

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

Minutes of Regular meeting
3/27/2019

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 March 27, 2019 by Allen Kurdyla.

- Salute to the flag.

I. Roll call of Attendance:

Allen Kurdyla; Anthony Ranallo; Carl Spolarich; Paul Orloff; Samantha Ally
Chief Michael Jannone (absent for a fire call); President Steve Spolarich; Finderne Rescue Squad – no representative

~Please silence all phones~

- Welcome Back to Paul Orloff
- Motion to close to go to reorganization meet: C. Spolarich; Second – A. Ranallo

P. Orloff to chair this portion of the meeting as ranking member not elected this year

- P. Orloff motions all positions remain
- A. Kurdyla nominates A. Ranallo as secretary – declined by A. Ranallo
- Motion to accept: A. Ranallo – Second: C. Spolarich

4 in favor

1 opposition by A. Kurdyla

*Commissioner Orloff and Commissioner Ranallo reelected and duly sworn in by A. Kurdyla

*Budget Passed

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes–A. Ranallo; Second – C. Spolarich (P. Orloff abstained)

Motion unanimously approved

Note: No February meeting due to lack of quorum

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.

February Bills: \$2,197.77

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

Motion unanimously approved

March Bills: \$7,505.81

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

Motion unanimously approved

V. Correspondence

- A. Letter correspondence with Personnel Concepts re: advertisement
- B. Engine 301 Inventory
- C. Engine 303 Inventory
- D. Rescue 30 Inventory
- E. Tower 30 Inventory
- F. VFIS Newsletter
- G. Letter correspondence with Finderne Rescue Squad re: \$100.00 donation (to be given to S. Spolarich)
- H. Letter correspondence with Pierce re: Safety recall
- I. Letter correspondence with Wex Bank re: Notice reduction for fuel charge amount
- J. Letter correspondence with Richard Braslow re: Pay to Play certification
- K. Letter correspondence with Chief Jannone re: 2018 LOSAP payments
- L. Letter correspondence with Somerset County Board of Elections Administrator re: Vote by mail ballots and changes in fire district elections
- M. Letter correspondence with SCPO

VI. Old Business

- A. Prosecutor's Office
 - 1. Update
- B. Commissioners cannot speak about Fire Department Activity to outside sources
 - 1. A. Kurdyla stated no member should state what the fire department will do
 - 2. S. Ally asked for clarification
 - 3. A. Kurdyla stated S. Ally stated the fire department will not participate in Fire Prevention at Adamsville
 - 4. S. Ally stated that is not what was said at all
 - 5. S. Ally stated she told the school it was unfair to expect volunteers to come out multiple days since people take off from work
 - 6. S. Ally stated the school needs to work in conjunction with the department to help the volunteers
 - 7. S. Ally stated she encouraged the school to work in conjunction with the FFD by having teachers prepare lessons and encourage students to have questions for fire department
 - 8. S. Ally stated she is owed an apology
 - 9. A. Kurdyla says he will amend what he said and thinks there should be better communication
 - 10. S. Ally stated the attacks on her reputation need to stop.

VII. New Business

- A. Resolutions
 - 2019-1
 - a. Authorizing Attorney appointment of Richard Braslow
Motion A. Ranallo; Second: C. Spolarich
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved
 - 2019-2

- a. Authorizing Accountant appointment of Ken Jinks
Motion A. Ranallo; Second: C. Spolarich
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved

2019-3

- a. Authorizing Auditor appointment of Urban and Jinks
Motion A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved

2019-4

- a. Authorizing Cash Management Plan at TD Bank
Motion A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved

2019-5

- a. Authorizing 2019 Regular Meeting Schedule being the last Wednesday of the month
Motion A. Ranallo; Second: S. Ally
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved

2019-6

- a. Authorizing Official Newspaper as the Courier News
Motion C. Spolarich; Second: A. Ranallo
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved

2019-7

- a. Approval of Payment of Claims (Bills) with two commissioners' signatures
Motion S. Ally; Second: C. Spolarich
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES

Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved
2019-8

- a. Designates a Surety Bond for Commissioners
Motion C. Spolarich; Second: A. Ranallo

Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved

B. 2018 LOSAP List

1. Report received from M. Jannone
2. 26 Individuals earned payment for year
3. One member resigned T. Connell – no Lincoln account disqualifies him for payment
4. Now payment will be \$25,000.00

Motion to approve payment A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff

Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved

C. Joint Board

1. A. Kurdyla reports 2 weeks prior to election notice was received about vote by mail ballot
2. Joint Board will meet 4/10/19

VIII. Chief's report

A. Apparatus Report

1. 301

- a. Repairs Made
A. No update
- b. Repairs Needed
A. One damaged seatbelt

A. 302

- a. Repairs Made
B. Out of Service for refurbishment – all equipment removed
- b. Repairs Needed
A. Officers TIC and vehicle charger \$3,530.00 Hydraulic Tool \$9,385.00

B. 303

- a. Repairs Made
A. No update
- b. Repairs Needed
A. Equipment still being mounted

3. Tower 30

- a. Repairs Made:
A. No update
- b. Repairs needed
A. Towed to Atlantic Diesel 2/24/19

4. Rescue 30

- a. Repairs:
 - A. No update
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. Problem with charging system
- 5. Mini Pumper
 - a. Repairs Made
 - A. None
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. Limited Service
- 6. Car 30
 - a. Repairs
 - A. No update
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. No update
- B. Fire Calls
 - 1. 27 calls in January
 - 2. Fire call man hours: 326
 - 3. Work detail, training and meeting hours: 716
 - 4. 27 calls in February
 - 5. Fire call man hours: 386
 - 6. Work detail, training and meeting hours: 728
- C. Pagers
 - 1. Switching back to strictly VHF effective 4/1/19
- D. Workman's Comp Claim
 - 1. T. Armstrong January 20, 2019
 - 2. Submitted to township
 - 3. T. Armstrong is back in full service 1.
- E. 2017 and 2018 LOSAP reports in
- C. Scott Pack tests complete
- D. Scott Packs delivered
- E. UL Annual Ground Ladder cert completed
- F. Grant for Hood granted for \$1,000 from NJ American Water
- G. Chief Jannone requests workshop
- H. Suggests moving to another company Technical Fire Service for yearly testing
- I. Waiting on further grant information – see report

IX. Presidents report

- A. Met with Patriots Organization re: Fireworks – extended agreement for 3 years
- B. Rent Agreement
 - 1. S. Spolarich asked A. Kurdyla for a copy of agreement
 - 2. A. Kurdyla cannot find a lease agreement
 - 3. A. Kurdyla found an agreement drafted in November, 2014 for \$48,500 per year
 - 4. If that is so, the Board owes \$2,000 per year for previous years
 - 5. A. Kurdyla found a signature page but doesn't know what agreement it is for
 - 6. A. Kurdyla proposes a workshop
 - 7. A. Kurdyla doesn't want to make a payment he's unsure of.
 - 8. Board is committed to making the payment – wants to make the right payment

9. A. Ruggini stated there was an agreement indicating a 2% increase each year – will look for paperwork

10. S. Spolarich is agreeable

X. New Members

None

XI. Resigning Members

None

XII. Status Changes

None

XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report

2018 Report Submitted

XIV. Public Portion

A. Motion to open to the public at 8:34 pm by A. Ranallo; Second – P. Orloff;
Motion unanimously approved.

1.) Matt Smith

606 Hayward Street

Bound Brook, NJ 08805

Stated S. Ally has an attitude

S. Ally stated she does not

Attack on S. Ally continued

Motion to close public portion of meeting at 8:37 pm to go back to public portion by P. Orloff; Second – A. Ranallo

. Motion unanimously approved.

XV. Adjourn meeting

A. Motion to adjourn the meeting to go to closed session 8:39 pm by A. Ranallo; Second
– P. Orloff;

Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on April 24, 2019 at
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Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally