

**HIGHLAND FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Meeting
AGENDA
October 13, 2026 @ 6:00PM – 25 Milton Avenue, Highland**

1. **Opening of Meeting** – Meeting called to order, Salute to Flag and a moment of silence.
2. **Approval of Minutes** –
September 13, 2026 – Regular Meeting
3. **Authorization to pay bills** - as reviewed on Monday, October 12, 2026, by Commissioners Barone, Anzalone, Asst Chief Gallagher
4. **Correspondence:**
 - Red Cross Blood Drive – Friday, October 23, 2026, from 12 noon – 5PM
 - Russo Fuel & Propane fixed-rate program 2026-2027
 - Legal ad for 2027 Proposed Budget Public hearing and special meeting on 10/20/26, was posted in the Southern Ulster Times on 10/8/26
 - Legal ad posted for the time change of meeting 10/14/2026 to 6:00PM
 - Letter from the Chief regarding member change of Status, Lou Dolcemascolo changed to exempt
 - Letter from the Chief regarding new member, Ryan Fincham as active member.
 - Garone's Lawn & landscaping – snow removal contract updated
 - Invitation from the First Presbyterian Church of Highland for all commissioners, chief, members of the hose company to attend Fire Services Appreciation Day on Sunday, Nov 8, 2026, at 9:30AM

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

Request from Highland Hose Co & Ladies Auxiliary for 12/6/26 for the Hose Company children's Christmas party from 10-4PM, party is 1-3PM

Request from Everett Erichsen, Ulster County Dept of Emergency Services for November 4, 2026, from 11am – 2PM for a lunch and learn meeting on ePCRs. Approx 100 participants. Set up requested for the evening of Tuesday, November 3, 2026, TBD.

Request from American Red Cross for 2027 blood drive dates: 1/15/27, 2/12/27, 3/15/27, 4/16/27, 5/14/27, 6/18/27, hours 10AM – 6PM

5. **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

Generator issue problem with a relay or sensing card in motherboard – Gentech still working on Generator is working in the event of outage.

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

7. **Insurance/Worker's Compensation:** Commissioners Barone and Hansut

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

9. **Ulster County Association of Fire Districts:**

Next meeting: September 17, 2026 – Port Ewen FD

10. **Treasurer's Report:**

September 2026, Financial report

11. **Chief's Report:**

12. **Old Business:**

HFD Website update – Met with design team on October 1, 2026

Fiber Optic – IT needs to configure the Static IP address on firewall

Estimate from MCS – New Router for St #1

Garone's snow removal – renewal contract

Capital Project Update – Commissioners Barone and Anzalone

13. **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.

Upcoming policies to be reviewed
Credit Card Policy
Accident Policy

Station #1 – Exterior Paint project

Station #1 - Security Camera replacement/upgrade

2026 Annual Fire District Election – Tuesday, December 8, 2026,

Resolution needed for Board of Election Personnel

Letter requesting list of registered voters from Ulster County board of Elections – Secretary Benson

File Petitions for office of commissioner by November 18, 2026

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

15. **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:

16. **Executive Session:** (If any) –

Motion for executive session:

17. **Adjournment:**