

**HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

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**May 9 , 2016**

7:00 PM St 1

COMMISSIONERS:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(Present)
	Benjamin Bragg	(Absent)
	Christian Erichsen	(Absent)
	John Fraino	(Present)
	Lindy Palladino	(Present)
Secretary/Treasurer	James 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 salute to the flag and asked for a moment of silence for fallen firefighters.

**2. Approval of Minutes-**Chairman Dilorenzo asked for a motion to approve the April 11, 2016 minutes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

**3. Bills-** Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to authorize payment of the bills as reviewed by Commissioners Fraino and Palladino, and Chief Miller on Thursday May 5, 2016 and May 9, 2016.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$20,502.74, seconded by Commissioner Erichsen.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

**4. New Membership-**

Chairman Dilorenzo stated that we have a new cadet here tonight. Ryan T. Reilly has completed the interview process which included his parents. Chairman Dilorenzo explained that often the concern is for safety- we keep a careful watch on new members regrading training to ensure their safety. We have a successful (cadet) program here; Monday nights are duty nights which present an opportunity to learn. Firefighter 1 is a must; it is a class run by New York State and it will be held here in July 2016. Assistant Chief Erichsen will discuss the details with Cadet Reilly. We treat being here as a privilege and the firehouse should be treated as you would your home.

Commissioner Fraino stated that there are certain tasks that you cannot perform until you are 18 and you should be comfortable with the task prior to performing it. The goal is to be safe.

Chairman Dilorenzo noted that you may see disturbing things when responding to an emergency scene; we have a program to assist you should you feel you need counseling or assistance. Keep in mind that there are approximately 10,000 people in this town and only 50 volunteer here in this firehouse.

Chief Miller stated that the Highland Hose company provides the labor and is a social entity as well. The Hose Company approves membership and then the Highland Fire District approves your membership as well. The Fire District is the governing authority and provides the buildings and equipment.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve Ryan T. Reilly for membership as a cadet probationary, pending his successful completion of a physical exam, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

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

Certificate of Insurance- Workers Comp for Airflow  
American Legion-letter re: Memorial Day parade

**Requests for Use of the Community Room**

**Saturday June 11, 2016 1:30 PM to 8 PM Baby Shower** requested by Idel Patterson  
HHCo. Member \$50 deposit received.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve use of the community room as requested by Idel Patterson for Saturday June 11, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

**Saturday June 25, 2016 12 PM to 6 PM Graduation Party** requested by Barron Rockwell, member HHCo. \$50 deposit received for use of kitchen. Approval for DJ needed.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the use of the community room on Saturday June 25, 2016 and to permit a DJ, as requested by Barron Rockwell, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent  
Motion carried.

DATE Change:

Iron Riders previously received approval for use of the outside of the bays on July 24, 2016 and request a change to July 17, 2016. Date is clear on calendar. Board agreed to permit date change.

**6.COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Buildings and Grounds ST 1-Cmrs. Bragg and DiLorenzo**

Verizon Micro-Cell- received \$6000 check.

Camera at Front Door- Chairman DiLorenzo reported that Safeco installed a camera at the front door (Radio Room).

Stucco Renovation- Chairman DiLorenzo reported that he and Commissioner Erichsen met with Mauri and Associates regarding the stucco renovations. We can do St 1, St. 2 , Both or neither; as per Scott Dow. There is an alternate for 4 glass front doors.

Flowers- Commissioner Fraino will pick up the flowers at Sorbello's for the Ladies Auxiliary to plant at Station 1 and Station 2.

Security System- Chairman Dilorenzo met with Pat Rose of A & R Security; proposal is pending. We could start with the outside doors.

Generator at Station 1- Chairman DiLorenzo reported that we had an issue; there was a power outage and we are unsure if the generator shut off. Indicator lights are out. We have received an estimate for repair. We did have a service call at night; Chairman DiLorenzo was pleased with Gentech's response.

**Buildings and Grounds St.2-Commissioners Erichsen and Fraino**

Commissioner Fraino reported the enclosure around the generator is rotted. Dave k will build and install the enclosure. Commissioner Erichsen reported that there are some small projects to be done.

**7. Physical Fitness- 1<sup>st</sup>quarter 2016**

Four members received reimbursement for a total of \$272.00

**8. Service Award Program-**

Chairman Dilorenzo reported that the retro payments were sent out to the appropriate members.

April 2016 Activity will be posted on May 10, 2016.

**9. Treasurer's Report- April 2016 Financial Report**

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that Treasurer Passikoff left some notes for the review of the April 2016 Financial Report. It was noted that we are under our budget for workers compensation insurance.

**10. Chief's Report-** Chief Peter Miller reported the following:

Vineyard Commons-numbering issue; new numbering was requested. Knox box needed there; we are against the removal by the management.

31-30-accident 5/3/16 rear-ended while returning from Gentech. Estimate \$3984.12 We have a \$1000 deductible.

Town of Lloyd Hearing- regarding moratorium on Solar Panels.

Upgrade of Compressor- to allow for filling 2.5 SCBA. Cost is \$2590.00

AAA Emergency Equipment- to provide quote for maintenance

SCBA-all bottles to arrive tomorrow

Ultra-High Band-pending FCC approval

Railroad Training-was successful; plan for a big incident involving HAZMAT; established contacts (people) for incidents like this.

31-35-request for Chief's cars and trailers for Lake George parade 6/17- 6/19/16.

31-35 -out of service for tool mounting; Milton is on First alarm.

May 18 2016- 10:30 to 11AM helicopter will be landing at Highland Middle School.

May 18, 2016-6:30 PM DUI Accident Demo for Police Academy

May 21, 2016- SpringFest Steve Lee will use 31-40

May 30, 2016-Memorial Day Parade

June 6, 2016-Propane Drill at Ulster Hose; will use 31-35,31-20,31-60

June 25, 2016-New England Chief's Show; small group will go to see how it is.  
(Springfield Massachusetts)

Firefighter 1- June 22, 2016 orientation; July 11, 2016 through July 24, 2016 and July 26, 2016 graduation

31-80-to Bloomington May 17, 2016 UCVFA meeting

31-80 - to Wallkill for Solar Class May 14, 2016

31-80- to Verona June 17, 2016 NYSAFC

Audio Visual System- Chief Miller stated that this system should be used as a training tool only and we should restrict and limit the use to us, Town of Lloyd and the Police.

Group Term Life Insurance- it was noted that applications were sent to members who have not filled them out; there are 10 outstanding at this time.

## **11. Old Business-**

Uniforms- there was discussion regarding commissioners' interest in marching in parades and do they wish to wear uniforms.

**12. New Business-**

Authorization for 31-35 to DUI Demo

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve 31-35 to Saugerties for the DUI Demo on June 4, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Approval for SCBA Compressor Modification

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the modifications of the SCBA compressor at a cost of \$2950, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried. It was noted that this modification will permit faster filling.

Approval of 31-35 and Chief's cars to Lake George

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve 31-35 and the Chief's cars be permitted to go to Lake George June 17 through June 19, 2016 for the Hudson Valley Parade, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Approval for 31-35, 31-20 and 31-60 to Ulster Hose for Propane Drill

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve 31-35, 31-20, and 31-60 be taken to Ulster Hose for the Propane Drill on June 6, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Approval for three staff cars to New England Fire Expo

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve three staff cars be used to go to the New England Fire EXPO in Springfield Massachusetts on June 25, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Approval for 31-80 to NYS AFC, Verona

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve car 31-80 to be used to travel to Verona, New York for the NYS AFC conference on June 17, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Approval for 31-80 to UCVFA at Bloomington

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve car 31-80 to be used to travel to the UCVFA meeting to be held at Bloomington on May 17, 2016, seconded by commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Approval for 31-35, 31-10 and 31-60 to Dutchess County for Live Burn

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve 31-35, 31-10 and 31-60 to go to Dutchess County raining Center for a Live Burn drill, seconded by Commission Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Approval for 31-80 and Chief's car to Wallkill for Solar Panel Class

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve car 31-80 and the Chief's car be permitted to travel to Wallkill for a Solar Panel Class on May 14, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent

Motion carried.

**13. Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to go to executive session at 8:48 PM to discuss medical clearances related to personnel, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.  
**VOTE:** 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent  
Motion carried.

**14. Return to Regular Session and Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to return to the regular session of business at 9:10 PM and there being no further business, moved to adjourn at that time, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.  
**VOTE:** 3Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

Approved BOFC Mtg. 8/8/2016