

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting  
5/31/2016**

**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 7:35 pm on May 31, 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 April 26, 2016 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes as printed– A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff;  
Motion approved

The minutes of the March 29, 2016 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept the revised minutes as printed– A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff; (S. Ally abstained)  
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.

Bills Added:

- \*James Bantin Physical (\$10.00)
- \*Alex Gillespie Physical (\$50.00)
- \*Tim Dorsey Physical (\$50.00)
- \*Adele Ruggini Hay purchase (\$50.00)

~A. Kurdyla questioned why Dave Bereheiko was being paid \$200.00 for hay

-Chief Ally explained D. Bereheiko had to move hay twice. Same procedure as last year.

-A. Kurdyla said fire academy will deliver hay for \$42.00

~A. Kurdyla questioned paying for hay.

-A. Kurdyla suggests a vote to pay D. Bereheiko bill

Motion: A. Ranallo makes a motion to pay bill: Second: P. Orloff

Roll Call Vote:

Kurdyla: No

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

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

## **V. Correspondence**

- A. NJMVC vehicle registration
- B. VFIS Insurance cards for all apparatus
- C. NJMVC registration renewal application
- D. NJMVC registration renewal application
- E. Health Works Physical Invoice for Timothy Dorsey (\$50.00)
- F. Health Works Physical Invoice for Alex Gillespie (\$50.00)
- G. RFHC Bedminster Office Physical Invoice for James Bantin (\$10.00)
- H. Harris Farms Invoice for 10 Hay Bales (\$50.00)
- I. Letter correspondence from Cooper, Cottell & Taylor, LLC re: Kocanowski Workers Comp benefits
- J. Letter correspondence from United Roosevelt Savings Bank re: CD rates
- K. Letter correspondence from M&W Communications re: sales
- L. Letter correspondence from Asbury Park Press re: digital advertising
- M. Letter correspondence with Holmes & McDowell, Inc. re: advertisement for Workers Compensation policy
- N. Letter correspondence from U.S. Department of Commerce re: Government Units Survey
- O. New Jersey Statutes 2016 Cumulative Annual Pocket Part
- P. E-mail correspondence from Richard Braslow re: LOSAP resolution policy
- Q. E-mail correspondence from Richard Braslow re: Ms. Kocanowski
- R. 3 Invoices for Fire Penalties (not paid yet)
- S. Relief Membership Applications
  - 1. Timothy Dorsey
  - 2. Alex Gillespie
  - 3. James Bantin
- T. Rescue Squad reports March & April

## **VI. Old Business**

- A. Bound Brook Rescue Squad
  - 1. A. Kurdyla asked about progress
    - i. Chief Ally has M. Jannone setting up a joint drill to improve relations
  - 2. Chief Ally will keep working on the situation
- B. Emergency Vehicle Operation Policy
  - 1. A. Kurdyla asked if everyone has had a chance to review
  - 2. Chief Ally feels there can be some changes but overall a decent policy
  - 3. S. Ally suggested the “travel outside the county needs board permission” should be reconsidered
    - i. Response from other counties possible
    - ii. S. Ally feels the chiefs should be trusted with discretion
    - iii. A. Kurdyla feels this is in place because others have abused policy
    - iv. Chief Ally suggested a workshop to discuss the policy further
      - 1. A. Kurdyla agrees
- C. LOSAP
  - 1. Spreadsheet detailing payments from 2011-2014 distributed to Chief Ally and President Spolarich
    - i. 2011-2012 information given by Ex Chief Armstrong
    - ii. 2013-2014 information given by Ex Chief Binkley
    - iii. 2015 information being gathered by Chief Ally
    - iv. A. Kurdyla asked Chief Ally and President Spolarich if they looked and had any comments
      - 1. No comments
  - 2. LOSAP is based on 40% of activity up to 2014 with life members included
  - 3. A. Kurdyla would like spreadsheet posted so members can review it
  - 4. All questions should be submitted in writing
  - 5. A. Kurdyla – the board would like to make 4 years of payments covering 2011-2014 at the June meeting

6. Resolution concerning the members who owe money will be done after 2011-2014 payments are made
  - i. Chief Ally asked if there is a list
  - ii. A. Kurdyla stated the Board has that list

## **VII. New Business**

- A. Relief Membership Applications
  1. James Bantin
  2. Timothy Dorsey
  3. Alex Gillespie
    - i. A. Kurdyla asked for a motion to acknowledge members as of May 31, 2016
      1. Motion to accept membership– S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;
      2. Motion unanimously approved
- B. Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting night
  1. A. Kurdyla stated there may be a need to change the meeting night to Wednesday
    - i. S. Ally inquired as to the reason
    - ii. A. Kurdyla stated it was due to a possible change in the Fire Department bowling league night
- C. Certification of Annual Audit Resolution
- D. Certificate of Audit
- E. Certification for the Understanding of Services Urban and Jenks will provide
- F. Synopsis of Audit Report to be Submitted to Trenton
- G. Certificate of Governing Body Affirming Annual Audit
 

\*\*Annual Audit is complete (once paperwork is sent to Trenton) \*\*

## **VIII. Chief's report**

- A. Apparatus Report
  1. 101
    1. Repairs Made
      - a. Rear compartment door cable guide repaired by Fire and Safety
  2. 102
    1. Repairs Made
 

None
    2. Repairs Needed
      - a. Would like to set up appointment to get body work done
      - b. Side steamer valves should be purchased
        - a. 1 needed
        - b. \$895.00
        - c. Will increase productivity

Motion to purchase - A. Ranallo; Second – S. Ally;  
Motion unanimously approved
  3. Tower 30
    1. Repairs:
      - a. Pulley replaced
      - b. Lights under the step at the pump panel replaced by Fire and Safety
    2. Repairs needed
      - a. Side steamer valves should be purchased
        - a. 1 needed
        - b. \$895.00
        - c. Will increase productivity

Motion to purchase - A. Ranallo; Second – S. Ally;  
Motion unanimously approved  
(Motion combined with 102)
  4. Rescue 30
    1. Repairs:
      - a. None
    2. Repairs needed
      - a. Air conditioner needs to be fixed
      - b. A. Ranallo suggested getting windows tinted first
      - c. A. Kurdyla thought AC unit needed to be replaced
      - d. A. Ranallo stated not enough air is getting into old command center.

- 5. Mini Pumper
  - 1. Repairs Made
    - a. Rear Brakes replaced
    - b. Back up alarm replaced
    - c. Parking Break repaired
- 6. Car 30
  - 1. Repairs
    - a. None
- B. Purchases
  - 1. Would like to purchase
    - a. Extrication gloves
    - b. Hoods
    - c. 4 Helmets
      - a. A. Kurdyla said to look at budget with C. Spolarich
  - 2. CO Meter Can be purchased
    - 1. Can save money by calibrating in house
      - a. A. Kurdyla feels this could be a liability
      - b. Chief Ally will research further
  - 3. Turnout gear
    - 1. New Minerva quote is in.
    - 2. Will not touch contaminated bunker pants
  - 4. Jetpacks
    - 1. C. Spolarich gave Chief Ally new Jetpacks to be installed in all apparatus

#### **IX. Presidents report**

- A. One member application denied
- B. FFD has entered into a new 3 year agreement with the Somerset Patriots

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

None

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

None

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

None

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

- A. March – 43 calls
- B. April – 27 calls

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

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:32 pm by A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff;  
Motion unanimously approved.
  - 1. Dave Bereheiko  
7 Deerhead Drive  
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
    - a. Inquired if the Treasurers report summery was read aloud
    - b. C. Spolarich stated it was

Motion to close the public portion of meeting at 8:34 pm by A. Ranallo; Second – C. Spolarich

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

- A. Motion to close the meeting at 8:34 pm by C. Spolarich; Second – P. Orloff;  
Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:34p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on June 28, 2016 at  
Finderne Fire House  
672 East Main St

Bridgewater, NJ 08806

respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally