

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting
8/30/2016**

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 30, 2016 by Allen Kurdyla.

- Salute to the flag.

I. Roll call of Attendance:

Allen Kurdyla; Anthony Ranallo; Carl Spolarich; Paul Orloff; Samantha Ally
Chief Daniel Ally (represented by A.C. R. Booth); President Steve Spolarich; Finderne Rescue Squad
– not represented

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the July 26, 2016 meeting were distributed and reviewed.
Motion to accept the minutes as printed– A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff;
Motion approved

III. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed. (see attached)
Motion to accept report– S. Ally; Second – A. Ranallo
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. E-mail correspondence with Kathy McSorley re: LOSAP account move
- B. E-mail correspondence with Kathy McSorley re: LOSAP account move
- C. E-mail correspondence with Richard Braslow re: LOSAP payment with spreadsheet
- D. E-mail correspondence with Pamela Brown re: Life Insurance coverage with spreadsheet
- E. E-mail correspondence with Mr. Anderson re: Life Insurance quotes with spreadsheet
- F. E-mail correspondence with Craig Zepp re: Jamie Benimadno claim
- G. E-mail correspondence with Kathy McSorley re: old annuity accounts
- H. 1 Invoices for Fire Penalties (unpaid)
- I. Letter correspondence from Kathy McSorley re: LOSAP payment refusal
- J. Letter correspondence from Harleysville re: LOSAP
- K. Letter correspondence from Thomson Reuters re: New Jersey Rules of Court update
- L. Letter correspondence from M&W Communications re: trade ins
- M. New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts quarterly meeting minutes

- N. Michael Montone's check for LOSAP repayment

VI. Old Business

- A. LOSAP
 - 1. A. Kurdyla stated payments were sent out to Lincoln and Nationwide
 - i. Nationwide refused \$24,000. Payment due to LOSAP reference on the payment
 - ii. Will resubmit.
- B. Group Life Insurance Policy
 - 1. A. Kurdyla received a quote from VFIS
 - i. Parts of policy seem redundant and are waiting for clarification
 - ii. A benefit is a burial and cremation rider – will provide a better benefit for all
 - 2. Waiting on Harleysville proposal from Mr. Anderson
 - 3. A. Kurdyla would like to keep \$10,000. Policy on all members regardless of age.
- C. VFIS claim re: Jamie Benimadno
 - 1. County requesting FFD to assume some responsibility for the Darren Watkins incident
 - 2. Craig Zepp doesn't believe FFD needs to assume liability since they are not named in the lawsuit.
- D. Request to Move Funds from Harleysville to Lincoln
 - 1. A. Kurdyla stated for members to avoid tax liability, all persons must sign form to allow a 1035 transfer to Lincoln
 - 2. A. Kurdyla asked President Spolarich to have members sign their pages
 - 3. Transfer cannot happen without signatures

VII. New Business

- A. Monthly meeting night
 - 1. A. Kurdyla and P. Orloff request monthly meeting night be changed to Wednesday due to fire department bowling league.
 - 2. All members agree switching meetings to Wednesday should work
 - 3. President Spolarich said there is no conflict with the fire department
 - 4. A. Kurdyla asked for a discussion
 - i. S. Ally request the right to revisit start time based on personal schedule

Motion to move meeting night to last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. – A. Ranallo;
Second – P. Orloff
Motion unanimously approved

New Meeting Dates
September 28, 2016
October 26, 2016
November 30, 2016
December 28, 2016

- A. Kurdyla asked S. Ally to call Linda Doyle for format for legal notice to change meeting dates.
- B. Steve Czernowkowski
 - 1. Needs to fill out application for Lincoln Financial
- C. Richard Armstrong
 - 1. Questioned the LOSAP payment
 - 2. A. Kurdyla advised him to submit a letter requesting Chief Ally and President Spolarich look into percentages.
- D. Injuries on premises
 - 1. (Referencing the Dave Bereheiko injury) A. Kurdyla checked with town about D. Bereheiko not reporting injury to workman's comp.
 - 2. Town strongly advises all injuries be reported to workman's comp.
 - 3. As a matter of policy, all members should seek official medical treatment through workman's comp.
- E. LOSAP
 - 1. M. Montone and C. Spolarich received checks from Harleysville and signed them over to the district
- F. Bound Brook Practical Drill

1. S. Ally thanked the following members for spending part or all of their weekend at the hands on drill
 - i. Chief Ally, Captain Ally, Captain Hupfer, FF Bereheiko, FF Gillespie, FF Medrano, FF Noll, Ex Chief Jannone, Jr. Member Ally

VIII. Chief's report

A. Apparatus Report

1. 101
 1. Repairs Made
 - a. None
 2. Repairs Needed
 - a. Preventative Maintenance
2. 102
 1. Repairs Made
 - a. None
 2. Repairs Needed
 - a. Preventative Maintenance
3. Tower 30
 1. Repairs Made:
 - a. None
 2. Repairs needed
 - a. Runway lights on main ladder need to be repaired
 - b. Preventative Maintenance
4. Rescue 30
 1. Repairs:
 - a. None
 2. Repairs needed
 - a. Air Seal between Cab and box (Leaking air)
 - b. Diesel Fuel leak near fuel tank
 - c. Front brakes
 - d. Fire and Safety will pick up on the 6th to make repairs
5. Mini Pumper
 1. Repairs Made
 - a. None
 2. Repairs needed
 - a. None
6. Car 30
 1. Repairs
 - a. None
 2. Repairs needed
 - a. None

B. Equipment

1. 4 air packs failing repeatedly
2. Stihl saw needs to be repaired
3. All Gas detectors done for calibrations

C. Fire calls

1. 31 calls in July
2. Fire call man hours: 370
3. Work detail and meeting hours: 269

D. Miscellaneous

1. Engine 102 still needs body repair –
2. Engine 101 – Are we installing 2 lengths of hard suction?

E. Air Bottles

1. Request for list
2. 2018 - 6 the bottles will be no longer usable
3. A. Kurdyla proposed starting with 2016 budget allocate \$5,000. a year
 1. R. Booth asked what about packs?

2. A. Kurdyla stated that right now bottles being discussed – packs would need more information
3. M. Jannone is concerned that old packs and new technology should be reviewed and researched by the FFD with a commissioner assigned serving as a liaison.
 - a. Concerned that we are opening up to a huge liability
 - b. Are we giving the members the safest equipment possible?
 - c. A. Kurdyla needs details
 - a. Put information together for November meeting so a purchase can be initiated for the 2016 budget
 - b. A. Ranallo will be liaison.

IX. Presidents report

- A. Two new members submitted applications to be read at next company meeting
 - a. A. Kurdyla asks new members who are already in a relief, please ask them to consider moving relief to avoid problems

X. New Members

None

XI. Resigning Members

None

XII. Status Changes

None

XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report

- A. No report

XIV. Public Portion

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:22 pm by C. Spolarich; Second – P. Orloff; Motion unanimously approved.
 1. Dave Bereheiko
7 Deerhead Drive
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
 - a. Can 102 be taken to the body shop?
 - b. A. Kurdyla stated the repair on the back of the engine was approved a while ago
 - c. A. Kurdyla understands body work, but wonders if new bumper is a waste of money
 - d. Truck approved for repair
 2. Michael Jannone
641 Vossler Avenue
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
 - a. Did Insurance pay for front bumper? Would like to take pride in our equipment
 - b. P. Orloff – No, never reported

Motion to close the public portion of meeting at 8:26 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich

XV. Adjourn meeting

- A. Motion to close the meeting at 8:27 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich; Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:27p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on September 28, 2016 at
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respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally