

**Board of Fire Commissioners
FIRE DISTRICT # 4
672 EAST MAIN STREET
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
11/25/2014**

Chairman Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: C. Spolarich, D. Bereheiko, T. Ranallo, A. Kurdyla, P. Orloff
Finderne Fire Department: Chief Keith Binkley, President James Bentz
Finderne Rescue Squad: None

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion by A. Ranallo and seconded by P. Orloff to approve the Minutes for October as printed.
Unanimously approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

It was moved by D. Bereheiko and seconded by A. Ranallo to accept the Treasurer's report as printed (see attached).
Unanimously approved

PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD BILLS:

It was moved by D. Bereheiko and second by A. Ranallo to pay the bills as printed in the Treasurer's report (see attached).
Unanimously approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- N.J. Association of Fire Districts (Minutes September meeting)
- Methfessel & Werbel (Darrin Watkins suit)
- Richard M. Braslow (Election time table and Budget Transfer)
- Finderne Engine co. (2015 Officer Nominations)
- Richard M. Braslow (Temporary Budget)
- D.C.A. (Letter Regarding LOSAP)
- Nationwide (New Group Number)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Kurdyla reported that agreement has been reached with Fife Company regarding rent and that all parties are waiting for Attorneys to complete signed documents. This was supported by comment from James Bentz; Fire Company President.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Methfessel & Werbel (attorneys for VFIS) letter regarding Darrin Watkins and litigation for damages. A brief discussion took place with Commissioner A. Ranallo making a motion not to take any action on the letter due to the fact the Board or the Fire Company is not mentioned in any legal action related to this incident. second by P. Orloff, all in favor
- Nationwide Life Insurance Policy 2015 Premium - Motion to pay by D. Bereheiko, second by C. Spolarich, all in favor
- Commissioner Kurdyla brought into discussion the need to have Annuity funds returned to the District from non-vested member accounts. In the discussion it was noted that three active members died before being vested. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to contact Harleysville to have funds returned and also any funds for deceased members would be turned over to family members.
Motion by: D. Bereheiko, second by A. Ranallo, all in favor

- Chairman Kurdyla Reported on nonmembers riding in Fire Districts vehicles for special events such as parades. Our insurance carrier VFIS is advising that they WOULD NOT be covered under the Districts insurance. If something would happen they need use their own insurance unless the Fire Company was found to be negligent then they may be covered.
- Fire Company letter listing of Line Officers for 2015. After a brief discussion confirming the qualifications of officers and addressing any concerns relate to the same. Bereheiko made a motion to accept the Officers Nominations for 2015, second by A. Ranallo, all in favor
- Resolution # 11-25-01to move forward with the 2015 Budget Motion by A. Ranallo, second by C. Spolarich
Roll call vote C. Spolarich - YES A. Ranallo –YES P. Orloff –YES – D. Bereheiko- YES –A. Kurdyla-YES

NEW MEMBERS:

Dhyan Amin
131 Morgan place
Bridgewater, N.J.

MEMBERS LEAVING:

None

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Binkley reported the following

The Fire Co. will attend the holiday parade in Somerville Dec.6. Board approved unanimously.

He would like to purchase:

- Scott Mask parts
- Rescue Jacks approximately \$10,000

A discussion followed concerning these requests; there were a few questions as to functionality of the Rescue Jacks compared to existing equipment and also the availability of space on the Rescue to house the equipment. A. Ranallo will look into the purchase; this topic will be discussed further at the December meeting.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT:

No report

PUBLIC PORTION:

At 9:02pm the meeting was opened to the public, motion by C. Spolarich, seconded by P. Orloff, all in favor
D. Bereheiko made a motion at 9:03 pm to close the Public Portion, second by C. Spolarich, all in favor

Chairman Kurdyla asked if anyone had any other business to be heard

Motion to close by A. Ranallo, second P. Orloff all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bereheiko
Secretary