

**HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 06, 2014 7 PM St 1**

Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(Present)
	Benjamin Bragg	(Present)
	Christian Erichsen	(Absent)
	John Fraino	(Present)
	Lindy Palladino	(Present)

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

Commissioner DiLorenzo welcomed everyone and stated that the purpose of this meeting is the reorganization of the fire district.

MOTION: Commissioner DiLorenzo moved to appoint Commissioner Lindy Palladino as temporary Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

(Commissioner Erichsen was absent)

Motion carried unan. 2014Jan06-001

Acting Chairman Palladino stated that this meeting is held for the purpose of reorganization of the Highland Fire District. Our regular monthly meeting will commence at the conclusion of this meeting. This meeting was advertised in the Southern Ulster Times on December 11, 2013 and such affidavit of publication has been received.

Results of Annual Election on December 10, 2013.

A total of 30 votes were cast and 28 votes were for Steve DiLorenzo for Commissioner for a five-year term, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018. There was one blank and one write-in vote.

Results were filed with the Town Clerk on December 12, 2013.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2014

Acting Chairman Palladino asked for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner John Fraino nominated Commissioner Stephen DiLorenzo to be Chairman for 2014.

MOTION: There being no other nominations, Commissioner John Fraino moved to nominate Commissioner Stephen DiLorenzo to be Chairman for 2014, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Aye 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried unan. 2014Jan06-002

Chairman DiLorenzo thanked the Board for their vote of confidence and stated it has been a pleasure to serve on the Board with them.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS: *Deputy Chairman*

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to appoint Commissioner Chris Erichsen Deputy Chairman.

MOTION: Commissioner Bragg moved to appoint Commissioner Chris Erichsen to the position of Deputy Chairman, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan06-003

Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to appoint James Passikoff Secretary/Treasurer for 2014.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to appoint James Passikoff Secretary/Treasurer for 2014, seconded by Commissioner Lindy Palladino

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan06-004

District Clerk

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to appoint Denise A. Holzberger District Clerk for 2014.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to appoint Denise A. Holzberger District Clerk for 2014, seconded by Commissioner Lindy Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan 06-005

Legal Counsel

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to appoint Scott Dow of Kornfeld, Rew, Newman and Simeone and DiStasi, Moriello and Murphy as legal counsel for Highland Fire District.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to appoint the legal counsel as described by Chairman DiLorenzo, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan06-006

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to designate the official newspapers for the Highland Fire District.

MOTION: Commissioner Lindy Palladino moved to designate the Southern Ulster Times and the New Paltz Times as the official newspapers for the Highland Fire District, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan06-007

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to designate the official financial institutions for the Highland Fire District.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to designate M & T, First Niagara, TrustCo and Chase as the official financial institutions for the Highland Fire District, seconded by Commissioner Lindy Palladino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan06-008

AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATORIES

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize signatories for signing checks and to require two signatures for checks in the amount of \$3000 or more.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to authorize Secretary/Treasurer James Passikoff, Commissioner Stephen DiLorenzo, Commissioner Ben Bragg and Commissioner John Fraino as check signers and require any two of these authorized check signers for checks in the amount of \$3000 or more, seconded by Commissioner Lindy Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan06-009

APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize our membership in the NYS Association of Fire Districts and regional associations, such as Ulster County Association of Fire Districts.

MOTION: Commissioner Lindy Palladino moved to approve our membership in the NYS Association of Fire Districts as well as regional associations, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan06-10

OFFICIAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman asked for a motion to approve our meeting schedule for 2014. Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to hold the 2014 monthly meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Highland Fire District on the second Tuesday of each month, and if needed, additional meetings could be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. All regular meetings will be at 7 PM and held at headquarters, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan06-11

2013 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

February 11	March 11	April 8	May 13	June 10
July 8	August 12	September 9	October 14	
Budget Hearing	October 21	November 11	December 9	
Annual Fire District Election	December 9, 2014			

APPOINTMENT OF CUSTODIANS

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to appoint the custodians for Station 1.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to appoint Lori Passante and Jill Gersch as custodians for Station 1, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan06-12

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to appoint the custodian for Station 2.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to appoint Lori Passante custodian for Station 2, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan06-13

INVESTMENT AND PROCUREMENT POLICIES

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved that the present Procurement and Investment policies be retained for 2014, and that the Length of Service Award Investment Policy is retained for 2014, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2013Jan08-14

SURETY BOND

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to maintain the surety bond.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved that the surety bond be maintained in the amount of one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00), seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2013Jan08-15

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chairman DiLorenzo distributed the committee appointments for 2014 for review. (See Attachment)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner John Fraino moved to adjourn the reorganization meeting at 7:15 PM, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried. 2014Jan06-16

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

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Approved BOFC mtg 3/11/14