

# **Board of Fire Commissioners**

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

10/26/10

Chairman Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Kurdyla also asked for a moment of silence for Abe Cardona & Kenny Evans

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioners: A. Kurdyla, C. Spolarich, T. Ranallo, C. Fernandez, P. Orloff.

Finderne Fire Department: Chief Mangino

Finderne Rescue Squad: None

### **READING OF THE MINUTES:**

It was moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff that the September minutes be accepted as printed. 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.

Last Months reported Assets total \$770,198.20

### **PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD BILLS:**

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

Total \$16,425.94

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. VFIS – News letter.
2. Annuity Program – Personal Request.
3. List of candidates for Line Officer positions 2011.
4. Harleysville – 2011 rate to remain the same for life & accidental.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Chairman Kurdyla hasn't received any final answer on the physicals.
2. Smoke trailer is still gone.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Candidates for line officers positions for the year 2011. Chairman has read the listed applicants, and are as follows:

<b>Chief/A1 –</b>	David Mangino Richard Armstrong
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief/A2 –</b>	Keith Binkley
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief/A3 –</b>	James Bentz
<b>Engine Co. Capt./A4 –</b>	Jim Schupper Thomas Marshall Jr.
<b>Truck Co. Capt./A5 –</b>	Daniel Ally
<b>Engine Co. Lieutenant/A6 –</b>	Raymond Booth David Pietrowicz William Wilde
<b>Truck Co. Lieutenant/A7 –</b>	David Pietrowicz William Wilde
<b>Chief Engineer/A8-</b>	David Pietrowicz

The elections will take place on Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Chairman Kurdyla has one question? If Dave Pietrowicz wins Lt. Position who will be Chief Engineer? The board is reminding the chief if another candidate is recommended it must be presented to the Board for approval. In addition Chairman Kurdyla asks Chief Mangino are all candidates qualified. The chief answers Yes, they all meet the requirements and are IML-3 qualified. Commissioner Orloff has made a motion to accept the list and Commissioner Ranallo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all members are in favor. The Company President will be notified the list is approved.

## **NEW MEMBERS:**

1. Mike Miscigna – His application has been approved by the company, he will be going to take his physical. Commissioner Orloff has made a motion to accept upon completing the physical Commissioner Ranallo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All board members are in favor.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

1. Received a call report. (See Attached)
2. Received an apparatus report. (See Attached)
3. Member Marc Collins has been dismissed from the fire company. The board just wants to make sure all the equipment comes back.
4. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> live burn.
5. Open House – the attendance was not good; the public was notified through the schools.
6. The safety stickers on apparatus – it only applies to new and re-furnished vehicles.
7. The Thermal camera is back, VFIS contacted Tony to have it inspected by Billard, it ended up being \$1030.00 to repair then the estimated \$4000.00 that was quoted. We will also be getting a check to cover the halogen bar. Chairman Kurdyla is checking on getting another camera for the department.
8. Capt. Schupper is having problems with the State reporting, Commissioner Spolarich is helping to solve to problem with the computer program. Maybe we might want to report Monthly.
9. Schedule a meeting with Bill Stall and he will also need our list of radios. Chief Mangino would like to purchase a high band radio for each apparatus, it will be around \$14,000.00 we have \$24,000 left. Dave has one radio from OEM

which was given to him, Recommends not buying any analog radios. Chairman Kurdyla is advising the chief that in fourteen months when the P25 specks is in with all vendors the high band radios will drop to around \$1,400.00 each from the current \$2,500.00 each, the chief is looking for radios now! And stated that he has watched his spending. The chief left three messages for Manning with no answer, Chairman Kurdyla reminding everyone about the 2% cap this year and has offered to the chief he can purchase two radios this year and another two after the budget flip. Because of the stuff going on in BWT when were challenged we can show that were growing into the system. We were assigned a frequency in Bridgewater, when Martinsville did there system they had to buy BWT a base station to work. For now were only talking about portables, if something else comes up then were going to kick it to next yrs budget, Somerville would like to go in with us to attempt to apply for a regional grant, we will be seeking a professional grant writer, keep in mind the 2% cap from the state, VFIS has a 4% increase already for next years insurance. A motion has been made to purchase the two portable radios Commissioner Orloff and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ranallo all in favor.

### **FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. No Report

### **RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:**

1. No Report

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

The public portion of the meeting was opened at 8:30 P.M. moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Tony Ranallo.

With no one to be heard, the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:31 PM. A motion was made by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff to close the public portion of the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Motion to go into closed secession at 8:32pm Carl Spolarich 1<sup>st</sup> and Tony Ranallo 2<sup>nd</sup> to review the budget # 711.0

Close the Closed secession at 8:44pm Paul Orloff 1<sup>st</sup> and Tony Ranallo 2<sup>nd</sup> and open regular meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. Motion to adjourn: Tony Ranallo      Seconded: Paul Orloff  
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,  
Christian Fernandez  
Secretary