

Board of Fire Commissioners

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

3/29/11

Chairman Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M. followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Finderne Fire Department: Chief D. Mangino, President C. Howard

Finderne Rescue Squad: None

READING OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by C. Spolarich and seconded by T. Ranallo that the February minutes be accepted as printed. Unanimously Approved.

TREASURERS REPORT:

It was moved by P. Orloff and seconded by C. Fernandez to accept the treasures report as printed (See Attached)

Last Months reported Assets total \$ 824,261.12

PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD BILLS:

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

Total \$ 9,539.98

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received Finical Disclosure Statement
2. MCCOP Spectrum Communications.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Spolarich, Chief Mangino and President Howard have been working together on the By-Law package, they have reported progress and stated that not a lot has to be changed, just update the Medical and refer to the SOG's in some areas that include specific procedure.
2. District #3 Budget – The governing body had two meetings; Mr. Norgalas had to vote to break the tie. The public was a factor in the outcome, if the public wants to ask about our funding they have the right to ask, recommendation to the members, be polite and explain the best you can.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ID Cards – Carl was looking into doing new ones, Check with the fire academy, and BBPD, Chief Mangino checked with Martinsville and they loaned it to Bradley Gardens, The Joint Board did purchase a unit some time ago.
2. Insurance – Joe Georgas from VFIS stated that our current line of duty death benefit is ½ million, they don't write policies for 1 million but we did get a quote for ¾ million. The increase would only be \$4,200.00 annually and would be distributed between all Bridgewater districts. Chairman Kurdyla has asked for a motion to support moving forward with this increase Paul Orloff 1st and Tony Ranallo 2nd the motion all board members are in favor.
3. The Chief from Country Hills was involved in an accident with the Chiefs vehicle while returning from a fire department budget meeting. Workers Comp refused the claim and stated it was not authorized service, stated that it was personal usage. This accident has opened up a lot of issues.
4. Commissioner Ranallo would like to schedule the Generator Service, Commissioner Spolarich will be available.

NEW MEMBERS:

No new members

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. Received a call report. (See Attached)
2. Received an apparatus report. (See Attached)
3. Bridgewater Medical Group, waiting for new medical paperwork
4. Fire Training – Truck Ops Apr. 10, Pump Ops refresher Apr. 24, Live Burn with BB Apr.16th, Car Fire drill Apr.16,
5. Binkley fuel, where do we stand on that, Green Knoll does it, Carl Tax law.
6. R1 still out of service for PM, needs front springs.
7. Chiefs Veh. Transmission leak repair.
8. Rescue One – Needs front springs.
9. Officer evaluations being done on Apr. 4th once completed they will be given to the board.
10. Craig Schnek has a grave stone, looks nice.
11. Cevo class canceled because they wanted another days pay.
12. May Day class Apr.21st speaker Mike Turpak.

Chief Mangino has left the meeting upset, Asst. Chief Binkly is now representing the fire company for the remainder of the meeting. Chairman Kurdyla stated to Asst. Chief Binkly that the Chief doesn't have to pay for the training class.

13. Hose testing – 1,075 ft of hose failed, most coupling leaks, Chairman Kurdyla requested that we wait for the report and then price replacement hose. Also maybe check the MCCOP vendors, we lost 600 ft of 5" and several rolls of 1 ¾ is also a concern.

Brief information to all, because of Green Knoll Budget one issue that has come up is the use of Chiefs vehicles for personal use, we have to set a policy there are taxpayers groups questioning the use, one was that someone was taking the vehicle to Linden which in reality the chief would not be responding from that far of a location. If the chief responds from work that not an issue. Also it could be a tax liability on usage.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Brief discussion on up coming projects for the up keep of the building, one recommendation from Chairman Kurdyla is that President Howard might want to look into is the County Solar Energy Project, and to call to be put on the list for consideration.

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

1. Per. Commissioner Ranallo everything is going well and they have a few new members.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Close the regular portion of the meeting and open to the public portion of the meeting at 8:26 P.M. moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Tony Ranallo .

With one person to be heard, Ray Booth stated the most residents seem to be un-informed of the fire district, most people don't understand that we (Finderne Fire Company) use to be independent and that we are forced to be a district to guarantee funding, the funding goes towards the building and fire equipment.

With no one else from the public to be heard the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:27 PM. A motion was made by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff to close the public portion of the meeting. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M. Motion to adjourn: Tony Ranallo Seconded: Paul Orloff
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Fernandez
Secretary