

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
02 / 25 / 2014**

Chairman Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:30 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:

No Minutes Presented. Will be presented next meeting due to Secretary Bereheiko being absent at January's meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD BILLS:

It was moved by A. Ranallo and second by P. Orloff to pay the bills for the month of February as printed in the Treasurer's report (see attached). Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Election Results: Total Votes Cast - 31
18 at the polls
13 mail in

Commissioner – Allen Kurdyla: 30 Votes

- Total Budget for Year 2014- \$569,109.00
- Amount to be raised by taxes- \$534,001.00
- Budget for 2014 passed; 31 residents voted, 29- yes, 2 - no votes

Copies:

- Election Notice filed with Somerset County
- Election Results Certification filed with Somerset County
- Election Results Bridgewater Township
- Election Results filed with The Department of Consumer Affairs
- E-mail About Truck 89 From Chile

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Kurdyla reported the 911 Bond Ordinance is due to be introduced tomorrow night. He also reported about selling Truck 89; need see if it works out with Chile.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Binkley Reported some equipment needs to be replaced or purchased;

- Rescue 1 G.P.S. needs replacement along with 6 hand lights.
- Engine 101 needs a portable generator large enough to run an electric fan. The engine has no power source to run the fan or the new combe tool (110 volts)
- The Chief also asked to update our portable pumps that agreed to years ago.
- Commissioner Bereheiko asked to add a 5 inch intake valve for the passenger side of Engine 101 and a base for the deck gun.

All above was turned over to Commissioner Ranallo to take care of.

NEW MEMBERS:

None

MEMBERS LEAVING:

None

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Binkley asked to send Engine 86 out for an evaluation he would like to use it as 4x4 utility / brush truck. There may be a need this type of vehicle on the Cyanamid property.

He also asked to allow family on the fire trucks for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Somerville on March 16th. A motion by D. Bereheiko second by A. Ranallo all approved

Chief Binkley gave a letter dated February 24th he appointed the following Head Drivers:

- Adele Ruggini- Engine 101
- Christian Fernandez- Engine 102
- Richard Armstrong- Tower 30
- Michael Jannone- Rescue 1

A motion to approve by A. Ranallo second by D. Bereheiko all approved

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT:

President Bentz reported the Commissioner's office would be getting a new floor soon.

PUBLIC PORTION:

At 8:14pm the meeting was opened to the public, Motion by C. Spolarich and seconded by A. Ranallo all approved

OPEN SESSION:

Adele Ruggini, 37 Marie Ave., Bridgewater N.J. 08807

Ruggini spoke about the concerns people in her neighborhood had about the 911 switch over as to affect the safety for the first responders and the residents.

Chairman Kurdyla spoke about all the time and effort that went in to planning this change over. There should be no change in service or safety to the community and first responders.

At 8:25 a motion to close Open Session a return to the regular meeting by D. Bereheiko and seconded by P. Orloff Motion carried.

Chairman Kurdyla asked if anybody had anything else to bring before this Board before we close.

A motion to close this meeting by A. Ranallo and Second by C. Spolarich

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bereheiko
Secretary