

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting  
10/26/2016**

**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 7:42 pm on October 26, 2016 by Allen Kurdyla.

- Salute to the flag.

**I. Roll call of Attendance:**

Allen Kurdyla; Anthony Ranallo (absent); Carl Spolarich; Paul Orloff (absent); Samantha Ally  
Chief Daniel Ally (represented by D.C. M. Denney); President Steve Spolarich; Finderne Rescue  
Squad – not represented

**II. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the September 28, 2016 were tabled until next month due to attendance

**III. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was tabled until next month

**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– S. Ally; Second – 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Spolarich;

Motion unanimously approved

**V. Correspondence**

- A. Invoice from Bridgewater Township re: R. DeMarco physical (our records show Raritan)
- B. Letter correspondence from T. Marshall, Jr. re: annuity start date
- C. Letter correspondence from All Season Distribution re: purchasing used radio equipment
- D. Letter correspondence from Finderne Fire Department President Spolarich re: LOSAP percentage appeals
- E. Letter correspondence from Lexis Nexis re: Request for incident report
- F. E-mail correspondences with Mr. Braslow re: LOSAP
- G. Letter correspondence from Methfessel & Werbel re: Jamie Benimadno lawsuit
- H. 2 Invoices for Fire Penalties (unpaid)
- I. 2 Invoices for Tax payments
- J. FFD Bylaw change

**VI. Old Business**

- A. LOSAP

- 1. A. Kurdyla had a meeting with Mr. Braslow and a State of NJ rep

- i. Martinsville also had a representative present
- ii. The state agreed to the proposal that life members invested with Harleysville will be paid and receive a 1099 form
- iii. District is officially done with Harleysville and has no activity with accounts
- iv. All future business will be with Lincoln Financial
- v. \$24,000.00 payment to be made

Motion to close out Harleysville and Nationwide accounts– S. Ally; Second – 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Spolarich;  
Motion unanimously approved

Roll Call Vote:

Ally – yes  
Spolarich – yes  
Kurdyla – yes  
Ranallo – absent  
Orloff - absent

#### B. Annuity Appeals

- 1. President Spolarich submitted a letter recommending the following members met their requirements to receive benefit
  - i. Ally – 2007 - \$1,000
  - ii. Denney – 2013 - \$1,000
  - iii. Armstrong – 2013 - \$1,000
  - iv. Ruggini – 2013/2014 - \$2,000

Motion to accept appeal and make payments– C. Spolarich; Second – 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ally;  
Motion unanimously approved

Roll Call Vote:

Ally – yes  
Spolarich – yes  
Kurdyla – yes  
Ranallo – absent  
Orloff - absent

#### C. Change of meeting day

- 1. A. Kurdyla inquired if S. Ally sent notice to newspaper
- 2. S. Ally said she did and will check
- 3. S. Ally resent form to email address provided by township clerk

#### D. LOSAP Account payments made to individuals

- 1. To be paid, members need to provide social security number
- 2. 1 member unwilling to provide Social security number
- 3. 6 other members provided social security numbers and payments pending

### VII. New Business

#### A. Keith Binkley subpoena

- 1. K. Binkley received a call from workman's comp. attorney re: J. Kocanowski
- 2. A. Kurdyla advised he would check with Gary Howarth at Bridgewater Township to inquire about legal representation
- 3. A. Kurdyla advised if K. Binkley loses any salary, he should submit to the board for repayment

#### B. Air Packs

- 1. A. Kurdyla stated the key people needed for this discussion were unavailable and would like to table it until next week.
- 2. M. Denney stated if this process does not move forward soon, old packs will need to be repaired.
- 3. A. Kurdyla stated he would like to move forward next month

#### C. Gas Cards

- 1. One old gas card missing – Chief Ally looking into the matter

#### D. Verizon

- 1. Received a notice about upgrading power packs
- 2. A. Kurdyla suggested a meeting with Chief Ally to discuss the need

#### E. Bylaw change

- 1. President Spolarich stated a bylaw change was submitted in the company meeting concerning alcoholic and/or drug influence during fire calls
- 2. A. Kurdyla asked how it will be enforced?
- 3. A. Kurdyla would like to consult Mr. Braslow for opinion
- 4. A. Kurdyla feels district would be remiss to not support measure due to liability issues

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

### **A. Apparatus Report**

1. 101
  1. Repairs Made
    - a. None
  2. Repairs Needed
    - a. Preventative Maintenance Test done
2. 102
  1. Repairs Made
    - a. None
  2. Repairs Needed
    - a. Preventative Maintenance Test starting 10/27/2016
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. Out of Service for Brake Repair

### **B. Equipment**

1. Scott Bottles – 1 bottle to be fixed
2. Scott packs – 2 packs out of service
3. Supplies – Cleaning supplies are good
4. Saws – No issues
5. Gas Detectors – Rescue 30 and Tower 30 detectors out for calibration

### **C. Fire calls**

1. 35 calls in September
2. Fire call man hours: 548
3. Work detail and meeting hours: 1,123

### **D. Miscellaneous**

1. Need more pagers and batteries as many new members have joined
2. Need insurance certificate for Live Burn November 14, 2016
3. Would like to review training budget
  - a. A. Kurdyla would like to discuss this in a work session
  - b. Get training reconciliation for 2016 prepared

## **IX. Presidents report**

- A. 6 applications for new members accepted at last company meeting
  - a. 2 of the applicants are currently members of Bound Brook Fire Department
    1. Primary fire courses should be done through Bound Brook Fire Department
    2. President Spolarich will keep an eye on percentages
- B. Junior members will not be sent for physicals until they are 18 since township only pays for 1 physical
- C. 1 new applicant had 1<sup>st</sup> reading

- a. Thomas Longo (18 years old - Morton St. Bridgewater –
  - b. RVCC student) No prior experience
- D. 2 applications not yet completed and returned
- E. Live burn November 14, 2016
- F. 2017 Installation dinner January 21, 2017
- G. Relief Applications
  - 1. Carlos Dannies
  - 2. Ronald DeMarco
  - 3. Robert Petrusky – staying with Bound Brook relief
  - 4. Matt Smith – staying with Bound Brook relief
    - i. A. Kurdyla would like a form put in their files to reflect their decision to stay with Bound Brook relief when offered the opportunity to transfer
- H. More Relief applications are needed

**X. New Members**

None

**XI. Resigning Members**

None

**XII. Status Changes**

None

**XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report**

A. No report

**XIV. Public Portion**

A. Motion to open to the public at 8:25 pm by C. Spolarich; Second – S. Ally;  
Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to close the public portion of meeting at 8:26 pm by C. Spolarich; Second – S. Ally

**XV. Adjourn meeting**

A. Motion to close the meeting at 8:27 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;  
Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:27p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on November 30, 2016 at  
Finderne Fire House  
672 East Main St  
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respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally