

Board of Fire Commissioners

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

5/25/10

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Finderne Fire Department: Chief Dave Mangino & President Bereheiko

Finderne Rescue Squad: None

READING OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Tony Ranallo that the April minutes be accepted as printed. Unanimously Approved.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Attached.

It was moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff to accept the Treasurers report as printed (See attached) Unanimously Approved.

Carl is waiting for the last 12 checks to clear before closing the Capital One Account.

PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD BILLS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Certification of Audit from Urban and Jinks, P.A.
2. Received the renewed registration for engine 86. good until 6/2013
3. Harleysville – Non Qualified Annuity list bill D00136.
4. VFIS – Commercial Auto – Credit form 1997 GMC Yukon
5. Harleysville – E-Mail copies from Chairman Kurdyla concerning the annuity account.
6. VFIS – E-Mail on the Rescue Squads insurance on the rigs.
7. New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts – Meeting notice June 5th 2010 & March meeting minutes.

Chairman Kurdyla is asking for a closed section for Commissioners only at the end of the regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Kurdyla reported still no response from the state on the budget letter. Carl did receive the first check from Bridgewater Township.
2. Still no insurance certificate from Bound Brook.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The generator service will be next week, let Carl Spolarich know what day.

NEW MEMBERS:

1. First Reading for Brian Hogan

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. Received a call report.
2. Received an apparatus report.
3. Requesting permission to bring all the apparatus to Somerville Parade, as requested by Somerville Fire we will be covering them during the event and we will have a duty crew available for calls.
4. Still waiting to hear back on physicals, looking to do a crew once a month.
5. Letter from Doug Rue about reimbursement for Bound Brooks flood.
6. Morris County CO-OP, the chief is wondering if there is a list of vendors. The board did not renew this year's membership.
7. Last month a letter was submitted about old hose not being used, can we get rid of it. Yes.
8. Capt. Shupper attended the National Fire Academy at Emmitsburg MD, Jim goes every year.
9. One minor injury Ray Booth hit his head on an AC bracket at the people care center during training, Quall Care notified.
10. PM complete on 102, 101, Rescue, and first service on chiefs vehicle. Waiting on the Truck until after several events.
11. Memorial Day Parade this Monday.
12. Chief is requesting a closed section for personnel issues.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Michael Denny & Luke Eilbacher are off probation.
2. Ladies Aux. has a new organization; they re-opened Finderne Engine Company #1. A meeting will be scheduled with the president to go over requirements/duties. VFIS said they are covered. We will need the facts to give VFIS, like how they are chartered etc. they only want to help. Chairman Kurdyla will talk to VFIS and look at the policy, as far as Cert team activity lets take it one step at a time.

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

1. Our insurance company is looking to resolve the coverage between us and the squad, the board needs some kind of lease agreement to remove our liability on the rigs. Then the board will need to decide if we are going to cover the first year's fee to help the squad adjust to this additional cost.
2. Check on the members EMT status, Allen doesn't have the answers at this time.

PUBLIC PORTION:

The public portion of the meeting was opened at 8:10 P.M. moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff.

There was one person to be heard from the public. Jennifer Kocanowski has asked about the Finderne Rescue Squad and if they are unable to respond to a call and the 800 Somerset responds instead that residents get charged for the call. And also people talking about the Squad closing their doors. Chairman Kurdyla, we are in communication with the Sowdens, they are

not going under and the township is still in support of there operation. Tony Ranallo if Somerset does respond they might get charged if insurance is involved.

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

A motion by Chairman Kurdyla to go into closed section at 8:22pm seconded by Tony Ranallo as requested by Chief Mangino to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. Motion to adjourn: Paul Orloff Seconded: Carl Spolarich
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Fernandez
Secretary

5/25/10 Board of Fire Commissioners closed meeting notes. 8:22pm

Chief Dave Mangino requested a closed discussion to talk about personnel.

A letter was submitted by Lt. Tom Marshall Jr. about Fire Fighter Jennifer Kocanowski, the issue was about Jennifer didn't want to put on her turnout gear during an event at the firefighter day at the ballpark because it was hot. Chief Mangino had a meeting with Jennifer and asked her if she is capable of performing her duties and she said yes. The one thing Jennifer did want to express is that if she is helping out with the fast team calls that the basket on the Rescue is too heavy. Overall the Chief did get her word that she is capable of doing her duties.

Roster question: Mark Collins – Dave stated that he failed Firefighter 1 the first time but re-tested and passed.

The following do not qualify for this year annuities – P. Bronell, L. Eilbacher, M. Denny, M. Collins, B. Karabinos.

Allen will update the chiefs list and asked the Board for authorization for payment on qualified members. All Board members approve payment for qualified members, Carl Spolarich, Paul Orloff, Tony Ranallo, and Chris Fernandez. Dave will update the list ASAP.

Losap Request: Per the rules of the program, all requests for funds must be submitted via a written request and approved by the Board. The following members have requested with draws, Dave Mangino Formal approval of \$6,400.00. Steven Czernikowski approved for \$900.00, Chris Spolarich request of \$2000.00 Approved if the Relief Association is not approved for assistance.

Commissioner Paul Orloff will make a motion and Tony Ranallo will seconded the motion Commissioner Carl Spolarich Sustained the remainder four board members approve the release of requested funds, Chairman Allen Kurdyla, Commissioner Paul Orloff, Commissioner Tony Ranallo, Commissioner Chris Fernandez.

New applications needed: Michael Ostrowski and Jesse Brennen need to fill out new application for the annuity program.

At this time we will close the closed secession at 9:pm Paul Orloff 1st and Tony Ranallo 2nd.