

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

Minutes of Regular meeting  
11/28/2018

**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 7:30 pm on November 28, 2018 by Allen Kurdyla.

- Salute to the flag.
- Moment of silence for Green Knoll Member

**I. Roll call of Attendance:**

Allen Kurdyla; Anthony Ranallo; Carl Spolarich; Paul Orloff (absent); Samantha Ally  
Chief Daniel Ally (absent); President Steve Spolarich; Finderne Rescue Squad – no representative

**~Please silence all phones~**

Motion to move to closed session- A. Ranallo; Second – C. Spolarich  
Motion unanimously approved

**II. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes– A. Ranallo; Second – C. Spolarich (A. Kurdyla abstained due to absence)  
Motion unanimously approved

The minutes of the October 31, 2018 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes– A. Ranallo; 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 – 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.

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

**V. Correspondence**

- A. Letter correspondence with Thomson Reuters re: advertisement
- B. Letter correspondence with Richard Braslow re: Budget and Annual Election Timeline

- C. Advertisement from Chevrolet
- D. *Added*- FFD By-Law change
- E. *Added*- 2019 Officer Nomination list

## VI. Old Business

- A. HazMat
  - 1. No information

## VII. New Business

- A. New Bills
  - a. Nationwide Insurance \$1,573.20
  - b. VFIS Accident and Sickness \$18,250.53

Motion to pay the bills: A. Ranallo; Second – S. Ally
- B. A. Kurdyla Thanks Department:
  - 1. getting 302 ready to go to Pierce
  - 2. NFRS being up to date
  - 3. 303 in service
- C. Purchase Orders:
  - 1. Work session to purchase equipment
    - a. Air Packs
      - i. Scott Air packs quote (14 air packs and bottles) \$100,926.
    - b. Gas Detectors
      - i. Public service has FFD respond to any smell of gas in a residence
      - ii. FFD may be there 30-60 minutes before Public Service
      - iii. Would like 3 detectors (\$1,785.)
    - c. Knox box keys
      - i. Keys are unsecured in all apparatus
      - ii. \$600 box (new boxes can be opened by county dispatch or a Wi-Fi connection)
      - iii. Knox box rep will discuss needs in December
      - iv. Waiting on more information
    - d. Hose
      - i. Somerville gave some hose with fire truck
      - ii. More hose needed for Engine 303
      - iii. Cost estimated at \$8,000
    - e. Future Project: Water way camera for 2019
    - f. Future Project: Notebook system for Car 30 in 2019
    - g. Steel Z hooks
    - h. Gear to build a hoist system
    - i. Slink link for quick rescue (\$64.00 each) total system (\$1,600.)

Total \$112,321.34

C. Spolarich confirmed with accountant that this can be done in this year's budget if bills are in by December 31, 2018

Motion to approve items for purchase: A. Ranallo; Second – C. Spolarich

Roll Call Vote:

Ranallo - Yes

Spolarich - Yes

Orloff – absent

Ally – Yes

Kurdyla – yes

- D. Establish a committee to replace Rescue
  - 1. Will be going to Wisconsin to see refurbish – should also gather information
  - 2. A. Kurdyla would like to discuss budget
  - 3. A. Kurdyla would like to keep paying off recently purchased apparatus
  - 4. Would like to look at Rescue's current uses/functionality and tools – what can be done to make it efficient and cost effective
  - 5. A. Kurdyla thinks it's inappropriate to discuss specs at this time

6. A. Kurdyla wants A. Ranallo on the committee
7. Board will firm up money to keep time frame on schedule  
Motion to approve creating Committee: A. Ranallo; Second – C. Spolarich

E. 2019 Budget

1. Proposed budget \$630,420 (2018 budget \$617,873.00)
2. Total district Assessed Valuation: \$1,105,637,900.
3. Proposed tax rate \$0.053
4. Amount to be raised by taxation \$595,312.00
5. 2% cap allows for \$11,655.00 increase
6. A. Kurdyla asked for public comment – none
7. Motion to accept budget as proposed- A. Ranallo; Second – S. Ally
8. Roll Call vote
  - A. Ranallo - yes
  - C. Spolarich – yes
  - P. Orloff – absent
  - S. Ally – yes
  - A. Kurdyla - yes

**VIII. Chief's report**

A. Apparatus Report

1. 301
  - a. Repairs Made
    - A. Yearly P. M. completed
    - B. Rear compartment door indicator repaired by Fire and Safety
  - b. Repairs Needed
    - A. None
- B. 302
  - a. Repairs Made
    - A. Out of Service for refurbishment – all equipment removed
  - b. Repairs Needed
    - A. None
- C. 303
  - a. Repairs Made
    - B. Still Mounting equipment
    - C. Yearly P. M. completed
  - b. Repairs Needed
    - A. Air system needs to be removed
3. Tower 30
  - a. Repairs Made:
    - A. U/L repairs completed and retested
  - b. Repairs needed
    - A. None
4. Rescue 30
  - a. Repairs:
    - A. None
  - b. Repairs needed
    - A. PM scheduled
5. Mini Pumper
  - a. Repairs Made
    - A. Limited Service
  - b. Repairs needed
    - A.
6. Car 30
  - a. Repairs
    - A. None

b. Repairs needed

A. None

B. Fire Calls

1. 31 calls in October
2. Fire call man hours: 395
3. Work detail, training and meeting hours: 960

C. Equipment

1. K650 saw not working – will be sent to Bound Brook Mower Shop
2. Need ID tags for Engine 303 (\$170)

D. Permission

1. Drill 12/1/18 in Value Towing
2. Somerville Lights Parade 12/1/18 with family participation
3. 12/6/18 Eagles party bring Santa in Mini Pumper
4. Santa run mid-December

Motion to approve all events as stated above: A. Ranallo; Second – C. Spolarich

E. Training

1. RIT school - Marshall and Gillespie
2. Rope Rescue - Medrano
3. Tactical truck – Bereheiko
4. Fire Instructor Level II – Pinto (ease cost of future live burns)

**IX. Presidents report**

2019 Officer Candidate list:

Chief – M. Jannone, Sr.

Deputy Chief – T. Marshall, Jr.

Assistant Chief – K. Binkley

Truck Captain – C. Fernandez

Engine Captain – A. Gillespie

Truck Lieutenant – C. Stitley

Engine Lieutenant – Kevin Bereheiko vs. J. Solomon

Chief Engineer – D. Bereheiko

Motion to accept list of nominees for line position: C. Spolarich; Second – A. Ranallo

2019 Executive Line

President – S. Spolarich

Vice President – M. Misciagna

Secretary – T. Longo

Treasurer – A. Ruggini

Trustees (3) – James Bentz Ray Booth Steve Niederle

Convention Delegate – Bill Wilde Jennifer Kocanowski

Alternate – Kevin Bereheiko

Relief Representative – Jennifer Kocanowski Keith Binkley

Relief Trustee – M. Jannone, Sr.

By Law Changes

1. Some items are dated and need to be addressed
2. Puts in time frames for membership before can run for an office
3. Board will review

Can board post minutes on a monthly basis?

Yes

**X. New Members**

See below

**XI. Resigning Members**

None

**XII. Status Changes**

Rich Armstrong – back to active duty  
Tom Connell - resigned  
Carlos Danies – switched from active to social  
Josh Carlton accepted after 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**XIII. FINDERNE RESCUE SQUAD REPORT**

None

**XIV. Public Portion**

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:42 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;  
Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to close public portion of meeting at 8:43 pm to go back to public portion by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich

- . Motion unanimously approved.

**XV. Adjourn meeting**

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:49 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;  
Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on December 26, 2018 at  
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Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally