

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

Minutes of Regular meeting  
1/15/2020

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 January 15, 2020 by Allen Kurdyla

- Salute to the flag.
- Moment of silence

**I. Roll call of Attendance:**

Allen Kurdyla; Anthony Ranallo; Carl Spolarich; Paul Orloff; Samantha Ally  
Chief Michael Jannone; President Steve Spolarich; Finderne Rescue Squad – no representative

**~Please silence all phones~**

**II. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept as printed: A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff (A. Kurdyla abstained)

Motion unanimously approved

The minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept as printed: P. Orloff; Second: C. Spolarich (S. Ally abstained)

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

Motion to pay speedway bill: A. Ranallo; Second: C. Spolarich

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

The monthly bills were distributed and reviewed in the treasurer's report.

A. Ranallo asked how many more lease payments – C. Spolarich said three more after this.

Bills: \$49,294.81

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

Motion unanimously approved

**V. Correspondence**

A. Letter correspondence with Gannett re: Courier notices

B. Letter correspondence with Gannett re: Home News Tribune notices

- C. Letter correspondence with Thomas Reuters re: advertisement
- D. Email correspondence with Courier News re: meeting notice ads
- E. Email correspondence with Courier News re: Budget ads
- F. Email correspondence with Daniel Ally re: Friday lawsuit
- G. FFD Chief Engineer's Report – December
- H. Letter correspondence with FFD re: 2019 LOSAP report
- I. Petition for A. Kurdyla for Office of Commissioner
- J. Email correspondence with USA Today Network re: mail-in ballot ad
- K. Email correspondence re: registration in the SAGE system
- L. Email correspondence with Somerset County Deputy County clerk re: district election expenses
- M. Letter correspondence with Nationwide re: invoice summary of member list
  - a. Will need a workshop to update list
- N. Letter correspondence with VFIS re: Friday lawsuit advisement
- O. Letter correspondence with M Jannone re: NFRS compliance

## VI. Old Business

- A. Fire Fines
  - 1. C. Spolarich asked for update
    - a. A. Kurdyla asked new administrator for update
    - b. Working with CFO to get matters handled
    - c. Seems to be agreement that fine money should go to districts
  - a. Rental Agreement
    - 1. C. Spolarich wants the verbal agreement in writing

## VII. New Business

- A. Friday Lawsuit
  - 1. District and Ex Chief Ally are being sued re: accident January 2018
  - 2. A. Kurdyla contacted VFIS about coverage
    - a. District and Ex Chief Daniel Ally, Sr. are covered by VFIS
  - 3. A. Kurdyla stated the board is not handling
  - 4. Coverage is 1,000,000 with a 5 million dollar rider
  - 5. A. Kurdyla will speak to Braslow about coverage amounts
  - 6. A. Kurdyla does not understand suit since the plaintiff walked away
  - 7. D. Ally asked if he is able to contact the attorney to set a meeting
    - a. A. Kurdyla said the attorney will contact him
    - b. Update your contact information
  - 8. Per VFIS you were driving the vehicle as chief of the department and were providing service to the township. You are covered since you were able to respond.
- B. County Clerk letter re: Election
  - a. Will have to use them for printing services
  - b. Will have to pay for postage at \$0.65 each
- C. 2020 Adopted Budget Resolution
  - a. Motion to adopt budget as introduced on December 18, 2019
  - b. 2020 budget \$656,247.  
\$621,139 to be raised by taxation

Motion to accept budget– A. Kurdyla  
 Roll Call vote:  
 Ranallo - YES  
 Spolarich - YES  
 Orloff - YES  
 Ally - YES  
 Kurdyla - YES  
 Motion unanimously approved
- D. 2019 LOSAP list payment for \$25,000
  - a. Motion for a roll call vote: C. Spolarich; Second: A. Ranallo  
 Roll Call vote:  
 Ranallo - YES

Spolarich - YES  
Orloff - YES  
Ally - YES  
Kurdyla - YES

## VIII. Chief's report

### A. Apparatus Report

#### 1. 301

- a. Repairs Made
  - A. All repairs completed
  - B. PM completed
- b. Repairs Needed
  - A. N/A

#### A. 302

- a. Repairs Made
  - A. All repairs completed
  - B. PM completed
- b. Repairs Needed
  - A. U/A

#### A. 303

- a. Repairs Made
  - A. All repairs completed
  - B. PM completed
- b. Repairs Needed
  - A. U/A

#### 3. Tower 30

- a. Repairs Made:
  - A. OUT OF SERVICE FOR REPAIRS AT FIRE AND SAFETY
- b. Repairs needed
  - A. N/A

#### 4. Rescue 30

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

#### 5. Mini Pumper

- a. Repairs Made
  - A. U/A
- b. Repairs needed
  - A. U/A

#### 6. Car 30

- a. Repairs
  - A. U/A
- b. Repairs needed

A. U/A

### B. Fire Calls

1. 32 calls in December
2. Fire call man hours: 571
3. Work detail, training and meeting hours: 911

### C. Bound Brook

1. 2 lengths of 5" hose need to be repaired

- D. Mini Pumper to be disposed of?
  - 1. M. Jannone wants to get rid of it and send out of the country
  - 2. A. Kurdyla would like more information
  - 3. Check about moving booster reel or buying a new

**IX. Presidents report**

- A. Application Christiano Godoy
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
  - b. Approved as a probationary member
- B. Status change:
  - a. Mike Jannone, Jr. back to active
- C. Exhaust system
  - a. Will have a company come in for estimate

**X. New Members**

None

**XI. Resigning Members**

None

**XII. Status Changes**

See above

**XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report**

No report

**XIV. Public Portion**

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:09 pm by A. Ranallo; Second – S. Ally;  
Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to close public portion of meeting at 8:10 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 8:11 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;  
Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on February 19, 2020 at  
Finderne Fire House  
672 East Main St  
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Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally