

HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 2016
7:15 PM St 1

COMMISSIONERS:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(Present)
	Benjamin Bragg	(Absent)
	Christian Erichsen	(Present)
	John Fraino	(Present)
	Lindy Palladino	(Present)
Secretary/Treasurer	James Passikoff	(Absent)
District Clerk	Denise A. Holzberger	(Present)
Chief	Peter D. Miller	(Present)

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we will now move on to our regular meeting for January 2016.

1. Approval of Minutes-Chairman Dilorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 1 Absent
Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2015 meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 1 Absent
Motion carried.

2. Bills-Chairman Dilorenzo asked for a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by Commissioner Fraino and Palladino.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the bills totaling \$20,156.07 seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent
Motion carried.

It was noted that this abstract includes 2015 and 2016 bills.

3. Correspondence-

Request for use of the community room

NYS Firefighter Survival-2/9/16 this is for use of the training center by Milton Fire District. Previously approved.

February 13, 2016 for a birthday party requested by Assistant Chief James Anzalone. Previously approved.

4. Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds ST 1-Commissioners Bragg and Dilorenzo

Verizon Micro-Cell-Chairman Dilorenzo reported that Commissioner Bragg has reviewed the plans and the project is moving along slowly.

Stucco Repairs-Chairman Dilorenzo stated that Commissioner Bragg had mentioned at a previous meeting diesel fumes are a safety hazard. Chairman DiLorenzo reported that he spoke with Mauri & Associates (Rich Tompkins) regarding exhaust systems. A rail system is best, cost would be approximately \$12,500 per bay...7 bays would be needed here at Station 1 and of course there is Station 2.

There is an air-quality monitoring system that would cost about \$20,000. Commissioner Erichsen stated that we should perhaps do a study. Chairman DiLorenzo will call to find someone. Chairman DiLorenzo stated we should hold then on the stucco project in order to explore the exhaust issue.

Buildings and Grounds ST 2-Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino

Christmas Tree Sales wrapped up.

A storage work party should be coordinated to organize.

5. New Apparatus-nothing new to report

Equipment could cost \$85,000 including Jaws are \$27,000.

Drop tank-should be in at the end of January.

6. Insurance/Workers Compensation-renewals District Clerk to contact our agent for a meeting to review.

7. Physical Fitness-pending activity report from Mike Artega's

8. Service Award-December 2015 activity posting pending.

9. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Passikoff reviewed the December 31, 2015 Preliminary Financial Report to be finalized after all 2015 bills are in.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to accept the December 31, 2015 Preliminary report as submitted by the Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

10. Public Comment-

Steve Lee stated that Paul Hansut has asked him to represent the Safety Committee. Assistant Chief Jim Anzalone stated that he is on the Water & Sewer committee.

11. Chief's Report-

Gas Odor Emergencies-Chief Miller stated that these emergencies often involve tenant - landlord interaction.

County Boot Camp-Chief Miller stated that we have 7 members in need of this. We need to establish who is organizing and paying for it; we need a plan.

Radio Meeting- Chief Miller reported that he attended a meeting and there was a discussion regarding radio frequencies.

12. Old Business-

SCBA's on order; if we run into a problem AAA can loan us 50 MSA's to us.

13. New Business-

Firefighter Survival is on January 9, 2016- in Bloomington. There are still openings.

MOTION: Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve our members to attend, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Steve Lee to represent HFD on Town of Lloyd Safety Committee

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to approve Steve Lee to represent Highland Fire District on the Town of Lloyd Safety Committee, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Jim Anzalone to represent Highland Fire District on Town of Lloyd Water and Sewer Committee

MOTION: Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve Jim Anzalone to represent Highland Fire District on the Town of Lloyd Water & Sewer Committee, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Boot Camp-Chief Miller stated that he will discuss with the organizer how food will be handled.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to host the Boot Camp if the organization meets the criteria and commitment as defined by Chief Miller and the expenses are incurred by the organizer, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Change Board of Fire Commissioner's Meetings to Second Monday

There was discussion regarding changing the Board meetings to the second Monday of the month. All Commissioners agreed and the schedule for 2016 will be as follows:

February 8 March 14 April 11 May 9 June 13 July 11 August 8

September 12 October 10 November 14 December 12

Treasurer's Report- The December 31, 2015 report will be finalized at the end of February 2016. Treasurer Passikoff stated that we are in a good place, and noted that there will not be a February financial statement for the February 8, 2016 meeting. Treasurer Passikoff noted that Noreen Hennessey will attend the February 8, 2016 meeting.

Attendance- Commissioner Fraino stated that although there is no requirement, it would be prudent to have a policy to address commissioner absences.

14. Executive Session-

MOTION: Commissioner Fraino moved to go to executive session at 8:23 PM to discuss personnel matter, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

15. Return to regular session and Adjournment-

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to return to the regular session and adjourn at 9:05 PM, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

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