

Regular Meeting

April 12, 2022

7:10 PM

Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(PRESENT)
	Christian Erichsen	(PRESENT)
	Kevin Rizzo	(PRESENT)
	Alan Barone	(PRESENT)
	Phil Roloson	(PRESENT)
Secretary/Treasurer	James Passikoff	(PRESENT)
District Clerk	Denise A. Holzberger	(PRESENT)
Chief	Peter Miller	(PRESENT)

Chairman DiLorenzo called the meeting to order, lead the salute to the flag, and called for a moment of silence for all fallen firefighters.

Chairman Dilorenzo welcomed Phil DeAngelo of Focused Wealth Management who came tonight to give us a quarterly update regarding LOSAP funding. Mr. DeAngelo noted that our contribution for 2023 may be less as rates rise which is good for these plans. Markets are tough with 8 ½ % inflation; stocks are down, and the bond market is crazy. Good performance now with a large position in cash. 44 % of the portfolio is in fixed income. The LOSAP is 98% funded . Rising rates help LOSAP funds. The projection for our LOSAP contribution could be less but you should continue to add. Chairman DiLorenzo thanked Phil for coming in.

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for approval of the minutes of the March 9, 2022 regular meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Phil Roloson.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion was carried unan.

**2. Authorization to Pay bills-**

Chairman DiLorenzo asked for approval to pay the bills as reviewed by Commissioners Erichsen on Monday April 11 2022, totaling \$126206.81.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve payment of the abstract of bills totaling \$126206.81, seconded by Commissioner Phil Roloson.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion was carried unan.

**3. Correspondence-**

The following correspondence was received:

Requests for use of the Community Room

April 19, May 17, June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26 and August 9, 2022 Tuesday evenings 6 PM to 8 PM. Requested by Highland Rotary Club, Steven Laubach. For the purpose of planning their Ribfest.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Alan Barone moved to approve the request for use of the community room by the Rotary Club for the planning of the Ribfest on April 19, May 17, June 14, June 28, July 12, July and August 9, 2022, Tuesday evening 6 PM to 8 PM as requested by Steve Laubach, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion was carried unan. Commissioner Roloson abstained.

Saturday June 25, 2022 8 AM to 12 PM for a Birthday /Graduation Party requested by Chuck Gentilquore for his grandson, approx. 35 people.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the community room for a Birthday/Graduation party on Saturday June 25, 2022 as requested by Chuck Gentilquore, seconded by Commissioner Phil Roloson.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion was carried unan.

Sunday May 1, 2022 12PM to 4 PM for REST Program Elder Project as requested by Diane Gualtieri of the Future Medical Professionals Club

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the request for use of the community room for the REST Program ELDER Project on Sunday May 1, 2022, 12 PM to 4 PM, seconded by Commissioner Phil Roloson.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion was carried unan.

It was noted this was to be monitored for now before committing to future requests.

Wednesday April 20,2022 3:30 Pm to 6 PM Town Of Lloyd CSEA Unit 8964 Meeting  
requested by Eugene Roosa.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Roloson moved to approve the request for use of the community room for a Town of Lloyd CSEA meeting on April 20, 2022 as requested by Eugene Roosa, seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent  
Motion was carried unan.

#### 4. New Officers 2022

Chairman DiLorenzo stated at this time we will review the newly Elected Officers for 2022-2023 .

#### 5. Executive Session

**MOTION:** commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to go to executive session at 7:27 PM to interview each of the new officers prior to approving during the regular session, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Rizzo.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent  
Motion was carried unan.

#### 6. Return to Regular Session

**MOTION:** Commissioner Alan Barone moved to return to the regular session of the meeting at 9:02 PM seconded by Commissioner Phil Roloson.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent  
Motion was carried unan.

#### 7. Committee Reports:

##### **Building and Grounds St.1- Commissioner Barone and Roloson**

Safeco-installed camera in rear of St 1.

Central Hudson Lighting Project- to begin in the two weeks

Card Access- Day Automation did a budgetary estimate of \$37594; we have 7 doors at two stations. Chairman DiLorenzo would like to know if the Board would like to go forward with a site visit for a more defined estimate. Gerard had estimate \$88,000 which included a fire system and alarm system.

Sealcoating- Commissioner Barone to obtain quotes; keep in mind liquid petroleum is fluctuating

Flowers-Commissioner Chris Erichsen to obtain.

Police Lease – signed and notarized.

#### **Buildings and Grounds St 2-Commissioners Erichsen and Rizzo**

Concrete Slabs- Unsure whether or not we can use for training.

Metal thresholds-quotes are needed.

IT Upgrade- letter to be sent to NEC (old provider) Commissioner Roloson to get the exact verbiage to be used . Measuring for HDMI cables to be done. Committee will meet quarterly. Discussion tabled regarding a website. IT committee will be involved with server upgrade follow up.

#### **8. New Apparatus-**

Two Pumpers- finishing 12 and 13.

New Engine- email sent.

31-30 -to Vermont 3/18/2022

#### **9. Insurance/Workers Compensation-**

Safety Group- Dividends were declared and since we paid half the premium, we will be receiving about \$8000. ( Workers Compensation Insurance)

#### **10. Ulster County Fire District Association- Commissioner DiLorenzo**

May 19 2022 at Glasco

#### **11. Service Awards - February 2022 Activity-posted March 2, 2022**

**March 2022 Activity posted April 1, 2022**

Chairman DiLorenzo noted that Firefly is working our very well.

**12. Treasurer Report - March 2022**

Treasurer Passikoff commented that there was nothing unusual.

**13. Public Comment-**

John Fraino, Town of Lloyd Councilman noted that Mobile Life Support has been responsive (average response time is 5.22 seconds) and receptive; performance and staffing are good. The Water Department has gotten a self-contained unit which makes it safer to dig. Valves are being updated. The Tillson Avenue Project has been bid in two phases: \$2 million short. There will be voting to go forward. An RFP for lighting has been done for the Bridgeview Project. We have 12-13 buildings that are no longer in use in the town and are looking at Adaptive Re-use. There will be a Public Hearing.

Chief Miller stated that any change in height requirements should include the fire district as well as any proposed projects that are being reviewed by the Planning Board and Town.

**14. Chief's Report-**

Chief Peter Miller reported the following:

Physical letters- to be mailed out this week

Training- 4/21/22

Duty Night-5/9/22

Training-5/5/22

June 1 -11- Ride with us Video - includes Tower Ladder, Firefighters, support firefighters and Ladies Auxilliary.

Commissioner Alan Barone noted that there are old nozzles that should be sorted out to see what is usable and could be donated to another fire department.

**15. Old Business**

Commissioner Training- Commissioners Kevin Rizzo, Phil Roloson and Alan Barone attended training. Commissioner Roloson stated Marijuana was discussed and more research is needed regarding developing policies.

**17. New Business-**

Approval of 2022 Officers

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to approve the new officers as elected on April 5, 2022 as follows:

Chief Peter Miller,  
1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief James Anzalone,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Jeff DiMetro,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Nate Peura  
Captain George Monteverdi  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Frank Piscopo  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Taylor Dailey

Seconded by Commissioner Alan Barone.  
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent  
Motion was carried unan.

Authorization of \$2500 to Hose Company for Installation Dinner

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rizzo moved to authorize a check be cut in the amount of \$2500 to the Highland Hose Co.#1 in lieu of an Inspection Dinner, to be used toward the Installation Dinner to be held on April 29, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Barone.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent  
Motion was carried unan.

Authorization of Day Automation to develop on-site estimate

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rizzo moved to authorize Day Automation to come and do an on-site estimate for card access, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent  
Motion was carried unan.

Chairman DiLorenzo noted that we are invited to the Memorial Day parade.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that Chief Peter Miller has been inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame at Highland Central School District. He will be honored with other inductees on April 23, 2022.

**18. Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Alan Barone moved to go to executive session at 9:42 PM to discuss the employment history of an employee, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Rizzo.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion was carried unan.

**19. Return to Regular session and Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chris Erichsen moved to return to the regular session and there being no further business moved to adjourn at 9:55 PM, seconded by Commissioner Phil Roloson.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion was carried unan.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED BOFC mtg 5/10/2022