

Board of Fire Commissioners

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

9/24/13

Commissioner Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner: A. Kurdyla, T. Ranallo, C Spolarich, P. Orloff. Commissioner David Bereheiko - absent
Finderne Fire Department: Chief Richard Armstrong; President James Bentz

READING OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff that the August meeting minutes be accepted with corrections. Unanimously Approved

TREASURERS REPORT:

Attached.

It was moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Tony Ranallo to accept the Treasurers report as printed (See attached)
Unanimously Approved

PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLS:

Bill Total: \$30,980.76 Reviewed by Treasurer and Chief

It was moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Tony Ranallo to pay all bills as noted. (See Attached)

Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

VFIS – Advertising flyers

Urban and Jinks – attached to treasurer report

GUDPA – attached to treasurer report

DCA – 2014 budget guidelines

Stewart & Stevenson – Requesting Tax Exempt information

OLD BUSINESS:

Member background checks – Chairman Kurdyla reported on meeting with Rob Hanlon, Bridgewater PD, to discuss the possibility of having background checks for new applicants. The response was positive and that we should submit names.

After discussion it was agreed to support the fire company and recommend background checks.

Motion – Tony Ranallo Second – Carl Spolarich Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Spolarich brought up the schedule for the 2014 budget in addition to discussing the 2% cap imposed by the State of New Jersey. It was decided to confirm what the cap would be for our budget with Ken Jinks. The goal is to be realistic with our budget and to stay within the cap if possible.

NEW MEMBERS:

None

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief's Report – Attached
- Engine 101 and Tower punch lists submitted to Fire and Safety
- Fire Prevention Week is October 7 -11, Department will be going to Adamsville School with program
- Fire Department Open House scheduled for October 11 from 7 to 9 PM
- Jason Stukes broke his pinky finger during cleanup after wet down. Township has been advised. Paul Orloff will contact VFIS.
- Battery Power Combo Tool cost was \$10,000.00. The unit has been put on engine 101. For comparison the cost of a Gas unit was the same.
- Request to purchase a new Thermal Image Camera to replace old unit. The cost is estimated in the 4 – 12 K range. At this time the budget for miscellaneous equipment has a balance of 23 K. After discussion this request was approved.
Motion – Paul Orloff Second – Tony Ranallo Unanimously approved
- FEMA - Activity for reimbursement has been completed. We will receive \$7,300.00.
- House Fire in Thomae Park during convention – Dan Ally lost portable radio

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report

PUBLIC PORTION:

The public portion of the meeting was opened at 8:07 P.M. moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff.

With no one to be heard the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:08 PM. A motion was made by Carl Spolarich and seconded by Paul Orloff to close the public portion of the meeting. Unanimously approved.

With no further business to be discussed the motion to adjourn was made by Paul Orloff and seconded: Tony Ranallo Unanimously approved at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen Kurdyla