

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting  
6/28/2016**

**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 7:30 pm on June 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**

The minutes of the May 31, 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.

~A. Kurdyla questioned Fire and Safety to tighten exhaust clamp.

D. Bereheiko had them repair after it was suggested by technician. Did not know it would be such a large bill.

A. Ranallo said FD did not know why it happened and what caused it to happen so that was the reason to bring out Fire and Safety to repair

Motion to pay bills– A. Ranallo; Second – S. Ally;  
Motion unanimously approved

**V. Correspondence**

- A. NJMVC vehicle registration
- B. NJMVC registration renewal application
- C. Letter correspondence from U.S. Department of Commerce re: Government Units Survey
- D. Letter correspondence from Adele Ruggini re: LOSAP percentage
- E. Letter correspondence from IRS re: LOSAP
- F. Letter correspondence from Holmes & McDowell, Inc. re: Worker's Comp Advertisement
- G. E-mail correspondence with Kathy McSorley re: LOSAP accounts
- H. 2 Invoices for Fire Penalties
- I. First Responder Joint Insurance Fund Advertisement

- J. Finderne Rescue Squad report for May, 2016
- K. Service contract renewal for Air Gas

## VI. Old Business

- A. Turn Out Gear
  - 1. P. Orloff contacted the insurance company. The insurance company will not pay to replace gear, just wash.
  - 2. Wash gear \$279.00 each
  - 3. Replace gear \$1,200.00 each
  - 4. P. Orloff questioned what the length of time the gear can be in service. Manufacturer recommends replacing every 10 years regardless of volunteer or paid department.
  - 5. Manufacturer will not repair if older than 10 years
  - 6. P. Orloff suggests washing the gear and using for Junior members who do not fight fires.
  - 7. A. Kurdyla suggests moving on from this matter and settling another time.
- B. LOSAP
  - 1. Spreadsheet detailing payments from 2011-2014 distributed to Chief Ally and posted by President Spolarich
  - 2. One member sent in a letter with questions about their payments
    - i. Chief Ally is waiting on documentation to support letter
    - ii. A. Kurdyla feels the letter makes good reasonable points
  - 3. Since this was the only objection raised, the 2011-2014 payments will start being posted

## VII. New Business

- A. Joint Board Quarterly Meeting
  - 1. Grant
    - i. A. Kurdyla asked Joint Board if they wanted to go for a regional grant to replace air bottles.
    - ii. Other districts not interested for various reasons
    - iii. A. Kurdyla asked Chief Ally to put together a plan to replace bottles systematically
    - iv. Chief Ally inquired wasn't this information already compiled?
  - 2. Emergency Vehicle Operation Policy
    - i. General discussion
    - ii. A. Kurdyla would like to schedule a meeting to discuss
- B. LOSAP
  - 1. Harleysville ready to move with LOSAP
- C. Air and Gas Maintenance Contract
  - 1. Contract renewal for \$2,299.07
  - 2. Services are quarterly, bi-annually and annually

Motion to renew contract: C. Spolarich; Second: A. Ally

Roll Call Vote:

Ally: Yes  
Orloff: Yes  
Ranallo: Yes  
Spolarich: Yes  
Kurdyla: Yes

Motion unanimously approved

## VIII. Chief's report

- A. Congratulations to firefighters who passed Fire Fighter I
  - 1. Brian Noll
  - 2. Winnicott Medrano

B. Apparatus Report

1. 101
  1. Repairs Made
    - a. None
  2. Repairs Needed
    - a. None
2. 102
  1. Repairs Made
    - a. None
  2. Repairs Needed
    - a. None
3. Tower 30
  1. Repairs Made:
    - a. None
  2. Repairs needed
    - a. None
4. Rescue 30
  1. Repairs:
    - a. None
  2. Repairs needed
    - a. None
5. Mini Pumper
  1. Repairs Made
    - a. None
  2. Repairs needed
    - a. None
6. Car 30
  1. Repairs
    - a. None
  2. Repairs needed
    - a. Oil change and brakes will be scheduled for repair in July

C. Purchases

1. Turnout gear
  1. Will be ordered in July

D. UL Testing

1. July 5, 2016 – Pump testing
2. July 6, 2016 – Ground Ladder testing
3. July 13, 2016 – Tower ladder testing

E. Testing

1. Task Fire tested all hydraulic tools – all passed
2. Air Gas will set up appointment

F. Fire calls

1. 29 calls in May
2. Fire call man hours: 278
3. Work detail and meeting hours: 458.5

**IX. Presidents report**

A. *I AM RESPONDING*

- a. This system put in place several years ago
- b. The Board of Fire Commissioners wanted to see how it would work before approving to spend money
- c. President Spolarich feels the system is well used and worth the money spent.
- d. President Spolarich is requesting the Board share the cost of the system
  - i. Cost for the system for 5 years (2014-2019) would be \$1,500.00 for the Board
    1. A. Ranallo asked where that would come out of
      - a. C. Spolarich said possibly training
      - b. Chief Ally objected as it is not training
      - c. S. Ally suggested taking it out *Office Expenses* since there is over \$7,000 left in that line item.

- d. C. Spolarich objected
  - e. A. Kurdyla asked for discussion and an opinion
    - i. A. Ranallo, P. Orloff and S. Ally supports the contribution by the board
  - f. A. Kurdyla suggested moving this request to next month's meeting so money can be allocated and a line item created.
- B. A. Kurdyla gave President Spolarich Relief Application copies

#### **X. New Members**

None

#### **XI. Resigning Members**

None

#### **XII. Status Changes**

None

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

A. May – 37 calls

#### **XIV. Public Portion**

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:01 pm by P. Orloff; Second – S. Ally; Motion unanimously approved.
  - 1. Steve Spolarich  
48 Hope Street  
Somerville, NJ 08876
    - a. Inquired as to the Board's involvement in supporting the Finderne Rescue Squad?
    - b. A. Kurdyla stated it was minimal
      - i. C. Spolarich stated the board pays for fuel which is approximately \$50.00 a month
      - ii. Once reports stopped and meetings were not attended the Board stopped
      - iii. President Spolarich received a Thank You for the fund drive support which will be used for medical supplies
  - 2. Adele Ruggini  
37 Marie Avenue  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
\*LOASP
    - 1. Any plans to revise LOSAP to give points for positions such as Treasurer, etc.
    - 2. A. Kurdyla stated the LOSAP system is done and in place
    - 3. A. Ruggini asked what's the points?
      - a. A. Kurdyla stated in order to get reports, monthly reports on calls and activity tracking must be submitted.
      - b. There is still no report for 2015
  - 3. Dave Bereheiko  
7 Deerhead Drive  
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
    - c. Inquired if the list of monies to be returned is correct? Records show D. Bereheiko was a life member as of 2005
      - i. A. Kurdyla stated D. Bereheiko must get evidence to dispute. Evidence and letter must come from the Fire Department

Motion to close the public portion of meeting at 8:13 pm by C. Spolarich; Second – P. Orloff

#### **XV. Adjourn meeting**

A. Motion to close the meeting at 8:14 pm by C. Spolarich; Second – S. Ally;

Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:14p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on July 26, 2016 at  
Finderne Fire House  
672 East Main St  
Bridgewater, NJ 08806

respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally