

Board of Fire Commissioners

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

11/28/11

Commissioner Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Finderne Fire Department: Asst. Chief Keith Binkley & Mike Denney.

Finderne Rescue Squad: None

Chairman Kurdyla is informing the public that the change in meeting night from Tuesday 29th to Monday 28th was posted in the Courier News as required before the meeting.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff to approve the October Minutes as printed. Unanimously approved.

TREASURERS REPORT:

It was moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Tony Ranallo to accept the treasures report as printed (See Attached)

Last Months reported Assets total \$ 997,007.27

PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD BILLS:

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

Total \$ 58,015.33

CORRESPONDENCE

1. NJ State Association Of Fire Districts quarterly meeting Sept. 16, 2011 Minutes.
2. OPRA Request from Thomas Marshall Jr. (meeting minutes from 2004-present)
3. BMG Forms – R. Booth, B. Hogan, M. Collins, P. Brownell, D. Bereheiko, D. Pietrowicz. M. Denny.
4. Harleysville – Current list of members receiving benefits.
5. TD Bank mailer.
6. Joint Board meeting general information.
7. Resignation letter from Jessy Brennan.
8. Department letter indicating all candidates are qualified.
9. Department letter – Nov. 8th 2011 Election Results for 2012 positions.
10. Legal notice on re-scheduling Nov. 2011 meeting date to Monday 28th.

OLD BUSINESS

Presentation of the 2012 Budget

At 7:51pm Chairman Kurdyla has made a motion to close the regular portion of the meeting Commissioner Ranallo seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranallo has made a motion to open to the public Commissioner Orloff seconded the motion. Commissioner Spolarich now is going to present the 2012 budget to the public. The total budget for 2012 is \$546,896.00 which is up from \$537,436.00 in 2011. The taxable portion will increase from \$493,798.00 to \$510,758.00. The budget for 2012 has an increase of 2%. This increase will be put in the 713.0 category Maintenance & Repair Account. The Main thing is we are governed by the state keeping us at a 2% cap. The rateable jumped we did a little better; this does include our funding towards replacement apparatus. Chairman Kurdyla has asked if anyone has any questions on the budget. The additional expenditures this year will be the department physicals.

7:58 Board members vote on the 2012 budget. A. Kurdyla – Yes, P. Orloff – Yes, T. Ranallo – Yes, C. Spolarich – Yes, C. Fernandez – Yes.

A motion to close the public portion of the budget hearing Commissioner Spolarich makes a motion and Commissioner Orloff seconded the motion to close and re-open to the regular scheduled meeting at 7:59pm. Chairman Kurdyla informed the public that if anyone has any further questions on the budget the next meeting will be Jan. 31st 2012. In addition we would like to meet with the new line to explain the categories.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Up for discussion is non-attendance of fire classes. The following members involved are B. Wilde, D. Pietrowicz, M. Collens, R. Booth. A group discussing concerning the circumstances of the contract class in Somerville and the Middlesex Academy. The board wants everyone to be aware of the policy for taking courses, The President also indicated that we don't want to discourage members from taking courses but is aware that this has been an increasing issue. Recommendation for B. Wilde and M. Collins to make restitution. All board members in agreement A. Kurdyla – Yes, P. Orloff - Yes, T. Ranallo - Yes, C. Spolarich - Yes, C. Fernandez – Yes.
2. The results for 2012 company elections. Chief A1 – Rich Armstrong, Asst. Chief A2 – Keith Binkly, Asst. Chief A3 – James Bentz, Capt. A4 – James Schupper, Capt. A5 – Daniel Ally, Lieutenant A6 – Ramond Booth, Lieutenant A7 – William Wilde, Chief Engineer A8 – Chris Fernandez, President – Michael Denny, VP – Thomas Marshall Sr., Secretary – Jennifer Kocanowski, Treasure – Adele Ruggini, Trustees – Stephen Niederle, Michael Montone, William Ally II, Head Drivers – 101- Adel Ruggini, 102- Thomas Marshall Sr, 121- Peter Brownell, 151- Christian Howard, 141 – Bryan Hogan. Chairman Kurdyla has asked for a motion to accept, Paul Orloff 1st and Carl Spolarich 2nd the motion all in favor.
3. Chairman Kurdyla is requesting a roster from the company, noticed some of the new members not listed, important that we keep up with coverage's.

NEW BUSSINESS:

1. Another scheduled course was missed for Vehicle Extrication. The members involved were Ray Booth, Matt Brown. The members indicated it was missed due to the date being wrong. Commissioner Orloff requested that we review the details in closed secession.
2. Chairman Kurdyla has requested that our annual legal notice for election, meetings for 2012 be submitted soon. The next election for board membership is Feb. 18, 2012.
3. Joint board meeting, C. Spolarich reported that the Fire Official gave a list of a few projects going on in the district, Solar Requirement for the TWP are in effect, cracking down on false alarms, new radio requirements, also indicated that when the chiefs receive planning board plans and if they don't have any comments to indicate that on the report.

NEW MEMBERS:

1. Susie Maycag 2nd company reading.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. Chiefs Report
2. Engineers Report
3. All physicals are done.
4. Setting up FIT test.
5. Live Burn this Sunday.
6. Detailing for Car 30 for the new Chief.
7. Request to upgrade the emergency lighting on the box of the Rescue with more visible LED. Chief is getting prices. C. Spolarich said the funding is available.
8. New air tanks on the Truck are up and running, have a quote for \$600 each to upgrade the 4 remaining packs, Chairman Kurdyla requested that we review the age of the packs before upgrading.
9. Thomas Marshall Jr. is requesting the approval from the Board to submit an application for a KME Truck Grant. Chairman Kurdyla has approval from the membership that information needed to complete the application be given to Thomas Marshall Jr. so he can move forward.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. ID System is up and running. The company will need at \$250 for cards and ink to start the process.

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

1. Commissioner Ranallo reported there doing OK.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Close the regular portion of the meeting and open to the public portion of the meeting at 8:45 P.M. moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Carl Spolarich.

Thomas Marshall Jr. has a hand out for the Board members. Mr. Marshall Jr. is asking about a replacement apparatus plan for the district, for example in 2004 started looking into replacing the truck and then nothing really happened. Chairman Kurdyla stated we can acknowledge the receipt of this document and the board does not have to go into a discussion. The only thing that wasn't indicated in 2006 was the 2% cap, currently were not in a critical position, the plan once funding is in place is to replace several pieces. Mr. Marshall Jr. asked that he is looking for a schedule indicating what and when, it's a consistent battle with a discussion I'm looking for a commitment for something. Chairman in this day the price of equipment is 10 fold from when the last piece was purchased; we need a bucket of funding. In the past we were putting aside \$50,000 yr and now we are doing \$125,000 we know the condition of the equipment. Commissioner Spolarich indicated currently at \$429,000 and next yr will be another \$125,000 in addition the chief can also increase the funding. Mr. Dave Bereheiko asked that if we don't spend the entire amount in a category does that extra money go into the capital. Some remaining is possible but what's happening is were spending more than less for instance the physicals are an additional \$12,000 this yr. Mr. Bereheiko if the township goes to one district we could lose control of our funding. Chairman our best position is where we are now. With no one else from the public to be heard the public portion of the meeting was closed at 9:09 PM and return to regular business.

Paul Orloff has made a motion to go into closed secession Tony Ranallo second the motion. The board wants to discuss training bills with A2 and A3 and review the circumstances of each. The board has decided to take the hit on the bills; the

policies on taking classes need to be addressed with the members. Motion to closes the closed secession and return to regular meeting Carl Spolarich 1st and Tony Ranallo 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 P.M. Motion to adjourn: Paul Orloff Seconded: Tony Ranallo
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Fernandez
Secretary