

Board of Fire Commissioners

FIRE DISTRICT # 4

672 EAST MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

9/28/10

Chairman Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 & Asst. Chief Armstrong

Finderne Rescue Squad: None

READING OF THE MINUTES:

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

Last Months reported Assets total \$665,884.19

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. NJ Division Of Motor Vehicle – Inspection sticker extension for one additional yr. – Car 30.
2. BWT – Copy of Medical form.
3. Harleysville – Payment option.
4. Letter from Capt. James Bentz – (See Attached)
5. EMA Invoice Somerset Medical Associates.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Bridgewater Smoke Trailer is at Bradley Gardens, we should have it back for the open house.
2. Department Physicals – the subject was brought up to Maples about getting it done at Bridgewater Medical group, he didn't say no, Chairman Kurdyla will get more info.
3. Chairman Kurdyla reported that on Sept. 2nd 2010 he delivered a check to Craig Schneck family from the insurance company.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. To the Chief: Our meeting is structured towards the chief of the department; members in the room are the public, think about last months meeting. The Chairman has the option to open a topic for discussion.
2. The Chief Reported that the missing pack was a spare training pack and was not off engine 101. The chief is still looking and will be talking to the academy instructors again.

NEW MEMBERS:

1. Trent Delameter – Needs Fire school.
2. Matt Brown – Is in school for Raritan Boro.

Mike Misciagna is a life member in Green Knoll Fire and want to join Finderne, does he need a physical, per the By-Laws He should, the board will approve pending his physical.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. Received a call report. (See Attached)
2. Received an apparatus report. (See Attached)
3. Quote for broken camera, repair not guaranteed \$4100.00 Commissioner Orloff will send to insurance.
4. Next month we will see the list of members going for line officers.
5. Fire Prevention week & Open House Friday 10-8-2010
6. Company inspection is Saturday 10-2-2010 North Branch Park (Country Hills) Manpower 5pm Dinner 6pm.
7. The Chief was looking at the NFPA Requirements on reflective stickers that need to be on the back of all apparatus. Chairman Kurdyla is requesting to see of it is a recommendation or a requirement, and if so we will need to budget over the next couple yrs.
8. Received a copy of a report from the FCC on our current radio frequencies for District 4. The Chief is reminded by an accidental MayDay call on the East Main St. fire and that if it was real he would have needed another channel. After reviewing channel three that we use we are not lic. for 150797 the portables are not narrow band radios so the frequency is botched. The VHF System is out dated. In addition on another call at STS we were unable to use the VHF system and switched over to the county radios which worked. The County has 10 channels were on Ops 2 there are more options. Chairman Kurdyla we want to go to Ultra High, Martinsville system has faults; Green Knoll has problems because of changes. We need to get in sink with Bridgewater they haven't decided which way to go, County has room, it will take \$100,000.00 to transfer, we have to be part of the study and once established then we might be able to get a grant. The County audit we need, plus coordinate with Bridgewater. The Chief wants a reliable system and it could take a year and a half to make a change and next year we could be cut off. Chairman Kurdyla has spoken to Doug and there is something, we need the survey complete and position ourselves to get funded or fund it ourselves, there are budget requirements with Bridgewater also. If we have issues with Bridgewater then we will have to go through the right steps with them, this is not a commitment but were looking. Chief schedule a meeting with Manning and let Allen know.
9. The Mini Pumper is running like a champ.
10. Physicals – The Company approved at the last meeting, don't think we need a by-law change we are going to keep it in our regular physical requirements, the insurance was covered and the doctor will try to accommodate, we are going to make a policy.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Steve Spolarich is now a life member.
2. The drive through bay is going to be refinished.

RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

1. No Report

PUBLIC PORTION:

The public portion of the meeting was opened at 9:00 P.M. moved by Paul Orloff and seconded by Carl Spolarich.

With no one to be heard, the public portion of the meeting was closed at 9:01 PM. A motion was made by Paul Orloff and seconded by Tony Ranallo to close the public portion of the meeting. Unanimously approved.

One More Business: Letter from Capt. Bentz, he doesn't see what can be done about it, about two months of video would have to be reviewed – James feels he has been disrespected towards his position, Offer to the chief any disciplinary action we will support and the board feels its not acceptable. The Chief will bring it up at the next company meeting and if he finds proof then charges will be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M. Motion to adjourn: Tony Ranallo Seconded: Paul Orloff
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Fernandez
Secretary