

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting  
2/22/2017**

**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 7:35 pm on February 22, 2017 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

*Request for closed session by President Spolarich  
Motion to move to closed session- A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff*

**II. Review of Previous Minutes**

A. The minutes of the January 23, 2017 as revised– 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– 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.

- A. Payment to D. Bereheiko questioned by A. Kurdyla
    - 1. D. Bereheiko stated there was no other way to move hose
- Motion to pay bills– A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff;  
Motion unanimously approved

**V. Correspondence**

- A. NJ MVC Registration card
- B. Bridgewater Township fine invoice from various: \$125.00, \$1,350.00 and \$500.00
- C. New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts dues notice
- D. New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts meeting minutes
- E. Letter correspondence with Fire and Safety re: update records
- F. Letter correspondence with M & W re: advertising
- G. Letter correspondence with Radio License Information
- H. TD 2016 Tax statement
- I. Letter correspondence with the State of New Jersey re: Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act
- J. Finderne Rescue Squads stats for January 2017
- K. Election ballot results
- L. Lincoln application to withdraw LOSAP money
- M. Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy – New standards for FF1 applicants

## VI. Old Business

- A. 2017 Election.
  - 1. Budget
    - A. 35-yes
    - B. 4-no
  - 2. Allen Kurdyla election
    - A. 38 votes for A. Kurdyla
    - B. 1 ballot no candidate indicated
  - 3. A. Kurdyla thanks all who voted
- B. By Law Change
  - 1. A. Kurdyla still waiting on counsel from R. Braslow regarding verbiage
  - 2. Will meet with him

## VII. New Business

- A. Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy
  - 1. Memo sent regarding new requirements for new members entering academy
  - 2. Requirements need a doctor to sign off
  - 3. A. Kurdyla does not know what doctor will
  - 4. A. Kurdyla will bring up new policy at Joint Board
  - 5. This policy will pertain to new members only as far as A. Kurdyla understands
  - 6. If anyone hears any different, please inform the board
  - 7. Chief Ally stated after the Chiefs' meeting he contacted Bridgewater HR Gary Howarth
    - a. Our doctors do not meet the standard
  - 8. Liability changed to \$1,000,000. – A. Kurdyla waiting for letter from county
  - 9. A. Kurdyla will call Frank Ur to ask about Hunterdon County policy

## VIII. Chief's report

- A. Apparatus Report
  - 1. 101
    - i. Repairs Made
      - 1. None
    - 2. Repairs Needed
      - a. Foot pedal air horn switch officer's side
      - b. Mount hard suction on the engine
  - 2. 102
    - i. Repairs Made
      - 1. 6 new tires
    - ii. Repairs Needed
      - 1. None
  - 3. Tower 30
    - i. Repairs Made:
      - 1. Strip lights repaired
      - 2. Oil in rear end repaired
      - 3. Door locks repaired
      - 4. Generator repaired
    - ii. Repairs needed
      - 1. None
  - 4. Rescue 30
    - i. Repairs:
      - 1. 2 new front tires
    - ii. Repairs needed
      - 1. None
  - 5. Mini Pumper
    - i. Repairs Made
      - 1. Booster Hose rewind motor
    - ii. Repairs needed

1. None
6. Car 30
  - i. Repairs
    1. Chief Ally plugged nail holes in 2 tires
  - ii. Repairs needed
    1. Electrical issue with bar light – stays on
      - a. Chief Ally spoke with installer – will take time and money to diagnose
      - b. \$2,300 for new bar light
      - c. Chief Ally feels this is a waste of money since Car 30 will be replaced soon.
      - d. Chief Ally asking permission to buy supplies to fix
      - e. P. Orloff will speak to DPW about extra bar lights
- B. Fire calls
  1. 25 calls in January
  2. 2 Drills in January
  3. Fire call man hours: 315
  4. Work detail and meeting hours: 415
- C. Tower – Fire and Safety Service
  1. Chief Ally requests the commissioners call Fire and Safety about the condition Tower 30 was returned to the firehouse
  2. Requesting Fire and Safety pay for Tower 30 to be detailed
  3. A. Kurdyla suggests not waiting until meeting to bring to board's attention
- D. Somerville St. Patrick's Day Parade
  1. March 12, 2017
  2. Chief Ally requests same consideration as in previous years
  3. A. Kurdyla urged Chief Ally to reinforce the guidelines
    - i. Roll call:
      1. Ally – yes
      2. Spolarich – yes
      3. Orloff- yes
      4. Ranallo - yes
      5. Kurdyla – yes
- E. Radios
  1. Chief Ally discussed with D. Mangino and is working with the county
- F. LOSAP
  1. Still working
- G. Truck Bay "I Am Responding"
  1. Fire department purchased monitors for truck bay and would like to hook them up to increase efficiency in response calls
  2. Will cost \$250-\$300 for brackets and hardware – will commissioners pay?
  3. A. Kurdyla stated this was already brought up and approved
  4. A. Kurdyla stated up to \$300 would be allowed.
- H. A. Kurdyla requests going forward at all January meetings, prior year totals be reported.

## **IX. Presidents report**

- A. New member applications – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
  1. Charlie Hupfer – social member – accepted as social
  2. Thomas Connell – Van Court in Martinsville – accepted as active
- B. New application 1<sup>st</sup> reading – under review
  1. Brian Pinto – Manville – leave under review
- C. Storage space
  - a. Need more space for gear.
  - b. Can the Board purchase another rack?
  - c. Do research to get information before purchased

## **X. New Members**

- A. See above

## **XI. Resigning Members**

None

## **XII. Status Changes**

None

## **XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report**

January calls: 29 calls

## **XIV. Public Portion**

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:18 pm by P. Orloff; Second – C. Spolarich;  
Motion unanimously approved.

1. Dave Bereheiko  
7 Deerhead Drive  
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
  - a. Budget approved
  - b. UL testing
    1. Needs to be scheduled for ladder, hose, pumper and 5 year flex test
    2. Can I move forward and schedule?
    3. Can money be allotted for someone to help move the apparatus?
    4. Will discuss in upcoming months
    5. A. Kurdyla noted he appreciates the comments, but this should be brought up in Chief's report

## **XV. Close Public Portion**

- A. Motion to close to the public and go to closed session at 8:22 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;  
Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to close meeting at 8:23 pm – S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich

The meeting was adjourned

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on March 29, 2017 at  
Finderne Fire House  
672 East Main St  
Bridgewater, NJ 08806  
Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally