Highland Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
SPECIAL Meeting after Public Hearing
October 20, 2026
7:13 PM – St #1

Commissioners:	Kevin Rizzo	(PRESENT)
	James Anzalone, Jr.	(PRESENT)
	Alan Barone	(PRESENT)
	Charly Long	(ABSENT)
	Gina Hansut	(ABSENT)
District Secretary	Leslie B. Benson	(PRESENT)
Treasurer	Fred DeMaio	(PRESENT)
Chief	Jeffrey DiMetro	(ABSENT)
Assistant Chief	John Gallagher	(PRESENT)

1. **Adoption of the 2027 Proposed Budget**

   Motion: Commissioner Barone moved to adopt the 2027 Proposed Budget for the Highland Fire District as presented at the 2027 Proposed Budget Hearing, consisting of an operating budget of $1,471,706.00 with $1,342,798.00 to be raised by real property taxes thereby yielding a $1.23 rate per thousand of assessed valuation, which is a 1.65% tax rate increase seconded by Commissioner Anzalone.

HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION: APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2027 WITHIN REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Highland Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2027 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Highland Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 20, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 20, 2026, at said budget hearing, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the Highland Fire District for 2027 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of $1,342,798.00.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Rizzo	AYES
Commissioner Anzalone	AYES
Commissioner Barone	AYES
Commissioner Long	ABSENT
Commissioner Hansut	ABSENT

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.
Dated: Highland, New York

October 20, 2026

2. **New Business:**
Addition of Election personnel
At the October 20, 2026, meeting we appointed election officials and last day to adopt the Board of Elections including, Chairman and Election Inspectors and/or Ballot Clerks is October 29, 2026. Secretary Benson would like to add Kathleen Bragg as Alternate Election Inspector for the election.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ELECTION OFFICIALS
NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following resident elector of the Highland Fire District is hereby appointed to constitute the Highland Fire District Board of Elections for the 2026 Annual Fire District election

Kathleen Bragg - Alternate Election Inspector

Whereupon the matter was put to a vote, the results being:

Chairman Rizzo	AYES
Commissioner Anzalone	AYES
Commissioner Barone	AYES
Commissioner Long	ABSENT
Commissioner Hansut	ABSENT

The Vote: 3- Yes, 0- No, 0-Abstain, 2-Absent
Resolution Adopted.

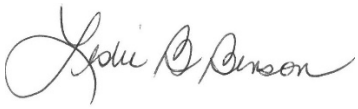
Capital Project St #2 Meeting – Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 6PM at St #1 with the architect and legal counsel.

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November board meeting – dedicate the chairman's office to Stephen G. DiLorenzo, November 10, 2026, at 7pm. It was suggested to invite the Highland Hose Co to the dedication.

3. **Adjournment**:
   Motion: There being no further business, Commissioner Anzalone moved to adjourn at 7:19PM, seconded by Commissioner Barone
   VOTE 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent (Commissioner Long & Hansut)

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie B. Benson, District Secretary

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