

Board of Fire Commissioners

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

9/27/11

Commissioner Ranallo called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M. followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Then a Moment of Silence for departed members.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: T.Ranallo, C. Spolarich, C. Fernandez, P. Orloff, A. Kurdyla – Absent (working)

Finderne Fire Department: Asst. Chief Keith Binkley & Mike Denney.

Finderne Rescue Squad: None

READING OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Carl Spolarich to approve the July minutes.

It was also moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Carl Spolarich to approve the August minutes.

TREASURERS REPORT:

It was moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Chris Fernandez to accept the treasures report as printed (See Attached)

Last Months reported Assets total \$ 929,797.06

PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD BILLS:

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

Total \$ 3,655.67

CORRESPONDENCE

1. OPRA Request for (Members receiving Annuity 1993 to 2005). From Thomas Marshall Jr.
2. OPRA Request for (Budgets from 2005-Present). From Thomas Marshall Jr.
3. BMG - Medical form for Thomas Marshall Jr.
4. BMG – Medical form for Thomas Marshall Sr.
5. Harleysville – Reminder for renewal date 12/1/2011 and review of our policy.
6. VFIS Mailer.
7. NJ State Assoc. Of Fire Districts minutes for June 11th 2011 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annuity application for Pet Brownell & Bill Ally Jr. are complete.
2. New ID Cards - Mike Denney and Rich Armstrong are putting a system together.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Joint Board meeting – Not much going on, New WaWa service station on Union Ave and Chimmy Rock. Conference Center on back burner, New CVS on Finderne Ave and Union Ave, and a New Convention Center in the Industrial Park area.
2. Commissioner Ranallo informed the public that any further OPRA Request has to be paid via Check or Mail Order.

NEW MEMBERS:

1. Trent Delameter is now a full member.
2. Matt Brown also is now a full member.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. Storm Calls – The call sheets and work detail reports have been submitted to the board.
2. UL Test - Truck 30 is out of service and will need some repairs..
3. New Air bags for the Rescue are \$15,000 and the existing controller will still work.
4. The Electric Hurst \$8,100 with 2-ports and a 3-port unit is \$9,200 we will receive \$1,000 credit for our existing unit.
5. Commissioner Ranallo – The UL testing on Truck 30 are all minor repairs, currently Fire and Safety is fixing the failed areas and all the old hoses are being replaced. Once Fire and Safety completes the work Truck 30 will be taken to get the new Air System then UL Re-Test can be scheduled.
6. First Week of Oct. the Rescue and Engine 98 will be serviced from the storm work, it's possible we could be down a Truck and an Engine during these services.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. At the last Company Meeting a motion was made by 5 members in good standing to remove Christian Howard from the President position. He has been notified and we are waiting for his response for the next meeting.
2. Mike Denney would like a copy of the Boards By-Laws.
3. Still waiting for a schedule meeting between the Board and Executive Board.
4. Trent Delameter annuity Info.
5. At the last meeting a vote was taken by the company to uncover the cameras on the 2nd floor.
6. Police Report - This was tabled from the last months meeting, The Executive line has obtained a copy of the report. Mike Denney read out loud the detail on the report. Question? What would drive the Commissioner to make a report, what transcribed between the president and the commissioners. Commissioner Ranallo recommended that this be addressed in the meeting between the Board and Executive line first.
7. Question on Annuity start up for Bruce Karabinos Jr., Mike Denney, Luke Eilbacker. After a quick review on the Chief Mangino's list submitted last year he did not indicated benefits for all listed above.

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

1. Commissioner Ranallo reported there doing OK.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Close the regular portion of the meeting and open to the public portion of the meeting at 8:30 P.M. moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Carl Spolarich.

Thomas Marshall Jr. Question, On the Apparatus report from J.W. Peters everything should be replaced except for Engine 98, Commissioner Orloff replied its all about the money, how much do we need! Were trying to get enough saved for the next purchase. Thomas Marshall Jr. asked is there going to be a replacement schedule? Commissioner Orloff yes you will get another truck but for now were stuck to the cap and we can't go to the public and ask for 10% , plus we purchased a Rescue Truck we were never a Rescue company, Engine 91 still working and did it pass the UL test yes. OK you said buy a Truck then what next, Commissioner Ranallo indicated that the Board will replace what is needed and by looking at the Fire Departments needs personnel and taxpayers. Rich Armstrong asked, the Board will decide along with the chiefs. Mike Denney has the Board looked into Grants and different avenues of funding. Yes were aware of those options. Dave Bereheiko recommended the Board putting this on paper, also requested an application for membership to the board. The membership and board are going on distance.

With no one else from the public to be heard the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:39 PM and return to regular business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M. Motion to adjourn: Tony Ranallo Seconded: Carl Spolarich
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Fernandez
Secretary