

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting  
7/28/2015**

**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 7:32 pm on July 28, 2015 by Anthony Ranallo.

- Salute to the flag.

**I. Roll call of Attendance:**

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

**II. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the June 30, 2015 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes as printed– C. Spolarich; Second – S. Ally

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– A. Ranallo; Second – S. Ally; Motion unanimously approved

**V. Correspondence**

- A. 5 VFIS copies of claim payments to J. Kocanowski
- B. Lincoln Financial letter re: LOSAP account
- C. Finderne Rescue Squad Statistics
- D. NJ.com advertising invoice – not the FFD's bill – PAID IN FULL
- E. All Seasons Distribution letter re: selling used radios/pagers

**VI. Old Business**

- A. LOSAP:
  - 1. Dave Bereheiko asked if interest from personal money can be kept
  - 2. Lincoln Financial will do a full audit
  - 3. Personal money is complicated

4. Member accounts will be fully audited. The money deposited by the district and the accrued interest will be returned to the district with an itemized list. Then that itemized list and money will be sent to Lincoln Financial resulting in no tax implications.
5. Closed accounts will have tax implications
6. Members no longer here – will need a resolution - that should be done by the end of the year.
7. Mike Denney asked about money in escrow for past three years
  - i. Is it accruing interest – A. Ranallo said no
  - ii. What about the money that should have gone to members – A. Ranallo said it was not in our hands due to prosecutor's office tie up.
  - iii. S. Ally asked if interest can be made up to membership – C. Spolarich said no
8. Mike Denney inquired about L. Eilbacher's fund withdrawal
  - i. L. Eilbacher must contact Harleysville. His request was approved at the May meeting
9. Chief Binkley asked if a commissioner can come to a Department meeting to answer LOSAP questions
- B. Motion to move forward with receiving money from Harleysville to the district for an audit. Then transfer to Lincoln Financial. – A. Ranallo
  - i. Second – S. Ally
  - ii. Motion unanimously approved
- C. Membership list
  1. A complete and current list of membership is requested from Chief Binkley for
    - i. LOSAP letters and correspondence
    - ii. Insurance
    - iii. Relief Association
- D. 2014 Percentages
  1. Chief gave percentage for last three years
  2. The sheets need to be tallied and signed
- E. Radios
  1. Bessie from M & W is in the process of getting radios mounted
- F. ISO
  1. ISO should be here end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in August for district inspection and review
  2. Paperwork will be filled out by officers
- G. Utility Vehicle
  1. Chairman Kurdyla has expressed interest in meeting with Chief Binkley and President Spolarich to discuss request

## **VII. New Business**

- A. C. Spolarich suggests LOSAP needs an administrator to take care of all paperwork
- B. S. Ally congratulates all recent Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 graduates
  1. Firefighter 1: K. Bereheiko & T. Dorsey
  2. Firefighter 2: A. Gillespie & S. Planeta
  - 3.

## **VIII. Chief's report**

- A. Car 30
  1. Chief Binkley asked permission to have it sent out for service to Nextec
  2. Running rough
  3. Heating/Air conditioner needs repair
- B. Boots
  1. 2/5 pairs arrived
  2. Will let the board know when all pairs arrive
- C. Gear
  1. Chief Binkley stated newer members have gear
  2. Chief Binkley will see who is in need

## **IX. Presidents report**

- A. No new member applications
- B. Status changes
  - a. K. Bereheiko – full member
  - b. M. Jannone – probation until HAZMAT is passed

C. Bay Door

- a. Damage report submitted to insurance
- b. Waiting to see if it will be paid
- c. Should be considered a motor vehicle accident since the truck was in motion
- d. Next time a police report should be obtained
- e. Sensors higher on all doors should be looked into

**X. New Members**

None

**XI. Resigning Members**

None

**XII. Status Changes**

- a. Kevin Bereheiko – went from Junior member to Active Status passing FF1
- b. Michael Jannone, Jr. – remains on probation pending passing HAZMAT test in fall
- c. Tim Dorsey – remains on probation passing FF1

**XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report**

- a. 38 calls

**XIV. Public Portion**

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:08 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich; Motion unanimously approved.

- 1. Mr. Michael Denney  
12 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Manville, NJ 08835  
Employed by Finderne Fire Department

- a. Is the Board aware that township is not collecting fines for violations? Monies collected go to fire prevention
- b. What can be done
- c. S. Ally suggested Chief Binkley, President Spolarich and Chairman Kurdyla contact township administration

- 2. Mr. Dave Bereheiko  
7 Deerhead Drive  
Bound Brook, NJ 08805

- a. Will the Camera System be updated to keep the fire department secure?
- b. Expressed hope the membership and the Board's relationship will improve

- C. Motion to close to the public at 8:17 pm by C. Spolarich; Second – S. Ally; Motion unanimously approved.

**XV. Adjourn meeting**

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion – S. Ally

Second – C. Spolarich

Motion unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on August 25, 2015 at  
Finderne Fire House  
672 East Main St  
Bridgewater, NJ 08806

respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally