

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

**Minutes of Regular meeting  
9/28/2016**

**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 September 28, 2016 by Anthony Ranallo.

- Salute to the flag.

**I. Roll call of Attendance:**

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

**II. Presentation of AirPack 75 by New Jersey Fire Equipment Co. – Steve Vreeland**

- A. Updated version of what we currently use
- B. Keep bottles, replace frames
- C. Features:
  - a. Grab strap
  - b. Batteries are all in the bottom
  - c. 2013 compliant air pack
  - d. AB3000 face piece – new generation
  - e. Body breathing system for possible trouble situations
  - f. Quick connect regulator (possible feature)
  - g. Universal air connection
  - h. Pass alarms have same sound
  - i. Low air alarm goes off at 1/3 – NFPA standard
  - j. Able to use own air bottles
  - k. Frame made from aircraft steel
- D. Mask AB3000
  - a. Amplifier
  - b. Cameras

**III. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the August 30, 2016 meeting were distributed and reviewed.  
Motion to accept the minutes as printed– P. Orloff; Second – S. Ally;  
Motion approved

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

None

**V. Presentation of Fire Department and Rescue Squad Bills**

The monthly bills were read aloud:

~Verizon \$146.11  
~Richard Braslow \$220.00  
~Communication Specialists \$202.10  
~Approved Fire \$132.00  
~Middlesex Power \$127.04  
    \$85.05  
    \$41.99  
~Tim Dorsey \$88.47  
~Dan Ally \$35.00  
~Finderne Fire \$431.83  
    \$15.54  
    \$51.15  
    \$97.27  
    \$110.00  
    \$109.80  
    \$12.82  
    \$35.25  
~Approved \$40.90  
~Richard Braslow \$120.00  
~Fire and Safety \$4,193.25  
**TOTAL \$5,736.70**

Motion to pay bills– S. Ally; Second – P. Orloff;  
Motion unanimously approved

#### **VI. Correspondence**

- A. E-mail correspondence with Ed Thornton re: Jamie Benimadno claim
- B. Letter correspondence from M&W Communications re: trade ins

#### **VII. Old Business**

- A. Monthly meeting night
  - 1. S. Ally put official change of meeting notice into Township Clerk Doyle
  - 2. New Meeting Dates
    - i. *September 28, 2016*
    - ii. *October 26, 2016*
    - iii. *November 30, 2016*
    - iv. *December 28, 2016*

#### **VIII. New Business**

- A. Life Insurance Form Beneficiary Form
  - 1. A. Ranallo asked Chief Ally to make sure all forms are up to date
  - 2. FD needs to get new forms
  - 3. Commissioners will run report of existing beneficiaries for people who have life insurance

#### **IX. Chief's report**

- A. Apparatus Report
  - 1. 101
    - 1. Repairs Made
      - a. None
    - 2. Repairs Needed
      - a. None
  - 2. 102
    - 1. Repairs Made
      - a. 2 ½ Cross lax valve rebuilt and working

2. Repairs Needed
  - a. Radio in cab not working
  - b. Driver seat not working and needs to be replaced
3. Tower 30
  1. Repairs Made:
    - a. None
  2. Repairs needed
    - a. None
4. Rescue 30
  1. Repairs:
    - a. Fire and Safety repaired air leak (cab seal)
    - b. Front brakes repaired
    - c. Fuel Leak repaired
  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. None
- B. Equipment
  1. Stihl saw repaired and placed back on Rescue 30
  2. Large gas fan leaking gas
    1. A. Ranallo wants to bring to Middlesex
- C. Fire calls
  1. 45 calls in August
  2. 3 drills
  3. Fire call man hours: 490
  4. Work detail and meeting hours: 407
  5. Drill hours: 12
- D. Thank you for allowing Engine 102 to go to Sadie Ally's fundraiser
- E. Fire Prevention supplies ordered - \$2,900.
  1. Adamsville Elementary School – October 14, 2016
  2. People Care Center/Kinder Castle – October 13, 2016
  3. Fire Prevention open house – October 14, 2016
- F. Home Depot Fire Prevention – October 1, 2016
- G. Bridgewater Inspection – October 1, 2016

#### **X. Presidents report**

- A. 6 New members submitted applications and had 1st reading at last company meeting

#### **XI. New Members**

Firefighters:

- A. Robert J. Petiwsy – FF1
- B. Matthew D. Smith – FF1
- C. Ronald S. Demarco – FF1
- D. Carlos E. Danies – FF1

Junior Members:

- A. Adriana Zanza
- B. Jacob Long

1. A. Ranallo asked if there is enough gear
  - a. Chief Ally said yes

#### **XII. Resigning Members**

None

**XIII. Status Changes**

None

**XIV. Finderne Rescue Squad Report**

- A. July – 26 calls
- B. August – 37 calls

**XV. Public Portion**

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:16 pm by P. Orloff; Second – S. Ally;  
Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to close the public portion of meeting at 8:17 pm by S. Ally; Second –P. Orloff

**XVI. Adjourn meeting**

- A. Motion to close the meeting at 8:18 pm by S. Ally; Second – P. Orloff;  
Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:18p.m.

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

respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally