

**Highland Fire District
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2016
7 PM Station 1**

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

1. **Opening of Meeting-** Chairman DiLorenzo called the meeting to order, led the salute to the flag and asked for a moment of silence for fallen firefighters.
2. Chairman Dilorenzo asked for motions to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

3. **Bills-** Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by Commissioners Palladino and Fraino and Chief Miller on December 7, 2016.

It was noted that the total of the abstract reviewed was \$105,199.91. The bill from A-1 Communications for \$17,341.50 was subtracted and the correct amount of \$15,320.75 was added back in. Also a bill from \$219.90 from ABC Awards was added as a late arrival. The new total is \$105,199.91. To authorize payment later in meeting when review of some late arrivals are complete.

MOTION: Commissioner Bragg moved to approve payment of the bills as reviewed by, Commissioners Palladino and Fraino and Chief Miller, in the amount of \$105199.91, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

4. **Correspondence-** District Clerk Holzberger reported the following was received:

Certificate of Liability-Garone's

FDMNY-2015 Annual Report (Workers Comp) Chairman DiLorenzo asked about increases for Workers Comp. Treasurer Passikoff stated I could be 6-10% .

Room Requests-

December 27, 2016 11:30 AM to 7 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive requested by Steve Leary.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the use of the community for An American Red Cross Blood Drive on December 27, 2016 as requested by Steve Leary, seconded by Commissioner Lindy Palladino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

March 15, 2017 1 pm to 3 pm Town of Lloyd Health Volunteers meeting requested by Adele Gibbons.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the community room for The Town of Lloyd Health Volunteers meeting on March 15, 2017 as requested by Adele Gibbons, seconded by Commissioner Lindy Palladino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

April 25, 2017 11:30 AM to 7 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive requested by Steve Leary

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the use of the community for An American Red Cross Blood Drive on April 25, 2017 as requested by Steve Leary, seconded by Commissioner Lindy Palladino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

5. **New Members-** Chairman DiLorenzo stated that Tyler Peters has applied for CADET membership. Chairman Dilorenzo discussed the limitations that a cadet member has due to safety. Firefighter 1 is a requirement. Commissioner Bragg stressed the importance of school work; it must come first.

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve Tyler Peters Cadet membership pending successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

6. **Committee Reports-**

Buildings & Grounds St 1-Commisisoners Bragg and DiLorenzo

Sealing and Striping of Parking Lot-Commissioner Bragg reported that will be done in Spring 2017

Bay Doors- first bay door to be installed; should be completed by Thursday.

Catch Basin- 12/10/16 repaired

It was noted that a bumper and new lights for the 911 monument were installed by Dave K. The Lights were donated by Ben Bragg.

Buildings and Grounds ST 2- Commissioners Fraino and Erichsen

Station 2 work- complete; 2 wall packs left on North side and pavilion. (lights)

7. Insurance/ Workers Compensation- renewal in process
8. Physical Fitness-3rd Quarter Activity reports will be due. Also discuss plans with Mike Artega's.
9. Ulster County Association of Fire District- Commissioners Brag, DiLorenzo, Erichsen. Commissioner Bragg stated that the September 2017 meeting will be held here at HFD. Next meeting is in March 2017
10. Service Awards-November 2016 Activity posted on December 14, 2016. It was noted that investments have been favorable; well into 80% funded.
11. Treasurer's Report-November 2016.

Treasurer Passikoff reviewed the November 2016 financial report. Transfer is due to the General Fund for the Repair and Renovation Project expenses; \$75000 in December. Ok for the rest of the year. Building fund is fairly accurate (page 2 of 9). We should have the last payment for the repair and renovation project by the end of the year. We are in good shape. Treasurer Passikoff noted that we keep \$3000 in the Debit card account. If the charge is over \$250, let the District Office know.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to accept the November 2016 financial report, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

It was noted that Bragg's Electric installed the new siren at Station 1 and Commissioner Ben Bragg is no longer associated with the business.

MOTION: Commissioner Ben Bragg moved to authorize payment of the bills as amended: The bill From A-1 Communications for \$17,341.50 was subtracted and the correct amount of \$15,320.75 was added back in. Also a bill from \$219.90 from ABC Awards was added as a late arrival. The new total is \$105,199.91. Seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

12. Public Comment- None

13. Chief's Report- Chief Miller reported the following:

Open house-Toys for Tots December 17, 2016 with Town of Lloyd Police

Santa Around Town-December 18, 2016

Firefighter Self Rescue Class- Jan 22, 2017 at Marlboro Central School District's Pool

SCBA- Jan 1 2016 (was Dec 5 2016.)

Radio Systems-all up on the mountain. Cross over link saved \$7-8000. No delay.

Next step build a UHF channel list.

Command Car-mini-bid; purchase through the general fund. Through NYS OGS.

Building proposal- Chief Miller discussed concerns regarding the bridge and locked gate from Linwood. Chief would like to request more information and requests Board's approval. Board has no objection to the Chief requested more information regarding this Building proposal.

Calls- Last week we experienced 9 calls in a 24 hour period including a fatality. Commissioner Bragg discussed safety for our Fire Police. Chief Miller explained that we are always looking at this.

Purchasing- Chief Miller clarified that no one purchases without his permission.

Car usage- we will reinforce the 15 mile rule to be respectful of the Board Chief Officers and taxpayers.

Pagers- need to compile a list of surplus pagers.

14. Old Business-

Station 1 Siren- was out of service and Station 2 was put in service. We have received some complaints as to why it is on now as it was turned off for the past 5 years. There was discussion. Any calls or questions should be directed to the Board at a meeting.

Officer's Room-TV to be installed for training.

Camera- may work with a Smart TV. Consult with Safeco.

15. New Business-

Annual Election 12/13/16 6 Pm to 9 PM-Ballots, Boxes are ready.

Organizational meeting Wednesday January 4, 2016

Bill Review- Tuesday January 3, 2017

Heat Exchanger- Commissioner Erichsen asked if we could get stainless heat exchangers.

Meetings-Chairman Dilorenzo stated that we should discuss changing the meetings back to Tuesday.

Presentation of Plaque to Commissioner Palladino

Commissioner Ben Bragg presented a plaque to Commissioner Dominick “Lindy” Palladino for his many years of service and dedication to the Highland Fire District and the community. All Board members expressed their appreciation for his work throughout the years.

16. Adjournment-

MOTION: There being no further business, Commissioner Erichsen moved to adjourn at 8:55 PM, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

Approved by BOFC 1/4/17