

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting
11/24/2015**

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 November 24, 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 October 27, 2015 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes as printed– P. Orloff; Second – C. Spolarich

Motion unanimously approved

III. Treasurer's Report

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

- a. A resolution to move funds within 2015 budget to be presented
- b. The 2016 budget is ready for introduction later in this meeting
 - a. Public meeting and adoption of budget can be held at the December 29, 2015 meeting
 - b. A public notice advertising that meeting will have to be placed
- c. 2016 meeting dates will have to be established
 - a. Copy of resolution attached
 - b. Copy of notice is attached
- d. 1st notice of annual election has been published
 - a. Instructions related to required qualifications included

Motion to accept report– P. Orloff; 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 – S. Ally;

Motion unanimously approved

V. Correspondence

- A. Email correspondence with Pamela Brown of VFIS re: Insurance Policy quote request for all members
- B. Email correspondence with Pamela Brown of VFIS re: Insurance Policy information

- C. Email correspondence with Nationwide re: Harleysville Life insurance policy
- D. Email correspondence with Kristy Birmingham of Nationwide re: Life Insurance coverage changes
- E. Email correspondence with Pamela Brown of VFIS re: request for Group Term Life insurance proposal
 - a. Proposal date 11/6/2015
 - b. Sold Case checklist
 - c. Administration of Group Term plans
 - d. Date of Birth member census
- F. Email correspondence with Pamela Brown of VFIS re: 2nd Group Life Insurance Policy proposal effective 3/1/2016
- G. Email correspondence with Krista Sirois of Nationwide re: Life Insurance Policy web access and number of member involvement increase
- H. Proposal from Nationwide re: Life Insurance
- I. Nationwide Employee Benefits system Access Form
- J. Glatfelter Specialty Benefits Group Term Life Insurance Proposal introduced 11/9/2015
- K. Email correspondence with Jim Naples of Bridgewater Township re: Hospital Workers Compensation Billing
 - a. Billing examples
- L. Email correspondence with James T. Rick of LaFontaine & Budd re: Hospital Workers Compensation Billing
- M. Email correspondence with Pamela Brown of VFIS re: revised Group Policy proposal
- N. Email correspondence with Pamela Brown of VFIS re: copies of finalized Accident & Sickness renewal information
 - a. Rosters from the 4 districts
- O. Email correspondence with Pamela Brown of VFIS re: revisions to roster
- P. Email correspondence with Krista Sirois of Nationwide re: Web access form
- Q. VFIS payments re: Ms. Kocanowski
- R. Memorandum from Richard Braslow re: Budget and Annual election
- S. 2016 Line Officers Nomination list
- T. New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts Quarterly meeting minutes
- U. Letter from Chief Binkley re: Utility Vehicle with vehicle specs

VI. Old Business

- A. Lincoln Financial
 - 1. Policies arrived
 - 2. A. Kurdyla said it is still to be decided if they will go to members or be kept on file at FD
 - 3. Policy number list will be left out
 - i. If name not found, contact A. Kurdyla
 - ii. A. Kurdyla will formally change J. Bentz's name from Rentz with Lincoln
- B. \$500,000. Life Insurance Policy
 - 1. A. Kurdyla said insurance company needs roster annually
 - 2. Policy includes all members, junior members, ladies auxiliary
- C. Whole Life Policies
 - 1. Discussions with Nationwide about \$10,000. Whole life coverage and ADD for all members
 - 2. A. Kurdyla suggests including all 59 people involved with FD on policy not just 31 active members
 - 3. A. Kurdyla suggests
 - i. extending coverage to all members regardless of age
 - ii. No coverage drop when older
 - iii. No age minimum to include junior members
 - 4. A. Kurdyla suggests working to get best quotes based on rosters
 - i. VFIS quote would be \$5,500 annually based on 51 members vs. \$1,600 from last year
 - ii. Nationwide quote not in yet.
- D. LOSAP
 - 1. Mr. Braslow has received the policy list from Nationwide and trying to get it to us by early December
 - 2. When list is received, A. Kurdyla will put list together

- E. Radios
 - 1. Chief Binkley says radios are installed and everything is working properly
- F. Inventory List
 - 1. Chief Binkley says he thought they were delivered.
 - 2. Chief Binkley will reprint lists
 - 3. C. Spolarich needs list for budget
- G. VFIS deposition
 - 1. A. Gillespie was interviewed.
 - 2. A. Kurdyla asked if a work voucher was submitted so A. Gillespie can be compensated for time
 - 3. A. Kurdyla asked A. Gillespie to submit voucher by the end of the year
 - 4. R. Armstrong did not go – was interviewed by phone

VII. New Business

- A. Resolution 112415-1
 - 1. Authorizing Budget Transfer
 - i. Motion – A. Ranallo
 - ii. Second – P. Orloff
 - iii. Roll call:
 - 1. Kurdyla – yes
 - 2. Ranallo – yes
 - 3. Spolarich – yes
 - 4. Orloff- yes
 - 5. Ally – yes
- B. Introduction of Budget
 - i. Motion – S. Ally
 - ii. Second – A. Ranallo
 - iii. Roll call:
 - 1. Kurdyla – yes
 - 2. Ranallo – yes
 - 3. Spolarich – yes
 - 4. Orloff- yes
 - 5. Ally – yes
- C. Public Hearing Notice for Budget will be December 29, 2015 7 p.m.
- D. Resolution 112415-2
 - 1. Authorizing Regular meeting schedule
 - i. Motion – A. Ranallo
 - ii. Second – S. Ally
 - iii. Roll call:
 - 1. Kurdyla – yes
 - 2. Ranallo – yes
 - 3. Spolarich – yes
 - 4. Orloff- yes
 - 5. Ally – yes
- E. Public Annual Election notice
 - 1. A. Kurdyla proposed the county clerk post the notice for all districts in county to reduce costs
- F. List of Nominations for 2016 Line officers
 - 1. A1 – Daniel Ally, Sr. vs. James Bentz
 - 2. A2 – Michael Denney
 - 3. A3 – Raymond Booth
 - 4. A4 – Matt Hupfer
 - 5. A5 – William Ally, III
 - 6. A6 – William Wilde
 - 7. A7 – A. Gillespie vs. Robin Lorduy
 - 8. A8 – David Bereheiko
 - 9. Head Drivers
 - i. 101 – Adele Ruggini
 - ii. 102 – no applications submitted
 - iii. Truck – Michael Jannone, Sr.

- iv. Rescue – Richard Armstrong
- a. Motion to approve list of nominations– P. Orloff
- b. Second – C. Spolarich
- c. Roll call:
 - 1. Kurdyla – yes
 - 2. Ranallo – yes
 - 3. Spolarich – yes
 - 4. Orloff- yes
 - 5. Ally – yes

VIII. Chief's report

- A. Rescue
 - 1. Returned from Fire and Safety after all bottles hydro tested – no problems found
 - 2. Fire and Safety could not find electrical problem
 - 3. Suggested repairs were not made while the Rescue sat at Fire and Safety during hydro testing
 - i. Chief Binkley questioned Fire and Safety as to why the suggested maintenance was not done
 - ii. Fire and Safety will pick up Rescue December 14, 2015 for repairs and send back
- B. Fit Testing
 - 1. Medical part will take place December 14 and December 21, 2015
 - 2. Mass certification January 25, 2016
- C. Somerville Light Parade
 - 1. Apparatus will be taken into Somerville to participate December 5, 2015
 - 2. Members only on apparatus
- D. 101
 - 1. Check engine light was due to emission problem
 - i. Warranty repair
- E. Gear
 - 1. Chief Binkley wants to purchase 8 helmets to replace out of date helmets
 - 2. Bill must be submitted for the December meeting
- F. Personal Survivor Lights
 - 1. Chief Binkley would like to purchase 6 to complete the replacement process
- G. Utility Vehicle
 - 1. Letter submitted by Chief Binkley requesting utility vehicle be put on upcoming ballot
 - 2. Various vehicle specs submitted

IX. Presidents report

No report

X. New Members

- A. 2nd reading for an application for a new member
 - a. Christopher Myers

XI. Resigning Members

None

XII. Status Changes

None

XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report

Report submitted

XIV. Public Portion

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:19 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich; Motion unanimously approved.

XV. Close Public Portion

- A. Motion to close to the public at 8:20 pm by A. Ranallo; Second – S. Ally;
Motion unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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