

**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