

**HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Meeting
AGENDA
July 14, 2026 @ 7PM – 25 Milton Avenue, Highland**

1. **Opening of Meeting** – Meeting called to order, Salute to Flag and a moment of silence.
2. **Approval of Minutes** –
June 9, 2026 – Regular Meeting
3. **Authorization to pay bills** - as reviewed on Monday, July 13, 2026, by Commissioners Anzalone, Barone & Chief DiMetro
4. **Correspondence:**
 - Red Cross Blood drive is Friday, July 17, 2026, from 12 noon – 5PM
 - Letter from RBT announced on 7/1/26 they officially are part of UHY
 - Thank you letter from Deputy Chief Robert Ridley for Highland's assistance at the former Hudson River Psychiatric Center on June 3, 2026

Room Requests: (All dates are reserved on the calendar until approved by the BoFC)

- Request from Lt Miller for July 4, 2026 (Poughkeepsie), and July 11, 2026 (Highland), for a 1-hour briefing for fireworks.
- Request from Lt Miller for Wednesday, 7/22/26 for CPR/First Aid and Reality Base Training

All requests were approved via email due to time sensitivity

5. **New Members:** 3 New members

6. **Committee Reports:**

Building & Grounds, St #1 – Commissioners Barone and Long

V-Fire Grant Project update (Rizzo)

Mailbox installation

Landscaping estimates for monument

IT Report: Technology Upgrade Project – Commissioner Rizzo & Long

Building & Grounds, St #2 – Commissioner Rizzo and Anzalone

7. **Recruiting & Retention:** Commissioner Rizzo and Anzalone

8. **Insurance/Worker's Compensation:** Commissioners Barone and Hansut
Renewal 7/1/26 with FDM

9. **Service Awards:** Next update November 10, 2026

10. **Ulster County Association of Fire Districts:**
Next meeting: 9/17/26 – Port Ewen FD

11. **Treasurer's Report:**

June 2026, Financial report with Approval

Timeline for Budget preparation dates

12. Chief's Report:

13. Old Business:

HFD Website update

Fiber Optic - Estimate from Elevated Computing for running cable to the fire district.

Surplus Items listing

31-45 – Auto Sow

Tool Box for Cage – Ordered with an ETA of July 30

MCS update

St #1 Property Clean up

Capital Project Update – Commissioners Barone and Anzalone
Title search – Working on with Attorney

14. New Business:

The board requests for anyone requesting Executive session for the agenda, submit a request to Secretary Leslie Benson prior to the first Thursday of the month.

Estimate from MCS – New Router for St #1

Budget for Ladies Auxiliary

8th Grade Field Trip – September 30, 2026

15. **Liaison to Town:** Supervisor Stuart Weiss

16. **Public Comment:**

Any topic may be addressed except for personnel or specific Board Member issues.

The Highland Fire District board encourages public participation at its meetings. To allow for efficiency in conducting meetings and to give each speaker a fair opportunity to present their views, the following shall apply to the public speaking portion of the agenda.

- **Each Speaker shall state their name;**
- **Each Speaker shall be limited to a time (approximately 3 minutes) which is agreed upon by the Board;**
- **The Board will not permit discussion involving individual personnel.**
- **Direct all remarks to the chair. Community members may not poll individual Board Members nor debate with other community members in attendance.**

Once again, members of the community are encouraged to attend and speak during public comments. Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of the Board of business will not be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. While individuals have the right to email the District Secretary with questions or concerns at any time, the Board will not read emails aloud during the public participation portion of the meeting.

Comments:

17. **Executive Session:** (If any) –

Motion for executive session:

18. **Adjournment:**