

Board of Fire Commissioners

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

12/28/10

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: James Bentz

Finderne Rescue Squad: None

READING OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff that the October minutes be accepted as printed. It was also moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff that the November 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 \$ 857,789.41

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 \$ 29,821.12

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received the registration renewal forms for both squad vehicles.
2. Ford – Reminder notice concerning a recall repair number & description: 09S09 on 2002 Econoline.
3. MCCOP – 4th notice concerning the unpaid dues for 2010 membership.
4. Tasc Fire Apparatus – Merry Christmas & Happy New Year letter.
5. VFIS Mailer
6. Harleysville – Conversion of Group life insurance package.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Board still hasn't received the official results of the company election for 2011; please submit by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On December 14, 2010 the Courier News posted the Bridgewater Fire District #4 Annual Election Public notice the 2011 Meeting dates and the Public Hearing notice for the 2011 budget.
2. On December 25, 2010 The Courier News also posted the notice for mail-in ballot for Bridgewater Fire District Elections No.1, No.2, No.3, and No.4. Commissioner Spolarich stated he hasn't seen any other fire districts do this. Chairman Kurdyla is looking for the Boards approval to split the expenditure for the ad with the other districts. All members in favor of splitting the cost.

Public Hearing Notice for 2011 Budget

At 7:47pm Chairman Kurdyla has made a motion to closes 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. Chairman Kurdyla now is going to present the 2011 budget to the public. The total budget for 2011 is \$537,436.00 which is up from \$525,538.00 in 2010. The taxable portion will increase from \$481,900.00 to \$493,798.00. The budget for 2001 has an increase of \$11,898.00. 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. This does include our funding towards replacement apparatus, the insurance was around \$93,000 about 20% of the budget, 40% of our budget is locked into two of our categories. Chairman Kurdyla has asked if anyone has any questions on the budget. Resident Bill Wilde has asked how much is in our capital, the answer is around \$500,000.00 the Asset evaluation in the district was down, with the new STS building were up a little. The additional expenditures this year will be the department physicals. Commissioner Spolarich stated that the ratable is down 20 million. With no one else to be herd from the public 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 7:55pm.

NEW MEMBERS:

1. No new members

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. Received a call report. (See Attached)
2. Received an apparatus report. (See Attached)
3. Physicals – The blood work was not on the original quote given to the board, the chief is looking to get these numbers back to us so he can start in February.
4. Rescue One will be out of service to fix a hole that was drilled into an air line.
5. UL testing is complete.
6. New Radios that we purchased were to be installed, but need to be re-scheduled.
7. Open House is Jan. 1st 2011 from 3pm to 6pm.
8. The Installation Dinner will be Jan. 15, 2011 at the Firehouse.

Boards Comments:

The Board has requested that before scheduling next years UL testing, we would like to look into what other services are available so we can do some comparison.

Concerning the Orange 3” hose that we received from Bound Brook, make sure the specks are recorded and then label with our name.

Special thanks from the board to Asst. Chief Armstrong & Jim Schupper for there service, plus a good luck to the up coming officers Bill Wilde, Ray Booth, and Thomas Marshall Jr. Lots of respect for what you do by the board.

The Surplus Items submitted to the board. The County auction is off until the spring, the only item on the list that has some value is the hose tester.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT’S REPORT

1. No Report

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

1. No Report

PUBLIC PORTION:

Close the regular portion of the meeting and open to the public portion of the meeting at 8:18 P.M. moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Tony Ranallo.

Capt. James Bentz wanted to thank the Board for the support in 2010.

With no one else to be heard, the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:21 PM. A motion was made by Paul Orloff and seconded by Carl Spolarich to close the public portion of the meeting. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M. Motion to adjourn: Tony Ranallo Seconded: Paul Orloff
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Fernandez
Secretary