

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting  
9/29/2015**

**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 September 29, 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 August 25, 2015 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes as printed– A. Ranallo; Second – C. Spolarich

Motion unanimously approved

The minutes of the August 25, 2015 closed session 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 – 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. NJMVC registration

B. Letter from VFIS re: Mr. Watkins

C. Email correspondence from Ed Thornton re: Mr. Watkins

**VI. Old Business**

A. Percentage Sheets:

1. Chief Binkley said M. Hupfer was working on them and had to finish up adding the percentages

B. LOSAP

1. A. Kurdyla wants to schedule a meeting with Chief Binkley and President Spolarich to discuss point system.
  2. Harleysville report made at the Joint Board meeting
    - i. District 1 said all funds were already moved
    - ii. District 3 said they didn't have funds with Harleysville
    - iii. District 2 in the same situation as Finderne
    - iv. Mr. Braslow reported to A. Kurdyla that
      1. Martinsville had not moved money
      2. Green Knoll he will have to check with the Harleysville attorney about status
      3. He had written a letter to get Finderne and Bradley Gardens money moved
- C. VFIS
1. Contacted by Ed Thornton re: Darin Watkins
  2. Ex-Chief Armstrong and Firefighter Gillespie were to be contacted with subpoenas
    - i. Mr. Thornton would like to depose both men
  3. Mr. Thornton questioned A. Kurdyla if anyone knew Mr. Watkins whereabouts or if anyone was in contact with him
    - i. A. Kurdyla responded by saying no since he was thrown out of fire department after an incident concerning Miss Elizabeth Schupper
    - ii. A. Kurdyla had to contact Mr. Thornton to amend that statement since he became aware Mr. Watkins had been in Wildwood with members of the fire department and had been camping with members of the fire department
  4. Mr. Thornton wants to speak to Ex-Chief Armstrong and Firefighter Gillespie
    - i. Mr. Thornton would like these men in court October 13, 2015
  5. Any correspondence needs to be made known to the attorney
  6. Darin Watkins is not allowed in the building or on fire department grounds
- D. Radios
1. Chief Binkley called A. Kurdyla asking for an update
    - i. A. Kurdyla reached out to the police chief
    - ii. Police Chief said no purchase order put in
    - iii. Following day purchase order put in
    - iv. Need to reach out to Keith to set up an installation date
- E. ISO
1. Chief Binkley provided all info for ISO
  2. Jason Scott gave A. Kurdyla the opinion that everything looked good
  3. The only reports missing were the pump tests for the last several years
    - i. Pump test reports put in the mail today
  4. A. Kurdyla would like to maintain a score of 5. A score of 4 is possible

## **VII. New Business**

- A. Site plans for Singer complex given to Chief Binkley

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

- A. New hose that was ordered was delivered and checked in
- B. UL ladder testing completed last week
  1. All went well
  2. Should have report next week
- C. Fire and Safety currently servicing trucks
- D. Turnout Gear
  1. 2 sets need to be ordered for A. Ruggini and W. Wilde
  2. There is enough money in budget to order 3-4
  3. Gear 10 years or older that is being sent out for service must have a waiver signed
  4. Chief Binkley feels it is more cost effective to replace gear
- E. Fire Prevention
  1. Fire department has \$1,000.00 in the budget
  2. Chief Binkley stated the FD needs more money to have a successful fire prevention program.
    - i. He questioned if there was any money to move around
    - ii. Can more money be budgeted for future years
  3. A. Kurdyla asked for a proposal to be submitted in writing

**IX. Presidents report**

Nothing to report

**X. New Members**

None

**XI. Resigning Members**

None

**XII. Status Changes**

None

**XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report**

- a. 42 calls

**XIV. Public Portion**

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

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

- a. Would the board entertain the notion to bill car insurance companies for services during Motor Vehicle Accidents on Routes 287, 22 etc. to non-residents
  - i. Example: Wildwood FD uses this practice
  - ii. C. Spolarich stated the fire department may lose its tax exempt status
  - iii. A. Kurdyla will ask Mr. Braslow about the positives and negatives to this policy

- 2. Mr. Dave Bereheiko  
7 Deerhead Drive  
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
  - i. Fire prevention Code
    - i. Should part of the Life Hazard Use Registration money go to the fire department to pay for fire prevention?
      - 1. A. Kurdyla stated that money goes to the town to support the fire prevention department

**XV.** Motion to close to the public at 8:05 pm by A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff; Motion unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on October 27, 2015 at  
Finderne Fire House  
672 East Main St  
Bridgewater, NJ 08806

respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally