

**HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
2017 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING  
OCTOBER 18, 2016 PM  
Minutes**

<b>Commissioners:</b> Stephen DiLorenzo, Chairman	(Present)
Benjamin Bragg	(Absent)
John Fraino	(Present)
Christian Erichsen	(Present)
Dominick Palladino	(Present)
Secretary/Treasurer Jim Passikoff	(Absent)
District Clerk Denise A. Holzberger	(Present)

1. **Opening of Hearing-** *Chairman Dilorenzo called the hearing to order, led the salute to the flag and called for a moment of silence for fallen firefighters...*

2. **Public Hearing:**

Chairman's statement: This is the public hearing regarding the 2017 Proposed Budget.

In accordance with New York State Town law, all fire districts must, prior to the adoption of their Budget; hold a public hearing on their budget. This budget hearing must be held in such a manner to maximize participation in the budget process. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the contents of the budget. The Board of Fire Commissioners in accordance with legal Requirements, has adopted their proposed budget, on the 12th day of September, 2016, which is 21 days prior to this budget hearing.

The Proposed budget was posted on the Highland Fire District's Website pursuant to the requirement of the Town Law.

Notice of Public Hearing was published or posted as least once at least 5 days before the date specified for the hearing in:

- The official newspaper of the fire district-
- The official signboard of the Town of Lloyd
- The Fire District's webpage on the website of the Town of Lloyd
- The signboard located at Highland Fire District headquarters

The notice of public hearing specified the time, date and place where the hearing would be held. Upon its adoption, the Secretary made available for copying and inspection the proposed budget to any interested person during district office hours.

Purpose of hearing is to allow members of the general public to make comments on the budget. Any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget.

Please note that this is a proposed budget until the Board of Fire Commissioners adopts the final budget.

Prior to the public comment portion of the hearing, The Treasurer will make a brief presentation about the preliminary budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are present. In the Treasurer's absence, the Chairman will present the budget.

This budget must be adopted no later than November 1, 2014 and submitted to the Town of Lloyd budget officer.

3. Presentation of Budget by Chairman DiLorenzo

Chairman DiLorenzo noted that the budget increase is 4.08%. The 2017 Proposed Budget is \$1,194,860.00 of which \$1,114,435 is to be raised by real property taxes. It was noted that we are exceeding the tax cap.

4. Public Comment- Chairman requests any person wishing to be heard to come forward so that he may be heard in favor of, or against the proposed budget

Please raise your hand to be recognized, and state your name.

Please limit your comments to five minutes and direct your questions to the Board or Treasurer. Please note that this is not a question and answer session. The Board is looking for your opinion on the budget or any part of it, what you are in favor of or what you are against. You may ask questions, but this board will not answer any questions until the conclusion of the public comment period.

Chairman DiLorenzo noted for the record that there were no members of the public present and there were no comments.

5. Conclusion of the Public Comment portion of the hearing

There being no further comment, Chairman DiLorenzo stated the public comment period is now concluded.

6. Questions from the Board-none

7. Close of Public hearing- Chairman DiLorenzo stated that there will be a meeting immediately following the Public hearing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Fraino moved to close the 2017 Proposed Budget Hearing at 7:10 PM, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 1 Absent

Motion was carried.

APPROVED BOFC 11/14/16

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise A. Holzberger

**HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
Special Meeting  
OCTOBER 18, 2016  
7:10 PM**

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Benjamin Bragg	(Absent)
John Fraino	(Present)
Christian Erichsen	(Present)
Dominick Palladino	(Present)
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District Clerk Denise A. Holzberger	(Present)

1. **Adoption of 2017 Proposed Budget**- Chairman DiLorenzo asked for a motion to adopt the 2017 Proposed Budget.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to adopt the 2017 Proposed Budget with a total operating budget of \$1,194,860.00 with \$1,114,435.00 to be raised by real property taxes, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

**VOTE:** 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 Absent  
Motion carried.

2. **Old Business-**

**2016 Annual Election-** Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we can longer use the old voting machines. Therefore this year we will use paper ballots. We need to purchase ballot boxes. A list of registered voters is needed; it has been requested from the Ulster County Board of Elections...

**MOTION:** Commissioner Erichsen moved to approve the purchase of ballot boxes at a cost of up to \$200, seconded by John Fraino.

**VOTE:** 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 Absent  
Motion carried.

Petitions need to be in by November 23, 2016 in order for the candidates name to appear on the ballot.

**Station 2-** Estimate from Valley View landscaping to provide 10 blocks on put on edge of stream and clean up parking area before installing blocks, haul in item 4 and grade for a cost of \$4200. This will prevent the possibility of cars driving into stream.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to authorize Valley View Landscaping to install the 10 blocks, item 4 and grading at Station 2 at a cost of \$4200, seconded by Commissioner John Fraino.

**VOTE:** 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 Absent  
Motion carried.

Proposed Renovation and Repair St.1 and 2- Chairman DiLorenzo noted that Station 1 is 75 % complete. Rear steps have been repaired and painting is complete. The canopy is to be repaired by Hudson Valley Roofing on Thursday or Friday.

Bay Doors- are on order. Final measurements were taken today.

St.2- As long as the weather holds out, painting should be done shortly.

3 .New Business- Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we should review our travel policy.

4. Public Comment- none

5. Executive Session-none

6. Adjournment-

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to adjourn at 7:21 PM, seconded by Commissioner Palladino.

**VOTE:** 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 Absent  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise A. Holzberger

Approved BOFC 11/14/16