

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting
5/26/2015**

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 7:33pm on May 26, 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 (absent); Finderne Rescue Squad – not represented

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the April 28, 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– A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff
Motion unanimously approved

IV. Presentation of Fire Department and Rescue Squad Bills

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

- a.) Richie's Tires bill was questioned by A. Ranallo
 - 1. The same tire was fixed twice in less than a week
 - a. A. Ranallo thought Richie's said they would not bill for the second service
 - b. A. Ranallo will call Richie's to address the billing and report to C. Spolarich
- b.) Fire and Safety
 - 1. C. Spolarich questioned aerial repair.
 - a. Chief Binkley stated many people could not operate aerial.
 - b. Emergency stop light was on
 - c. A. Ranallo questioned if Fire and Safety was made aware of the flat tire on the aerial. Was the flat tire preventing operation?
 - d. Chief Binkley will investigate cause
 - e. Fire and Safety unable to find problem
 - 2.) C. Spolarich questioned the Rescue repair
 - a. The motor oil was low and the rear exit sign fell apart
 - b. Chief Binkley will check into the exit sign

- c. C. Spolarich asked why Fire and Safety had to put oil in the Rescue not the membership during routine maintenance
- Motion to pay bills– S. Ally; Second – A. Ranallo; Motion unanimously approved

V. Correspondence

- A. VFIS letter and check to cover repair Engine 98
- B. VFIS newsletter
- C. VFIS copy of claim payment to J. Kocanowski
- D. FINDERNE Rescue Squad Statistics
- E. Letter from FINDERNE Fire Department re: Dave Bereheiko's LOSAP appeal
- F. Letter from Grantgenies re: Grant Applications
- G. Two Michael Bruce Fund donations in memory of Leroy Schenck
- H. 2012, 2013, 2014 Member percentages
- I. Engine 101 Inventory
- J. Tower 30 Inventory
- K. Letter from Luke Eilbacher re: fund withdrawal
- L. NJ Statutes Annotated (3 copies)
- M. New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts quarterly meeting minutes
- N. Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act Notification of Eligibility letter

*Commissioner Kurdyla asked Chief Binkley to prepare a spreadsheet with membership percentages

VI. Old Business

- A. LOSAP:
 - 1. Commissioner Kurdyla received a call from Sy Green recommending an amendment to the resolution appointing Lincoln Financial as the vendor
 - 2. Mr. Green recommended the amendment to the resolution should make clear other vendors were reviewed before choosing Lincoln Financial
 - 3. Commissioner Kurdyla added an additional paragraph to the resolution stating that the Board entertained documentations from other vendors and chose Lincoln Financial since they already have an established business relationship within the township and its financial stability.
 - 4. The addition of this paragraph will satisfy state requirements

Motion to enact resolution– A. Ranallo; Second – C. Spolarich;
Motion to revise resolution unanimously approved
- B. Lincoln Financial supplied a list of members who completed applications
 - 1. 36 members completed applications
 - 2. The list was forwarded to Secretary Delameter to confirm membership list
- C. Lincoln Financials Sy Green believes there may be a tax liability issue for anyone with a Harleysville account.
 - 1. Harleysville was notified to see if 1099's will be issued
 - 2. Harleysville reviewed accounts for possible tax liability issues
 - 3. Harleysville says the accounts should be transferrable without tax issues since they are nonqualified accounts
 - 4. The Board of Fire Commissioners is waiting for a final answer
- D. A. Kurdyla to meet with Chief Binkley, Deputy Chief Ally and Assistant Chief Denney Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 7:30 pm to discuss LOSAP point structure
- E. C. Spolarich met with Mr. Jinks
 - 1. Audit should be completed and available next month
 - 2. C. Spolarich asked Mr. Jinks for a digital copy

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Chief's report

- A. LOSAP inquiries
 - 1. Chief Binkley asked if A. Kurdyla could come to a monthly meeting to answer LOSAP points system questions

- i. A. Kurdyla asked for questions to be submitted in writing and will forward them to Lincoln Financial to get answers
- B. Failed Hoses Prices per length
 - 1. Only one 5" length can be repaired
- C. *A. Kurdyla asked for Scott bottles list
 - 1. Chief Binkley will get the report next month
 - 2. None to be discarded this year
 - 3. Next year several will be out of date and need to be replaced
- D. *A. Kurdyla asked if masks need upgrades
 - 1. Chief Binkley said no but pack upgrades may be possible
 - 2. Chief Binkley will get information regarding prices and what has to be upgraded for next month's meeting
 - 3. A. Kurdyla asked for a full report on air packs for next month

IX. Presidents report

No report

X. New Members

None

XI. Resigning Members

None

XII. Status Changes

- a. Kevin Bereheiko turned 18 – went from Junior to Probationary member pending completion of Firefighter 1

XIII. Public Portion

- a. Motion to open to the public at 8:00 pm by A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff; Motion unanimously approved.
- b. Motion to close to the public at 8:01 pm by A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff; Motion unanimously approved.

XIV. Miscellaneous

Commissioner Kurdyla asked Chief Binkley for percentage of fire calls outside Finderne's area

XVI. Adjourn meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting and go to closed session:

Motion – P. Orloff

Second – A. Ranallo

Motion unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. and moved to closed session

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

Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally