

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting
2/23/2016**

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 February 23, 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 - absent; Finderne Rescue Squad – not represented

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the January 26, 2016 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– 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– A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff;
Motion unanimously approved

V. Correspondence

- A. NJMVC vehicle registration
- B. 2016 Fire District Budget Election Results Certification
- C. 2016 Election Absentee Ballots list
- D. Email correspondence with the DCA re: election results
- E. Email correspondence with Linda Doyle re: election results
- F. Email correspondence with Richard Braslow re: gift monies
- G. Email correspondence with Public Assistance re: Hurricane Sandy Funds
- H. Letter correspondence with United States Department of Commerce re: census
- I. Letter correspondence with Nationwide re: policy rates for renewal

VI. Old Business

- A. Election
 - 1. Congratulations on reelection
 - i. Paul Orloff
 - ii. Anthony Ranallo
 - 2. Budget passed with only 1 no vote
 - 3. A. Kurdyla - Thank you to members who came out to vote
 - 4. A. Kurdyla - Thank you to election tellers

VII. New Business

- A. Auto Zone credit application
 - 1. Chief Ally unaware and will revisit when he can investigate
- B. LOSAP percentages template
 - 1. Given to Secretary Ally on Excel spreadsheet
 - 2. Can be easily modified
 - 3. A. Kurdyla to Chief Ally please look at it
- C. Prior Year percentage
 - 1. 2011-2014 – how are we doing on those years?
 - i. Chief Ally almost done. Will Ex-Chief Armstrong sign 2012 and 2013 and Ex Chief Binkley sign 2014 and 2015?
 - 1. A. Kurdyla said yes

VIII. Chief's report

- A. Apparatus Report
 - 1. 101
 - i. Replaced 6 batteries
 - ii. Replaced door seal rear driver side
 - iii. Anti-Freeze leak repaired
 - iv. Officer side rear compartment adjusted (may need paint)
 - v. Tire air valves repair
 - 2. 102
 - i. Two and a half inch cross Lay Valve repaired
 - ii. Back up alarm repaired
 - iii. Rear brakes and drums replaced
 - 3. Tower
 - i. Strip lights replaced by Fire and Safety
 - ii. Still losing air in tires
 - 1. Richie's Tires will be out to repair
 - 4. Rescue
 - i. Needs defrost in cab repaired
 - ii. Air conditioner needs to be fixed
 - 1. A. Kurdyla thought this repair would go to a truck repair place – has that happened?
 - 2. Chief Ally can someone other than Fire and Safety replace it
 - a. Yes – send to Curtis per A. Ranallo
 - iii. Light switch in rear compartment needs to be fixed
 - iv. Indicator Light for back door needs to be repaired
 - v. Fuel gage not working
 - vi. PTO still surging
 - vii. Rear switch compartment light for lights in the box
 - 5. Mini Pumper
 - i. Back up Alarm
 - ii. Parking brake rod is bent
 - 1. Can P. Orloff take a look?
 - 6. Car 30
 - i. Service due
 - ii. Will bring to NexTec
 - 1. **A. Kurdyla pleased work is being done, but surprised it hasn't been done in past
 - 2. Does Fire and Safety give reports to Chief and Chief Engineer?
 - a. Chief Ally said no.
- B. Purchases
 - 1. Would like to purchase hand tools and a locked cabinet - \$1,300.00
 - i. Cabinet with keys – A. Kurdyla don't we have one

1. Chief Ally – it is not secure
 - ii. A. Ranallo – where will tools be bought?
 1. D. Bereheiko Harbor Freight
 - **Speak to treasurer about money**
 - iii. Request approved
- C. Drills
1. March 7 – Chubb for Fire Detection systems
 2. March 21 – Drill on the Kevin Appuzzio fire
 - i. Hosting Bound Brook, South Bound Brook, Somerville and Manville
- D. St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 13
1. Chief Ally requests families to ride in apparatus - approved
- E. Firefighter 1
1. B. Noll started
 2. W. Medrano retaking
- F. Braslow
1. Chief Ally did Braslow send letter?
 - i. A. Kurdyla said he sent it
 - ii. Chief Ally requested a copy
 2. Can the 2017 budget include pay per call?
 - i. A. Kurdyla said it can be discussed in 2016
 - ii. A. Kurdyla is concerned with the record keeping
 1. Can begin a discussion
- G. Bridgewater Avenue Structure Fire – January 31, 2016
1. Fatality
- H. Hillsborough Structure Fire
1. Approximately 600 man hours
 2. Only 1 length of 5" lost as of now.
 3. Large Finderne Stencil may be made by S. Niederle
- I. April 1, 2016 – Hose testing
- J. January Calls – Total 39
1. Alarm Activations – 18
 2. MVA / car fire – 6
 3. Broken Sprinkler Pipes / heads – 4
 4. CO Alarms – 1
 5. Brush Fire – 1
 6. Mutual Aid – 6
 7. Odor Investigation – 1
 8. Squad Assist – 1
 9. Structure Fire - 1
- *Total Hours for Calls – 490
- *Total Hours for Work Detail, Training, Meetings, Apparatus Checks - 761
- o A. Kurdyla comments on activity: Having the severity of fires, storms, repairs, etc. Chief Ally to be commended for job he is doing. Keep up the good work.

IX. Presidents report

None

X. New Members

None

XI. Resigning Members

S. Mumtaz

C. Myers

XII. Status Changes

None

XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report

None

XIV. Public Portion

A. Motion to open to the public at 8:06 pm by S. Ally; Second – A. Ranallo;

Motion unanimously approved.

1. Mike Montone
65 Pearl Street
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
 - a. Equipment not used and not needed cannot be disposed. Chief keeps bringing lists of things to be disposed
~A. Ranallo and P. Orloff will meet with M. Montone to review equipment that can be disposed of.
~ A. Kurdyla stated items need to be declared surplus on an audit list
2. Dave Bereheiko
7 Deerhead Drive
Bound Brook, NJ 08805

a. Would like a copy of January 2016 minutes and treasurers report

Motion to close the public portion of meeting at 8:11 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich

XV. Adjourn meeting

- A. Motion to close the meeting at 8:12 pm by P. Orloff; Second – S. Ally;
Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on March 29, 2016 at
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respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally