

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District #4
672 East Main Street
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807**

**Minutes of Regular meeting
4/28/2015**

Location of meeting:

Finderne Fire House
672 East Main Street
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Members:

Allen Kurdyla
Anthony Ranallo
Carl Spolarich
Paul Orloff
Samantha Ally

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Finderne Fire Department was called to order at 7:30pm on April 28, 2015 by Allen Kurdyla.

- Salute to the flag.

I. Roll call of Attendance:

Allen Kurdyla; Anthony Ranallo; Carl Spolarich; Paul Orloff; Samantha Ally
Chief Keith Binkley; President Steve Spolarich; Finderne Rescue Squad – not represented

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the March 31, 2015 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes as printed– A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff

Motion unanimously approved

III. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed. (see attached)

Motion to accept report– P. Orloff; Second – A. Ranallo

Motion unanimously approved

IV. Presentation of Fire Department and Rescue Squad Bills

The monthly bills were distributed and reviewed in the treasurer's report.

Motion to pay bills– S. Ally; Second – A. Ranallo; Motion unanimously approved

V. Correspondence

- A. Legal Ad Reimbursement checks (District 1 & District)
- B. Bill – Notice of non-payment for advertisement \$47.76
- C. ISO Letter requesting appointment re: Public Protection Classification Grading
- D. Letter from VFIS re: Claim acknowledgement J. Kocanowski
- E. Letter from VFIS re: Disability Benefit J. Kocanowski
- F. Letter from Glatfelter Claims re: estimate for Engine 102 repair - intent to further investigate claim
- G. Letter from Glatfelter Claims re: payment for claim on contaminated bunker gear
- H. Harleysville Privacy Statement
- I. Fail Safe Testing re: April 2, 2015 Hose testing report
- J. New Jersey Motor Vehicle Registration card: Chief's vehicle
- K. Finderne Rescue Squad License plate application
- L. Finderne Rescue Squad Statistics for 2014

VI. Old Business

- A. LOSAP:
 - a. Commissioner Kurdyla is continuing to correspond between Harleysville and Lincoln for the new LOSAP program.
 - b. Tony Cingirle from Lincoln met with the membership for sign up.
 - c. Commissioner Kurdyla requested President Spolarich ask Secretary Delameter to provide a membership sign up list
 - d. President Spolarich stated Lincoln was supposed to contact Commissioner Kurdyla about administrator
 - e. Percentage sheets still needed from Chief Binkley
 - f. 2011-2014 follows old rules
 - g. 2015 and forward follow new format with points system
 - h. President Spolarich asked for a copy of the point system
 - i. Commissioner Kurdyla will meet with the leadership responsible for keeping points
- B. Glatfelter Claims Management, Inc.
 - a. Correspondence about J. Kocanowski
- C. Commissioner Spolarich reminder about inventories

VII. New Business

- M. Commissioner Kurdyla inquired about new radios
 - a. Chief Binkley asked if Chief of Police Caravella is still in charge
 - b. Commissioner Kurdyla confirmed and stated Chief Caravella is to be contacted to have new radios installed
 - c. Chief Binkley reported all new radios are tagged, inventoried and ready for installation
 - d. Dispatch is still a mix of Bridgewater and County
- N. Peyton Denney accident
 - a. Ms. Denney is home recovering from an accident that occurred Saturday night Will be watched for a week
 - b. Ms. Denney suffered a skull fracture which required stiches and also cause bleeding under the skull
 - c. The Fire Department notified their insurance company
 - d. Commissioner Kurdyla will contact VFIS
 - e. Commissioner Kurdyla discussed future prevention
 - f. The Board of Fire Commissioners policy is the apparatus are not toys
 - g. Commissioner Kurdyla will discuss with VFIS how we can protect ourselves in the future
- O. 2014 Audit

VIII. Chief's report

- A. Live Burn date change to May 17, 2015 at Hunterdon Academy
- B. Fail Safe Hose Testing
 - a. Failed hose in rescue bay
 - b. Report submitted
 - c. Will get a price for repair
- C. Scott bottles
 - a. Some are almost at 15 year lifespan
 - b. Commissioner Kurdyla requested a list of all Scott bottles
 - i. Make spreadsheet with dates
 - ii. Begin a system of replacing bottles in a rotation
 - c. Chief Binkley will get spreadsheet to the Board by next meeting
- D. Medical Forms
 - a. Commissioner Spolarich requested the medical form for purchasing be completed.
 - b. Chief Binkley faxed SD5

IX. Presidents report

Nothing to report

X. New Members

None

XI. Resigning Members

Elizabeth Schupper submitted letter of resignation

XII. Status Changes

- a. Michael Jannone, Jr. turned 18 – went from Junior to Probationary member pending completion of Firefighter 1

XIII. Public Portion

Motion to open to the public at 7:56 pm by A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff; Motion unanimously approved

A. Dave Bereheiko -

7 Deerhead Drive
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

- a. LOSAP audit denied 2 years of service
- b. Was a life member at the time the audit did not credit him
- c. Requests a copy of the documents about money removal from the account
- d. Report by private audit company did not list Firefighter Bereheiko as a life member
- e. Commissioner Kurdyla advised Firefighter Bereheiko to write a letter with proof of life membership and he will submit it to Mr. Braslow
- f. Firefighter Bereheiko has the right to challenge and the Board will support him
- g. Firefighter Bereheiko was advised to get a letter from the Fire Department stating the date life membership was granted

- With no one else wishing to be heard a motion to close the public portion was made at 8:01 pm by: A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff and unanimously approved.
- A motion to move back to the business portion of the meeting was made at 8:01 by: P. Orloff; Second – A. Ranallo and unanimously approved.

XIV. Miscellaneous

Commissioner Kurdyla asked that we reopen New Business to add the following:

- a. In the past few weeks the fire department has been dispatched to various areas for mutual aid calls. He stated the membership should be commended for their efforts.
- b. The chief must notify the Board when equipment is taken out of the area.
- c. Fire academy Foam
 - a. Chief Binkley has not heard but will follow up with Kenny again

XVI. Adjourn meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion – C. Spolarich

Second – P. Orloff

Motion unanimously approved

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on May 26, 2015 at
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Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally