

**Highland Fire District  
Regular Meeting  
November 14, 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 September 12, 2016 meeting, October 10, 2016 meeting, October 18, 2016 Proposed 2017 Budget hearing and October 18, 2016 Special Meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved approve the minutes of the 2017 Proposed Budget Hearing of October 18, 2016 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2016 Special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 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 November 9, 2016.

MOTION: Commissioner Palladino moved to approve payment of the bills as reviewed by himself, Commissioner Fraino and Chief Miller, in the amount of \$165057.29, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

It was noted that the bill for \$2780 from Haight (12 coats and 12 pants) will be reimbursed by the DEC Grant.

4. **Correspondence-** District Clerk Holzberger reported the following was received:  
AFDUC- next meeting Thursday November 17, 2016 7 PM at Ulster Hose.

Requests for use of the Community Room

**December 7, 8,9,10, 11 2016** (Wed. through Sunday) all day requested by the Ladies Auxiliary for the purpose of decorating for the HHCo. Christmas Party and Children's Christmas party.

Requestor: Amy Dunham

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bragg moved to approve the request by the Ladies Auxiliary for the use of the community room December 7, 8,9,10, and 11 2016, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

**BEFO and IFO classes to be held in 2017 as follows:**

2/28, 3/13, 3/15, 3/20, 3/21, 3/27,3/29, 4/5,4/8 all day,4/10, 4/12,4/15 All day,4/17, 4/18,4/24, 4/26,4/29 All day, 5/2, 5/6 All day, 5/7 all day, 5/22,5/24,5/30, 5/31, 6/3 All day, 6/12,6/13,6/17 all day, 6/19, 6/24 all day. Requested by Everett Erichsen.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bragg moved to approve the use of the community room for BEFO and IFO classes in 2017 as stated by the request, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

5. **New Membership**-none

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

Catch Basin- to be done

Siren St 1- Vendor reported that it was received damaged and has been re-ordered.

Renovation and Repair Project St1 and St 2-Bay doors at St 1 to be installed. If it is cold, one door per day will be installed. Painting and stucco has been completed. Downspout has been installed.

Roof Leak ST 1 hallway-roof was repaired.

HVAC Units- 2 roof top units were replaced. Heat exchangers were cracked. We have 2 older Units to be replaced.

**Buildings and Grounds ST 2**- Commissioners Fraino and Erichsen

Pavilion St 2- just some painting touch-ups need to be done. Shingle color has been matched. Lighting to be finished and soffits to be done. Lighting will be LED. New gutters and fascia to be done.

**7. Insurance/ Workers Compensation**-nothing to report

**8. Physical Fitness**- to review plans with Mike Artega's.

**9. Ulster County Association of Fire District**- Commissioners Brag, DiLorenzo, Erichsen.  
November 17, 2016 meeting at 7 pm at Ulster Hose

**10. Service Awards**- October 2016 Activity posted November 3, 2016

**11. Treasurer's Report**- Treasurer Passikoff reported on the October 2016 Financial Report.  
Treasurer Passikoff stated that we are in good shape as far as our balance is concerned.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Palladino moved to accept the October 2016 financial report as submitted by the Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

**12. Public Comment**-

Jim Balint, President of the Highland Hose Company, requested permission to allow beer at the last Highland Hose company meeting and Christmas Party, as done in the past.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to permit beer at the last Highland Hose company Company Meeting and Christmas Party, seconded by Commissioner Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

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

HAZMAT- Tuesday November 22, 2016 6:30 PM mandatory for all members.

Christmas Party-HHCo. Friday December 9, 2016

SCBA Re-cert-December 5, 2016 for interior firefighters to acclimate to new equipment.

Brindlee Mountain- inquired with Brindlee Mountain pricing of 10 year ladder trucks. This is to gain information for planning purposes. A 2006 E-One sold for \$450,000 and a 2009 Pierce Sold for \$630,000. An E-One Quint (ladder) brand new is \$950,000 to \$1 million. Over 20 years old for Brindlee is not marketable. Our next project would be an engine. Our 1994 is 23 years old, the ladder truck is 25 years old and 31-10 is 17 years old.

Radios-command will need Ultra High to communicate with the County.

FireExpo-Assistant Chief Everett Erichsen discussed his attendance at the various seminars held at Fire Expo in Nashville. Training included Basic Op's and RIT Rescue. There was a class with Chief Sulka of LA County. There was discussion regarding interior and exterior attack. Such things as the the effect on small motor skills from the adrenal rush to a firefighter's heart and lungs were explained. FDNY instructors were there as well as Pat Dale from Washington State.

Fire Police Seminar- held here at HFD. 112 people attended. Kudos to the Ladies Auxiliary for Providing the food.

Commissioner Bragg asked if the chief thought it a good idea to have Police respond to all our calls. (regarding Homeland Security reports). Chief Miller responded that the police respond now when they are available.

**14. Travel Policy-** Chairman DiLorenzo discussed reimbursement when a personal credit card is used for authorized fire district travel. There was discussion as to if the member does not have a credit card.

**15. New Business-**

Subscription Renewal for IAMRESPONDING –the best for us is the five year rate which is \$650 per Year plus \$10 for phone calls for a total of \$660 per year.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fraino moved to approve the subscription renewal of IAMRESPONDING At a cost of \$660 per year, seconded by Commissioner Ben Bragg.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

2016 Annual Election- December 13, 2016 6 PM to 9 PM

List of registered voters has been ordered from the Board of Elections  
Ballot Boxes have been received.

Petitions from Candidates are due November 23, 2016.

Notice of Election is on website and to be placed on our message board.

Approval of 31-80 to County meeting at Olive Bridge

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bragg moved to permit 31-80 to be used for transportation to Olive Bridge for attendance of members at the County meeting, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Reorganization meeting 2017- January 4, 2017 Wednesday

**16. Executive Session-**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bragg moved to go to executive session at 8:47 PM for the purpose of Discussing the medical condition of a specific individual, seconded by Commissioner Fraino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

**17. Return to regular session and Adjournment-**

**MOTION:** At 8:57 Commissioner Bragg moved to return to the regular session and there being no further business, moved to adjourn at 8:58 PM, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk