

# **Board of Fire Commissioners**

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

5/31/11

Chairman Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 T. Ranallo and seconded by P. Orloff that the March minutes be accepted as printed. Unanimously Approved.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

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

Last Months reported Assets total \$ 874,542.05

### **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 \$ 35,171.91

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. NJ State Assoc. Of Fire Dist. – Annual Meeting minutes 3/5/2011, next meeting 6/13/2011 Annual Dinner & Meeting \$75.00 per person.
2. VFIS Invoice – Board looking into it SR69124054-02.
3. Urban & Jinks Audit for 2010.
4. New Insurance Card for all vehicles from VFIS.
5. New Department Physical package.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. An introduction on the physical package explaining the details and procedures that we will be following on this new policy. Once this package is approved then dates will be filled in and a medical form will be sent

over by Bridgewater Medical Group which members will need to complete prior to the appointment. We're looking to start towards the end of the month of June. Documents and all records will stay with the medical group, and the board will only receive a pass or fail report. Members that have medical coverage will be reimbursed their co-pay. The Board will cover the cost of the primary visit for uninsured members. If a member does not participate then he or she will be dropped from Losap programs and will not be allowed to respond to calls, this policy will be enforced as per the membership has voted and approved this new policy. The Board will vote on this at the June meeting. Form will be fine tuned as it goes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Bridgewater has submitted a communications grant for all Departments; they might hear something around September. Finderne gave a list of 27 radios needed. If we do receive funding, we need to determine what the pagers are capable of in addition to ( high band / ultra high, both, and the PD is keeping VHF ).

## **Closed Regular Business**

8:01pm Motion to close the regular portion of this meeting to hear from the public, Carl Spolarich 1<sup>st</sup> and Paul Orloff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. At this time a Bound Brook resident Kathleen Kleinbeck of 518 Dutay Place Bound Brook NJ 08805 would like to speak to the Board on concerns with the Patriots Fireworks. Kathleen has made several complaints to Bound Brook and Bridgewater concerning the noise and possible pollution of this activity. It has been extreme enough that during the show Kathleen leaves her residents until the fireworks are completed. Kathleen has been informed that the Patriots have permits to conduct this activity and feels that her complaints are being suppressed. Chairman Kurdyla has informed this BB resident that this Board is only responsible for providing fire protection, the Board recommends to Kathleen to address this before the proper governing body with a prepared statement on your concerns at the next Bridgewater Town Counsel Meeting which is Thursday June 2nd. Motion to close the closed portion and re-open to regular meeting at 8:18pm Carl Spolarich 1<sup>st</sup> and Tony Ranallo 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **New Business Cont.**

2. County Communications Project – BWT is actively involved in discussion on implementing PL Tones, if there is any kind of decision is regional police force, labtop programs may change – no decision is made on police RMF data, one benefit that might become of this is a creation of a hub as a back up for county.
3. Concerns about Green Knoll and a call to the Bridgewater Dinner, Chairman Kurdyla received a message that a swap was going to be considered on the dinner parking lot or the Verizon building. When everyone was independent the Finderne area was different and when the industrial park was active we gave Green Knoll the Verizon building because we had more ratable taxes that has reversed. When Chimmy Rock is finished being developed we will have to see what happens to our responding area.

## **NEW MEMBERS:**

No new members

## **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

1. Received a call report. (See Attached)
2. Received an apparatus report. (See Attached)
3. New Physicals with Bridgewater Medical Group will work up a schedule.
4. Radio Grant – Haven't heard anything yet.
5. Coverage area with Green Knoll ( Bridgewater Diner )
6. Would like to revisit Truck replacement with the Board next month.
7. All PM's are complete on apparatus.

8. Laptop – Waiting on pricing.
9. NFRIS Up to date.

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

1. Nothing to report

### **RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:**

1. Per. Commissioner Ranallo – All is good.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

Close the regular portion of the meeting and open to the public portion of the meeting at 8:36 P.M. moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff.

With one person to be heard, Mike Denny – Requesting permission to see last months minutes.

With no one else from the public to be heard the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:37 PM and return to regular business. A motion was made by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff to close the public portion of the meeting and return to regular business. Unanimously approved.

Carl Spolarich has made motion to accept the Audit as submitted by Urban & Jinks for 2010 Tony Ranallo 1<sup>st</sup> and Paul Orloff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M. Motion to adjourn: Tony Ranallo      Seconded: Carl Spolarich  
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,  
Christian Fernandez  
Secretary