

Board of Fire Commissioners

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

11/30/10

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 departed members.

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 requested by Chris Fernandez that the October minutes be presented at the December 28th, 2010 meeting. Tony Ranallo 1st and Paul Orloff 2nd the request. 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 \$ 736,790.92

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 \$ 30,443.28

CORRESPONDENCE

1. State Association Of Fire Districts – Minutes and attendance from last meeting & 2011 Budget calendar.
2. Motorola Inc. name change to “ Motorola Solutions, Inc.”
3. Received a check from Gladfelter Insurance for \$1,443.30 minus the \$100.00 deductible for Engine 91 bumper.
4. Letter from Chief Mangino concerning the department radios. Chief Mangino has requested a discussion on a portion of the letter; a copy will be given to all board members.
5. Annuity request, the Board will address in closed secession.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Kurdyla reported that he didn't receive a reply from the township concerning the physicals taking place at Bridgewater Medical Group. We believe they will go along with our request.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. In-House Security System – Chief Mangino has notified the board that the members of the company would like to have access to view the Board Of Commissioners CCTV system from their home computer. Chairman Kurdyla has asked the board members if we should allow this, we haven't received any formal request from the executive line and no one is present at this time. Commissioner Spolarich indicated that the system could be a violation of privacy and plus it is possible to shut down the system from an outside source; in addition the board will not be able to track any activity. This is a discussion only, currently the board doesn't feel it's a good idea to allow access because of security issues as indicated. Commissioner Ranallo will further discuss with President Bereheiko.
2. Chairman Kurdyla has reported that the appeal for Craig Schenck death benefit from the Relief Association has been rejected. The reason is due to the Relief's by-laws a member can only be on medical leave for 12 months in which case Craig exceeded this term. In case this kind of situation may happen again a recommendation might be to keep the member active on the roster with a minimal percentage. The Relief Association will be reviewing their policy.
3. Company Elections – The Board has not received the official results from last month's election, please have them available for next month's meeting.
4. The board has received payment for the bumper on Engine 91, the chief can schedule the repair.
5. Commissioner Spolarich has introduced the 2011 budget and will be within the 2% cap.

NEW MEMBERS:

1. No new members

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. Received a call report. (See Attached)
2. Received an apparatus report. (See Attached)
3. Fire Official – Chief Mangino had made a request through BWT to have the fire official contact Capt. Schupper concerning a call at the National Starch Facility. The Official never called! The PD didn't relay the request. Chairman Kurdyla recommends that Chief Mangino contact Manning about the notification and the communication to the fire official, Chief Mangino indicated that he had question concerning the outcome of the call. Pet Haver was told about the call on Tuesday. Chief Mangino will be contacting the facilities manager for the National Starch facility to address site access and proper contacts plus off hour's responses to the site.
4. Truck and Engine 101 has had the UL repairs and the truck has more tests.
5. BWT is requesting to bring the Fire Prevention trailer back to the building. Chief Mangino said the Fire Company doesn't want the trailer. Chairman Kurdyla has reminded that the Bays are for the Boards Of Commissioners use and any use of the bays are to be brought to the Board. The Board does request a certificate of insurance when someone makes a request, this is a verbal request to Chief Mangino from Pat, and the Board will consider it upon receiving a written request.
6. The Chief has submitted a list of inventory items that are no longer needed by the department. Some of the items have failed testing and are no longer usable, these items should be destroyed and discarded, other items that are declared surplus need to be filed for auction. The Board will accept the list and Chairman Kurdyla will review the proper steps for processing the surplus items.
7. Communications – The chief is having problems with the fire ground channel; Dave has talked to Manning to help solve our problem. One of the solutions presented by the chief would be to replace a few of the radios which will allow the department to use our narrow band frequencies; this will also allow the chief to accept the two extra BWT frequencies that he can use as tactical channels. In addition the radio in the Truck and on the Rescue are incorporated into the siren so we will need to purchase independent sirens for those apparatus when the radios are replaced. Chief Mangino stated that somewhere along the way the ball was dropped and now were in this situation. **Chairman Kurdyla has asked for a motion from the Board, Commissioner Spolarich makes a motion to move forward**

with Communication Specialists Inc at \$9,320.00 to replace a couple radios Commissioner Orloff 1st and Commissioner Ranallo 2nd the motion all in favor.

8. Dispatching issues with BWT – Chief Mangino has talked to Manning and Cathy and they don't know what's going on with the system. The tech has been working on the problem; Dave hasn't heard anything in the last two days. Chairman Kurdyla stated that he is going to make a couple of calls; this is a public safety concern and needs to be addressed.

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 8:36 P.M. moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Carl Spolarich.

With no one to be heard, the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:37 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 8:40pm Carl Spolarich 1st and Tony Ranallo 2nd to discuss annuity request.

Close the Closed secession at 8:50pm Tony Ranallo 1st and Paul Orloff 2nd and open regular meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M. Motion to adjourn: Paul Orloff Seconded: Tony Ranallo
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Fernandez
Secretary