

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

Minutes of Regular meeting
6/27/2018

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 7:32 pm on June 27, 2018 by Tony Ranallo.

- Salute to the flag.

I. Roll call of Attendance:

Allen Kurdyla (absent) *edit arrived 7:47 pm*; Anthony Ranallo; Carl Spolarich; Paul Orloff; Samantha Ally
Chief Daniel Ally (absent); President Steve Spolarich; Finderne Rescue Squad Kathy Sowden

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the May 30, 2018 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to approve the minutes as printed– P. Orloff; Second – C. Spolarich
Motion unanimously approved

III. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed. (see attached)

Motion to accept report– S. Ally; Second – P. Orloff
Motion unanimously approved

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: P. Orloff;
Motion unanimously approved

Bill to C. Spolarich – Speedway cards were going to be shut off due to nonpayment.

V. Correspondence

- A. Letter correspondence with Chevrolet re: Service Advertisement
- B. Letter correspondence with VFIS re: advertisement
- C. Letter correspondence with Urban and Jinks re: letter of understanding
- D. Letter correspondence re: Audit

VI. Old Business

- A. NFRS
 - 1. Waiting for installation date and training
- B. Refurb for 1997 Lance Pumper Specs
 - 1. No new submissions
 - 2. A. Kurdyla asked for recommendations on bid changes
 - a. D. Bereheiko asked about the brakes – doesn't always stop correctly
 - b. When it goes for refurb, will not have the weight it normally does
 - c. M. Jannone asked about the Pump panel gages
 - d. Committee reviewed – no significant changes
 - e. A. Kurdyla would like A. Ranallo to contact R. Braslow re: next steps (accept proposal with committee recommendations, draft a referendum for voter approval, get DCA approval for budget etc.) Ask if there is a monetary range in case there are unknown problems.
- C. Car 30
 - 1. In service
- D. HazMat
 - 1. A. Kurdyla doesn't have any information
- E. Reserve Engine
 - 1. A. Kurdyla spoke with K. Slueka of Somerville re: purchase
 - 2. A. Kurdyla would like purchase made quickly to get apparatus in building to train etc.
 - 1. M. Jannone doesn't want to get it quickly as there is no equipment for it until 302 goes out for service
 - 2. M. Jannone stated the Board needs to handle the purchase
- F. Compensation for Members for testing
 - 1. M. Jannone asked for an update
 - 2. C. Spolarich stated any compensation Tax and FICA must be taken out
 - 3. FFD could lose tax free status
 - 4. Could treat each man as independent contractor – leaves insurance problems
 - 5. A. Kurdyla stated recommendations by Jinks will be sent to R. Braslow for opinion

VII. New Business

- G. Audit
 - 1. Completed
 - 2. Conclusion - No recommendations
 - 3. Copy will be in office
 - 4. Resolutions need to be signed
 - 1. Letter of understanding
 - 2. Certifications
 - 3. Statement of assets
- H. Mail
 - 1. Any letters from Somerset County do not open. Bills are disappearing
 - 2. Paying bills that are 2-3 years old
- I. Finderne Rescue Squad
 - 1. Bound Brook Rescue Squad shut down by Board of Health
 - 2. FRS will be responding to all areas of Bridgewater BBRS covered
 - 3. Insurance issue: VFIS stated the Board of Fire Commissioners asked for insurance to be in FRS name for malpractice issues.
 - 4. K. Sowden stated cannot do that as FRS does not own ambulances
 - 5. K. Sowden spoke with insurance company – stated cannot be paying insurance since they do not own.

6. A. Kurdyla stated there is a lease agreement
7. K. Sowden stated she was told if the ambulances are not in FRS name, they cannot insure them.
8. A. Kurdyla stated vehicles titles can be signed over to FRS or a lease agreement can clear issue.
 - a. K. Sowden needs a copy of the lease agreement and needs the registration in the FRS's name.
9. A. Kurdyla will find lease agreement and try to fix ASAP – will talk to K. Sowden
10. A. Kurdyla asked if there is any objection to possibly signing rigs over - NO

VIII. Chief's report

A. Apparatus Report

1. 301

- a. Repairs Made
 - A. Generator installation complete
 - B. Air brake on board compressor
- b. Repairs Needed
 - A. None

B. 302

- a. Repairs Made
 - A. OUT OF SERVICE air leak in brakes
- b. Repairs Needed
 - A. None

3. Tower 30

- a. Repairs Made:
 - A. Air conditioner compressor charged
 - B. Rear officer side hand rail reinstalled
- b. Repairs needed
 - A. Needs yearly PM
 - B. UL Test Failed

4. Rescue 30

- a. Repairs:
 - A. None
- b. Repairs needed
 - A. Needs yearly PM
 - B. Going to Lines and Letters July 12

5. Mini Pumper

- a. Repairs Made
 - A. OUT OF SERVICE – clutch service
- b. Repairs needed
 - A. None

6. Car 30

- a. Repairs
 - A. None
- b. Repairs needed
 - A. None

B. Fire Calls

1. 30 calls in May
2. Fire call man hours: 339
3. Work detail, training and meeting hours: 626

C. UL Testing

1. Tower ladder FAILED
2. Ground ladders rescheduled July 5
3. Pump Testing May 29

D. Hose Testing

1. June 8 COMPLETED
 2. Need about 10 lengths to be repaired and retested
- E. Hurst Tools Testing
1. Passed
- F. Purchase Orders
1. None
- G. County Communications
1. Must decide VHF or UHF. County will no longer broadcast both in June 2019
 2. Understanding of dispatchers that county wants UHF paging
 3. Must be clarified – waiting for A. Kurdyla since it will mean pager purchases
 4. VHF pagers FD has many
 5. M. Jannone feels there's enough political capital on the board to push FFD interest
 6. M. Jannone stated the old outdated radios need to be sold off to offset cost.
- H. Fire extinguishers
1. Tested, 9 need to be recharged
- I. Drill with Somerville June 30

IX. Presidents report

Jacob Long to go to probationary status pending completion of FF!
 A. Kurdyla stated Relief Application must be put in

X. New Members

None

XI. Resigning Members

None

XII. Status Changes

Jacob Long

XIII. FINDERNE RESCUE SQUAD REPORT

None

XIV. Public Portion

A. Motion to open to the public at 8:21 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;
 Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to close the public portion of meeting at 8:22 pm by S. Ally; Second – P. Orloff

XV. Adjourn meeting

A. Motion to close the meeting at 8:23 pm by S. Ally; Second – P. Orloff;
 Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on July 25, 2018 at
 FINDERNE FIRE HOUSE
 672 East Main St
 BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08806

Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally