

Board of Fire Commissioners

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

8/31/10

Chairman Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 Mangino & V.P. Howard

Finderne Rescue Squad: None

READING OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff that the July 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.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stuber Insurance Agency – Jesse Brennan new annuity policy.
2. Harleysville life Insurance – Annual Mailer
3. GTS Welco – Ref: Welding Supplies Contract #44
4. MCCPC Membership Fees – third notice
5. New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts – Dues notice and minutes.
6. VFIS Privacy Policy
7. VFIS – Number change, Phone & Fax

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Kurdyla will be attending the Relief meeting to appeal the decline of Craig's death benefit.
2. Chief reports that both the Bound Brook Engine and Fire Prevention Trailer are gone.
3. Department Physicals – The board wants to make sure everyone is aware of the details of this proposed policy. Bridgewater Medical Group has submitted a cost proposal explaining both levels of testing (See Attached). The objective is to show if a member is fit to perform his or her duties. After that it is up to the member to address any issues that may come up. This physical will consist of two parts, Part-A will be full evaluation to perform interior fire

operations, and a Part-B will be a fire ground operations. Again Chairman Kurdyla asked the Chief if this has been addressed to the fire company, Chief Mangino said yes, and that he recommends the Bridgewater Medical Group be the primary doctors for this department, and the doctor will give the OK not the department. Chairman Kurdyla also advises that if a member is flagged they don't get credit for anything. The Board has a request that if member has insurance then the board will cover the Co-pay and if not then the Board will pick up the full amount. The Boards position will be to receive the report from the doctor stating a pass or fail and receive a copy of the report for the minutes to reflect the status of each member. Will the board pay for the follow up visit to the doctor if a member fails the first evaluation, we will only be asking them to sign off once the member see there doctor to address the problem. Chief Mangino the line will write a policy. Ed Zuromski – If a member fails the interior then the member will have to at least qualify for fire ground, if a member fails both then they can't respond at all. If the person fails to comply then a suspension will be applied. Commissioner Spolarich – Can we do this as a policy or amend our by-laws. Are we going incorporate the regular physical when a member starts? Chairman Kurdyla lets keep the physicals separate and we will check with the township to see if combining to two will work, Commissioner Ranallo was wondering about the time period between the two physicals, do we require the second part before the academy just incase the person gets flagged. The Fit Test will still be needed but only the mask part, the Pulmonary is included. Chief Mangino the by-laws will go to the company first and then back to the board. Chairman Kurdyla has asked that the company vote on this change, and will need to look at the budget for next year, Chairman Kurdyla has asked for a motion to move forward as discussed Commissioner Ranallo 1st and Commissioner Spolarich 2nd.

4. NJ State Of Fire Districts Dues – Commissioner Spolarich has made a motion NOT to pay the dues, Commissioner Orloff 2nd the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Ranallo was contacted by the squad concerning the registration/title of the rigs and if the documents should go to the squad. The underwriters questioned the lease, the lease agreement is valid, if we were to give the rigs to the squad then a voter approval will be needed it's a township asset.
2. Losap & VFIS Policy – requesting that every member update the Beneficiary Card for the insurance.
3. Chief Mangino has reported to the board that one of the Scott Air Packs is missing off of Engine 101. Last Sun/Mon all packs were accounted for, Saturday night member C. Howard noticed that it was missing during the fireworks detail and informed the chief. Commissioner Spolarich is currently reviewing video footage and Chief Mangino will gather the information on the missing pack for a PD report.

NEW MEMBERS:

1. Trent Delameter 1st reading with the company.
2. Matt Brown – The date on the application was dated 5/25/10 it's over the 90 days for the relief association and may be rejected. The board recommends re-writing the application with the current date. The board approves both members.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. Received a call report. (See Attached)
2. Received an apparatus report. (See Attached)
3. Submitted a bill for Adel Ruggini for hospital visit during a call in Warren.
4. Submitted list of damaged equipment from the East Main St fire (See Attached)
5. Hose testing has been done, only the truck is left.
6. Mini pumper, replaced the siren and mobil died out, spare put in for now.
7. Discussion with Green Knoll FD Chief. Talking about mutual aid calls, cell tower. There has never been an issue with Green Knoll FD, the bottom line is location going back in history we were on different radio frequencies and they are on the other side of the highway. Chief Mangino changed the dual dispatch to Adamsville with Somerville Fire and the board recommends to all members to stay out of the cell tower issue currently going on.
8. Paperwork submitted for Jesse Brennan and Mike Ostrowski, Mike lost his and needs another copy.
9. Chief has asked if Bill Stall can stop by and check the radios.
10. VFIS a certificate is needed for Middlesex Fire Academy.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Copy of a letter from Jason Stukes. (See Attached)
2. Copy of a letter from the department to Jason Stukes. (See Attached)

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

1. No Report

PUBLIC PORTION:

The public portion of the meeting was opened at 8:47 P.M. moved by Tony Ranallo and seconded by Paul Orloff.

With no one to be heard, the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:48 PM. A motion was made by Carl Spolarich and seconded by Paul Orloff to close the public portion of the meeting. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M. Motion to adjourn: Paul Orloff Seconded: Tony Ranallo
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Fernandez
Secretary