

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting
12/28/2016**

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 7:36 pm on December 28, 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; President Steve Spolarich; Finderne Rescue Squad – not represented

II. Review of Previous Minutes

A. The minutes of the November 30, 2016 as printed– A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff
Motion unanimously approved

III. Treasurer's Report

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

- a. *Reminder: January meeting must be moved to Monday, January 23, 2017 to comply with Budget mandates*

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

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. Public Notice for Annual Election
- B. Public Notice for Public Hearing re: Budget
- C. Public Notice for 2017 Meeting Dates
- D. NJ MVC Registration renewal
- E. NJ MVC Registration renewal
- F. Bridgewater Township fine invoice from Target: \$1,500.00
- G. Bridgewater Township fine invoice from Somerset Tires Services: \$2,500.00
- H. Bridgewater Township Supplemental Fire Program: \$2,608.00
- I. Letter correspondence with TD Bank re: Account changes
- J. VFIS holiday card
- K. 2017 Officers list
- L. Letter Correspondence from Nationwide re: New Group number

VI. Old Business

- A. Thomas Marshall, Jr.
 - 1. Annuity starting date still under review
- B. Verizon Power packs

1. A. Kurdyla asked if formal action to terminate the account can be taken?
2. Chief Ally said they do not work.
3. Account to be closed
4. Chief Ally requests the ability to reopen account to use internet in the future.
- C. By Law Change
 1. A. Kurdyla seeking counsel from R. Braslow regarding verbiage
 2. A. Kurdyla would like the option of presenting Braslow's thoughts to company
 3. Still waiting on Braslow's opinion
- D. Vehicle guideline
 1. A. Kurdyla asked if anything has happened with this
 2. Chief Ally says a meeting needs to happen to discuss

VII. New Business

- A. Resolution 122816-1
 1. Authorizing moving funds:
 - a. \$43,000 2015 LOSAP money to Encumbered funds
 - b. \$3,500.00 from office supplies to attorney's fees
 - c. \$3,000.00 from office supplies to training
 - i. No discussion
 - ii. Roll call:
 1. Ally – yes
 2. Spolarich – yes
 3. Orloff- yes
 4. Ranallo - yes
 5. Kurdyla – yes
- B. Resolution 122816-2
 1. Authorizing Temporary Budget for 2017
 - i. No discussion
 - ii. Roll call:
 1. Ally – yes
 2. Spolarich – yes
 3. Orloff- yes
 4. Ranallo - yes
 5. Kurdyla – yes
- C. Somerset County mailed invoices
 1. C. Spolarich asks for whoever is opening Somerset County mail and taking half the invoices, please make a copy and leave original
- D. 2017 Budget
 1. Opened to public with questions
 - a. Dave Bereheiko asks if the lawyers contracts have to be sent out?
 1. No

VIII. Chief's report

- A. Apparatus Report
 1. 101
 - i. Repairs Made
 1. None
 2. Repairs Needed
 - a. None
 2. 102
 - i. Repairs Made
 1. None
 - ii. Repairs Needed
 1. None
 3. Tower 30
 - i. Repairs Made:
 1. Preventative maintenance still in progress
 - ii. Repairs needed
 1. Driver's side front lower step LED light out
 2. Rear axle fluid contaminated
 3. Passenger front forward axle right shaft chamber support bracket broken u bolt
 4. Generator output voltage too low
 5. Section of blue LED track lighting on ladder out.

4. Rescue 30
 - i. Repairs:
 1. None
 - ii. Repairs needed
 1. None
 5. Mini Pumper
 - i. Repairs Made
 1. None
 - ii. Repairs needed
 1. New tires
 6. Car 30
 - i. Repairs
 1. Serviced and fuel part ordered
 - ii. Repairs needed
 1. None
- B. Tires
1. Fire and Safety advised tires have a 7 year life expectancy recommendation
 2. Richie's Tires sent quote
 3. A. Kurdyla recommends looking into 7 year advisory. Feels tire professionals should be relied upon for replacement recommendations based on wear.
- C. Fire calls
1. 25 calls in November
 2. Fire call man hours: 385
 3. Work detail and meeting hours: 378
- D. Miscellaneous
1. 2015 LOSAP eligible list submitted
- E. Fire and Safety
1. A. Kurdyla advised speaking with David Russel re: Tower
- F. Apparatus Replacement Schedule
1. Chief Ally asked for an apparatus replacement schedule to be put in writing for next meeting
 2. A. Kurdyla says ISO standards can be looked at
 - a. The old rules are based on less substantial equipment
 3. A. Kurdyla's main requirement is the apparatus must pass ISO certification
 4. Example: Engine 102 will be 19 years old. A. Kurdyla prefers if there are no issues, then there is no need to replace it due to strength of vehicle
 5. A. Kurdyla stated he does not know what the dates the apparatus will be replaced, but there is a plan to fund the eventual replacement.
 6. A. Kurdyla stated apparatus will not be replaced based on age.
 7. A. Kurdyla stated we can come up with a general idea.
 8. Example: Rescue – main issue is the drive train. If it becomes an issue then replacement will be discussed. The air system was recently replaced. A. Kurdyla sees replacing it if the drive train develops issues or it reaches the end of service life for the air system.
 9. Apparatus will not be replaced just because they are 20 years or older.
 10. Chief Ally asked if a mechanic should look at the body of Engine 102. Check undercarriage and body for rust ect.
 - a. A. Kurdyla stated this should be done in preventative maintenance services.

IX. Presidents report

Nothing to report

X. New Members

None

XI. Resigning Members

None

XII. Status Changes

None

XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report

No Report submitted

XIV. Public Portion

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:19 pm by S. Ally; Second – A. Ranallo;
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.

XVI. Miscellaneous

- A. Kurdyla commends R. Booth on his work as Assistant Chief this year and is sad he will not be moving forward.

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

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on January 23, 2017 at
Finderne Fire House
672 East Main St
Bridgewater, NJ 08806
Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally