

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting
8/25/2015**

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 7:30 pm on August 25, 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 (late); Finderne Rescue Squad – not represented

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes as printed– A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff – A. Kurdyla abstained
Motion unanimously approved

III. Treasurer's Report

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

Motion to accept report– A. Ranallo; Second – S. Ally
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– P. Orloff; Second – A. Ranallo; Motion unanimously approved

V. Correspondence

- A. 9 VFIS copies of claim payments to J. Kocanowski
- B. Voucher for a Fire Safety grant copy
- C. Request for reimbursement for Binkley, Hupfer and Planeta Class A Long Sleeve Uniform shirt
- D. Dues bill and Minutes from New Jersey State Fire Association of Fire Districts June 6, 2015 Quarterly meeting
- E. Harleysville Premium invoice

VI. Old Business

- A. LOSAP:
 1. Chief Binkley working on percentage sheets 2013/2014
 2. Received 2011/2012 percentage sheets from ex chief Armstrong
 3. Will ask Harleysville to send account list with all balances
 4. Will need to confirm with a few people if money is to be transferred or will stay

5. This should be the last step before the money is transferred
 6. Members without accounts need percentages for 2013/2014
 7. With district as administrator there will be no tax liabilities
- B. Radios
1. M&W was here and looked at the truck
 2. They have a price for getting the work done
- C. ISO
1. Will be here September 8, 2015
 2. A. Kurdyla asked if the department is ready
Chief Binkley stated we are almost ready
 3. The department is waiting on a form from the fire official
 4. Mr. Scott from ISO will need 2 hours
- D. Utility Vehicle
1. Chairman Kurdyla needs to schedule the meeting with Chief Binkley and President Spolarich to discuss request

VII. New Business

- A. Radio transition
1. All companies were initially asked to get all bills prepped since the town was supposed to pay
 2. A. Kurdyla restated he is not sure what happened and why we did not receive the correct equipment. (bank chargers not mobile chargers received)
 3. M&W was here. All work was approved
 4. Bill will be approximately \$8,900.00
 5. Until this matter is settled, we are obligated to pay the bill
 6. There is a possible chance we may be reimbursed by the township
 7. A. Kurdyla asked Chief Binkley if when this step is done the project will be done? Chief Binkley said yes
 8. A. Kurdyla would like an agreement to pay the bill when it arrives
- Motion to pay money up front and try to recover money later– A. Ranallo; Second – C. Spolarich; Motion unanimously approved
- B. County Communications
1. Deputy Ally brought a communications issue with county dispatch up to A. Kurdyla
 2. If on a call, current radio system cannot relay progress of call to members in route etc.
 3. County has expressed on a few occasions they are too busy to retone for a cancellation or “roll easy”
 4. A. Kurdyla spoke with Dave from county and asked him to speak to Deputy Ally
 5. Officers spoke with county dispatch – if an uncooperative response is happening a lot, let A. Kurdyla know
 6. County should have a protocol to send out messages about cancellations
 7. Should speak to police Chief Manny or Dave from county
 8. A. Kurdyla can push this through township if county is not providing service
 9. Example of problem: M. Denney stated there was a 10-15 minute delay in dispatch for lift assist
- C. Request for Reimbursement
1. Request for reimbursement for K. Binkley, M. Hupfer and S. Planeta for Class A Long Sleeve Uniform shirt
 2. Shirts were damaged during a call after a fire department function
 3. A. Kurdyla asked Chief Binkley if this was true. Chief Binkley said it was.
 4. A. Kurdyla asked Chief Binkley why they did not remove their uniform shirt. Chief Binkley stated they were not wearing undershirts
- Motion to pay since the call happened after a fire department function– A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff; Motion approved (C. Spolarich opposed)

VIII. Chief's report

- A. Fire and Safety annual service
1. Hopefully starts in September
 2. Will work until apparatus is done
- B. English Court Fire

1. Foam used
 2. Final attempt to reach out to county (Nina)
 3. County sent another letter to disposal company
 4. No response yet
 5. M. Denney suggested to bill insurance company
- C. 81 Chimney Rock Road
1. Letter sent to owner for reimbursement
- D. Pep Boy's account
1. Can it be set up since it is open later and during work detail
 2. Paperwork needs to be filled out by the district
 3. C. Spolarich asked about Auto Zone
 4. A. Ranallo will work with Chief Binkley
 5. Should PDQ account be closed
 - i. M. Hupfer stated we get speedy dry in bulk from them
- E. Purchases
1. Step Chock for 102
 - i. We have 3 and need 1 more
 2. Check prices for Hard suction equipment for 101
 - i. A. Kurdyla stated we never perform this task, but check prices

IX. Presidents report

- A. No new member applications
- B. Status change
 - a. J. Stukes (tabled at last meeting)
 - i. Has exempt status from Bound Brook
 - b. B. Slack off probation
 - c. Received Relief application from K. Bereheiko
 - i. Signed for as of July 28, 2015
 - d. Need M. Jannone Jr.'s application
- C. Fire Department picnic scheduled for September 26, 2015

X. New Members

None

XI. Resigning Members

None

XII. Status Changes

- A. B. Slack off probation

XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report

- a. 37 calls

XIV. Public Portion

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:17 pm by P. Orloff; Second – C. Spolarich; Motion unanimously approved.

1. Mr. Michael Denney
12 North 5th Avenue
Manville, NJ 08835
Employed by Finderne Fire Department

- a. What is the Apparatus replacement schedule?
 - i. Engine 102 coming up on 25 years
 - ii. Rescue suggestion
 1. Flemington's old rescue is being refurbished
 2. Our current rescue would cost around \$100,000.00 for all new seats, LED lights, new steal etc.
- b. A. Kurdyla stated the 102 would be a 5 year minimum
- c. A. Kurdyla stated he would like to see what comes back from ISO
 1. The priority is with the engines and trucks

2. Currently there are no problems with the rescue
 3. To replace the rescue would be \$900,000.00 to one million dollars which would interfere with payments on current new apparatus
 4. Get a safety inspection done on the rescue
 5. Gather facts about a refurbish
 6. Rescue is a low priority for replacement
- d. Fine Violations
- i. A. Kurdyla asked what M. Denney meant about town not collecting fine money that goes to fire prevention
 - ii. A. Kurdyla will follow up
 - iii. Chief Binkley stated Fire Official Langon did not issue monetary fines
 - iv. Members feel we should see money from retail shop fines etc.
 2. Mr. Dave Bereheiko
7 Deerhead Drive
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
 - a. Check brakes on the trucks
 - b. Rescue 30 climate control system
 - i. Limited windows
 - ii. When members are seat belted with gear etc. it can get very hot
 - iii. A. Kurdyla stated the board never said it shouldn't be fixed.
 - iv. During ex Chief Armstrong's term, many leaks were found
 - v. A. Ranallo stated it needed new lines
 - vi. Chief Binkley will get price
 - vii. A. Kurdyla asked Chief Binkley and A. Ranallo to work together and get details
- D. Motion to close to the public at 8:29 pm by A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff; Motion unanimously approved.

XV. Adjourn meeting and go to closed session

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on September 29, 2015 at
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respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally