reported that we are investigating other venues and catering options.

19. Public Comment- Dave Krzeminski stated that he is getting quotes for lighting in the ready room and hallway. We would like to display pictures in the hallway.

20. Chiefs Report-Chief Miller reported that we did elevator training at Hudson Valley Nursing Home. OSHA was February 9, 2014. Permission is needed for standby at Esopus on 2/12/14.

Grant- 9 support letters solicited from politicians were sent in support of our grant. Grantgenies took care of this for us.

Radios- we received official notification from NYCOMCO that the LTR is going away. The Radio system needs to be updated. Chief Miller stated that he will attend the meeting with Goosetown and will meet with Columbia County officials as well. Low band radios no longer will be able to operate, only high band. Chief Miller stated that he does not anticipate problems. There are six departments using LTR through NYCOMCO. We need our own channel.

EMT class-Chief Miller stated that there will be an EMT class in New Windsor; Jim Balint and Jeffrey DiMetro will be attending. Half the cost will be compensated because we are holding class here. Cost at DCC would be approximately \$350.00.

CSX-Chief Miller stated he is working on that claim.

Wallkill-Chief Miller stated that Wallkill Fire Department will be here on 3/1/14.

21. Old Business-

Chief Miller stated that the damaged 5 "hose was disposed of.

Commissioner Erichsen requested a checklist of what was done as far as preventive maintenance by Airflow.

Insurance-Chairman DiLorenzo stated that Linda Flanagan will be coming to the Hose Company meeting on March 4, 2014 to discuss the new Accident policy.

22. New Business-

Letterhead and Business Card design for district-Chairman DiLorenzo stated we are working on designs.

Accident & Sickness Policy-

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to approve the change to VFIS for our Accident and Sickness Policy at a cost of \$4377.00 per year for the next three years, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

Vote: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Feb11-35

Stand by at Esopus

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to authorize standby with 31-30 at Esopus on February 12, 2014 for a funeral detail, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Feb11-36

23. Executive Session

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to go to executive session to discuss a personnel matter relating to a specific individual at 8:15 PM, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Feb11-37

24 Adjournment-

MOTION: At 8:40 PM Commissioner Palladino moved to end executive session, return to the regular session and there being no further business, adjourn at 8:41 PM, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Feb11-38

Respectfully submitted,

Approved BOFC mtg 3/11/14

Denise A. Holzberger, Clerk

APPROVED