

# **Board of Fire Commissioners**

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

3/30/10

Chairman Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M. followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioner: A. Kurdyla, C. Spolarich, T. Ranallo, C. Fernandez, Paul Orloff is absent for religious holiday.

Finderne Fire Department: Tom Marshall Jr., Chief Dave Mangino

Finderne Rescue Squad: None

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

It was moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Carl Spolarich that the February minutes be accepted as printed.

Unanimously Approved.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Attached.

It was moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Chris Fernandez to accept the Treasurers report as printed (See attached)

Unanimously Approved.

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

It was moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Chris Fernandez to pay all bills as noted. (See Attached)

Unanimously approved.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Air & Gas Technologies – Compressor PM Contract 2010
2. Certificate of Liability Insurance – Mid Atlantic Fire & Air Corporation
3. Finderne Fire Company – Proposed By-Law Change.
4. MCCP CO-OP 2010 Final notice
5. Finderne Fire – Suspension committee notice – Confidential
6. Bridgewater Township – Voucher notice 2010 schedule

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Chairman Kurdyla wanted to check with the board members concerning the Morris County CO-OP membership, the board will keep as voted not renew the membership, maybe something for the Joint Board to consider.
2. Medical Policy – Chairman Kurdyla said there is an eye glasses part of the medical when were ready to bring it to the table. Chief Mangino said that his doctor is coming up with a proposal and will beat any price given to us. We should have the proposal by the next meeting.
3. ISO – Tony would like to talk about the implications for the district at one of the meetings.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Budget – Chairman Kurdyla had received a call from the State stating the number for the budget was reported wrong. We need make a copy of the budget page and send it to the state, our budget was set for the 900 mark and we should stay with that. A motion has been made by Chairman Kurdyla to send a letter to Dept. of Community Affairs, Carl Spolarich 1<sup>st</sup> the motion and Tony Ranallo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor.
2. County Meeting concerning the Ultra High – Chairman Kurdyla reported that the company is doing an inventory on the equipment we currently have and then will discuss with a consultant and where we are going. The inventory will be done in a couple weeks, no action needed by the board at this time.
3. Insurance – We need to give them a membership roster and calls for the year, first is the roster for coverage, members who are not in town and don't come to calls are not covered. In addition to possible coverage for a Ladies Auxiliary members would be \$265.00 per person annually. Bound Brook's Truck we need to protect ourselves, if there truck damages our building they will be responsible plus we will not be responsible for any damage to there truck. Squad Rigs – We need to change our position with the squad rigs. I've been informed that the underwriters for the insurance company do not want to continue coverage on the current arrangement. The board is not in a position to hand over the rigs to the squad because they were purchased with taxpayer's money. One possibility for the board is to establish a lease agreement with the Rescue Squad then there insurance will not hold us responsible, but if anything happens to the rigs then the district will be compensated. Tony Ranallo will set up a meeting with the Squad to further discuss.
4. Chairman Kurdyla has stated for the record that the correspondence from the Fire Company is not acceptable.
5. Air & Gas Tech. 2010 contract \$1870.00 Tony Ranallo made a motion to accept the renewal and Chris Fernandez has 2<sup>nd</sup> the renewal.
6. Banking Accounts - Carl Spolarich states right now were only getting ½ % on our current accounts, if we combine our accounts with TD Bank the interest rates will be better. Chairman Kurdyla has made a motion for Carl Spolarich to move forward with establishing a new account with TD Bank, Tony Ranallo 1<sup>st</sup> the motion and Chris Fernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to move funds.
7. Capital Fund – Balance sheet ending \$348,419.43

## **NEW MEMBERS:**

1. None – The Chief has been asked to double check the new member for Relief application.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

1. Received a call report.
2. Received an apparatus report.
3. Fit test complete.
4. 30-102 PM is scheduled for Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>
5. Blood bourn refresher class was held at Somerville; about 10 members were unable to attend. Dave will check with Chris to see were he will be teaching next.
6. 1<sup>st</sup> Live Burn is Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Somerville Tower.

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

1. No report

## **RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:**

Per. Commissioner Ranallo everything is going good.

## **PUBLIC PORTION:**

The public portion of the meeting was opened at 8:19 P.M. moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Carl Spolarich.

There was no one to be heard from the public. With no one to be heard the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:20 PM. A motion was made by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Carl Spolarich to close the public portion of the meeting. Unanimously approved.

### **Re-Open the meeting to New Business**

1. The Fire Company is looking to add a new membership section to the by-laws. Jim Schupper is stating that the ladies have been trying to re-open the corporate papers for the old Auxiliary but haven't been able to, so the ladies were thinking of possibly becoming members then down the road when funds were established they can re-incorporate. Chairman Kurdyla believes that the original organization is still in existence. The intent is good but if a by-law change is made then when they leave later it would create another by-law change. There should be a clear understanding of the cost it will create to the board. Were not obligated to do it, we need to review our insurance requirements. We think the company should continue to research the original corporation Chairman Kurdyla will check at the county.

Close New Business

Motion by Chairman Kurdyla to go into closed secession at 8:45pm to discuss personnel issues. After this secession no further business will be discussed, Tony Ranallo 1<sup>st</sup> and Carl Spolarich 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M. Motion to adjourn: Tony Ranallo      Seconded: Carl Spolarich  
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,  
Christian Fernandez  
Secretary