

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

Minutes of Regular meeting
2/19/2020

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 February 19, 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 January 15, 2020 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept as printed: A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff

Motion unanimously approved

III. Treasurer's Report

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

Motion to accept report– A. Ranallo; Second – S. Ally

Motion unanimously approved

IV. Presentation of Fire Department and Rescue Squad Bills

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

Bills: \$8,658.99

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

Motion unanimously approved

V. Correspondence

- A. Letter correspondence with Speedway re: Tax Exempt form renewal

VI. Old Business

A. Recruitment and Retention

- a. A. Kurdyla and A. Ranallo met with M. Jannone

- b. Will need to meet with attorney and accountant
- c. Will need to take further at another time
- B. Lawsuit
 - a. No new news

VII. New Business

- A. Election Results
 - a. Election held 2/15/2020
 - b. 49 vote in firehouse
 - c. 69 mail in
 - d. 2 late mail in ballots
 - e. Results were not sent to districts until Tuesday 2/18/2020
 - f. R. Booth got a write-in
- 1. Excelsior Hose Company
 - a. Inquiring about mini-pumper intentions
 - b. A. Kurdyla reached out to Braslow
 - c. Can be moved from Fire company to fire company
 - d. Would be a donation

VIII. Chief's report

- A. Apparatus Report
 - 1. 301
 - a. Repairs Made
 - A. No report
 - b. Repairs Needed
 - A. No report
 - A. 302
 - a. Repairs Made
 - A. No report
 - b. Repairs Needed
 - A. No report
 - A. 303
 - a. Repairs Made
 - A. No report
 - b. Repairs Needed
 - A. No report
 - 3. Tower 30
 - a. Repairs Made:
 - A. No report
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. No report
 - 4. Rescue 30
 - a. Repairs:
 - A. No report
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. No report
 - 5. Mini Pumper
 - a. Repairs Made
 - A. No report
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. No report
 - 6. Car 30
 - a. Repairs
 - A. No report

b. Repairs needed

A. No report

B. Fire Calls

1. 31 calls in January
2. Fire call man hours: 614
3. Work detail, training and meeting hours: 908

C. Air System of Engine 303 returned to Somerville Fire Department

D. Minitor VI inventory update

1. See attached

E. Begin scheduling PM's for apparatus, annual Scott flow test, hose test, ground ladder, pump test etc.

F. Knox Box

1. \$3,786 for installation when quote last sought
2. Key enables FD to enter any box in the district
 - a. Will enable tracking of when boxes are opened
3. A. Kurdyla – get it done.
4. A. Ranallo asked did they get inventory of Knox boxes?
 - a. No per M. Jannone

G. April 26, 2020

1. First live burn
2. Phase 5 simulator

H. St. Patrick's Day Parade

1. Request permission
Motion: A. Ranallo; Second: C. Spolarich

I. Request workshop re: Rescue 30

IX. Presidents report

A. Application Abigail Wojnar

- a. Social member application
- b. A. Kurdyla stated application must go through company
 - i. S. Spolarich said he's never had an application signed
 - ii. A. Kurdyla insists on signing off since she will be coming to scenes

B. Lease agreement:

- a. A. Kurdyla stated will get it done

X. New Members

None

XI. Resigning Members

None

XII. Status Changes

See above

XIII. FINDERNE RESCUE SQUAD REPORT

Yearly Report 369 calls for 2019

XIV. Public Portion

- A. Motion to open to the public at 7:50 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;
Motion unanimously approved.

1.) Mike Denney – inactive exempt member

12 North 5th Avenue

Manville, NJ 08835

How does district acquire funding?

- A. A. Kurdyla stated via taxes
- B. M. Denney - Is there a report?
 - 1. Yes an audit every year
- C. How does the budget compare to other districts?
 - 1. A. Kurdyla stated he does not pay attention closely
- D. Questions why there is no deputy chief's vehicle and not acquiring new apparatus regularly?
- E. How is the budget being used? Odd other districts can purchase new vehicles and Finderne does not?
- F. A. Kurdyla feels questions are pointed – all decisions are done with consideration of membership
- G. M. Denney stated he heard chief's vehicle was used with 40,000 miles
 - 1. A. Kurdyla stated it was not
 - 2. A. Ranallo stated he signed for it with 60 miles.
- H. C. Spolarich stated any budget change had to be explained to DCA this year

Motion to close public portion of meeting at 7:56 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 7:57 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich; Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on March 25, 2020 at
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Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally