

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

Minutes of Regular meeting
6/24/2020

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 June 24, 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

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the May 27, 2020 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

- *A. Kurdyla would like a change reflecting the February meeting discussed the removal of mini-pumper
Motion to accept minutes—A. Ranallo; Second – C. Spolarich
Motion unanimously approved

III. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for May 27, 2020 was distributed and reviewed.

- C. Spolarich later emailed the corrections
Motion to accept report– P. Orloff; 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.

June: Bills: \$4,267.48

- *A. Ranallo would like to add bill for Corbo's Repair for A/C in Rescue \$316.20

Motion to pay bills– A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff;
Motion unanimously approved

V. Correspondence

- A. Email correspondence with DCA re: Division of Local Government Services' quarterly newsletter
- B. Letter correspondence with Finderne Fire Department re: Chief Engineer's Report

VI. Old Business

- A. New Rescue
 - a. A. Ranallo, M. Jannone, and T. Marshall met to review bids
 - b. 2 qualifying responses out of 6
 - c. A. Kurdyla stated more information needs to be provided at future meetings
- B. Incentive Program
 - A. Kurdyla and M. Jannone have not met yet

VII. New Business

- A. Annuity
 - A. Kurdyla reached out to Lincoln to confirm roster
 - B. Waiting for confirmation from Lincoln for checks to be mailed

VIII. Chief's report – See attached

- A. Apparatus Report
 - 1. 301
 - a. Repairs Made
 - A. See attached
 - b. Repairs Needed
 - A. See attached
 - A. 302
 - a. Repairs Made
 - A. See attached
 - b. Repairs Needed
 - A. See attached
 - B. 303
 - a. Repairs Made
 - A. See attached
 - b. Repairs Needed
 - A. See attached
 - 3. Tower 30
 - a. Repairs Made:
 - A. See attached
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. See attached
 - 4. Rescue 30
 - a. Repairs:
 - A. See attached
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. see attached
 - 6. Car 30
 - a. Repairs
 - A. see attached
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. see attached
- B. Fire Calls
 - 1. 15 calls in May
 - 2. Fire call man hours: 195
 - 3. Work detail, training and meeting hours: 379
- C. Covid-19
 - 1. Work details will resume following CDC guidelines

- D. County Fuel
 - 1. Being used currently
 - 2. Meets low sulfur requirements
 - 3. C. Spolarich mentioned not using the Speedway account will lower the available line of credit
- E. Professional Detail
 - Almost fully completed
- F. Comments by T. Marshall:
 - Re: Deputy Chief command vehicle.
 - Purchase 2001 Durango from East Franklin
 - See attached proposal
 - A. Ranallo and T. Marshall will workshop

IX. Presidents report

None

- A. Kurdyla thanks S. Spolarich for hosting meeting at FFD

X. New Members

N/A

XI. Resigning Members

N/A

XII. Status Changes

N/A

XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report

No report

XIV. Public Portion

- A. Motion to open to the public at 7:56 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;
Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to close public portion of meeting at 7:57 pm to go back to public portion by S. Ally; Second – A. Ranallo

- . Motion unanimously approved.

XV. Adjourn meeting

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm by P. Orloff; Second – A. Ranallo;
Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on July 29, 2020 at
Finderne Fire House
672 East Main St
Bridgewater, NJ 08806

Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally

June 24, 2020

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHIEFS REPORT

CHIEF ENGINEERS REPORT

The department is beginning to resume some operations within the guidelines established by the amended Executive Order. Work details are resuming following social distancing practices. Drills will be conducted following appropriate practices. Response to calls for service will follow established protocol that preceded the pandemic. These changes will be monitored as the Covid situation evolves. Weekly reporting to the Division of Fire Safety seems to have ceased at this point.

All the apparatus including the rescue squad has been updated to utilize the county fuel system. Each apparatus now has two keys to complete the fueling process. Apparently at the change of title with the ambulances the proper registrations were never completed. This has been corrected. All the district equipment has also been bar coded to comply with an upgrade the county will be completing for fuel services. Currently only the Hillsborough facility utilizes the bar code system. I have also forwarded to the Chairman and Commissioner Ranallo the fuel certification certificate from the distributor of the diesel fuel for the county showing the fuel meets the low sulfur requirements. It will be up to the Board if after the Speedway project is completed where the apparatus will be fueled.

All the apparatus has been detailed except for the actual ladder device on Tower 30. This will be completed on Thursday or Friday weather permitting. The reason for the delay is the ladder rails must be re-greased immediately after the work is completed along with applying silicone spray on the wire cables, pulleys, and the water way. I believe it is in the best interest of the district to have all the apparatus professionally detailed once a year to protect the investment and to ease the burden on the volunteers. I request Engine 302 be detailed in the fall prior to the winter months. Tower 30's aerial testing with non-destructive magnetic testing was also completed with no reported issues.

The final report on hose testing has been received. A total of 470 feet of hose has failed. The majority of failures appears to be coupling leakage. The company that services our extrication equipment also is the company that repairs our hose. Once they are scheduled it will be determined if the hose can be repaired or replacement on some of it will be requested.

1 3/8" – 150' 2 1/2" – 300' 5" – 20' (Pony Section)

Annual fire extinguisher service and certification has been completed and air pack flow test certification will commence on July 1, 2020.

Three gas detectors will have their semi-annual calibration completed.

The nozzles for the standardization project on Engines 301/303 and Tower 30 are in the process of completion. The nozzles have been ordered and delivery is pending.

I am presently working on recommendations to the Board regarding the Incentive Program for the department. I will have them completed by the July meeting.

Discussion on how the Rescue replacement project is going to proceed.

Deputy Chief Command Vehicle Proposal

This proposal is being presented in an attempt to look into the purchase of a Deputy Chief Command Vehicle. This Command Vehicle would be utilized to supplement Car 30. Below is a short list of reasons a second Command Vehicle will be beneficially to the operation of the fire department and the safety of the public.

- Safety on scene due to sufficient emergency warning lights specifically when operating in the roadway.
- Is essential at incidents requiring a Command Post when Car 30 isn't on scene. Having two Command Vehicles better the chance of a sufficient Command Post being established.
- Carries essential equipment that a personal vehicle cannot, such as a fire extinguisher, bolt cutters, irons, preplans, emergency contact information, etc.
- Can be used to transport additional firefighters to the scene or swap out firefighters during a prolonged incident.
- Allows a Chief Officer to arrive on scene quicker to assess the incident and provide immediate emergency assistance.
- Provides a Command Vehicle in Finnerde when Car 30 is on a mutual aid assignment.

Departments in Somerset County with Deputy Chief Command Vehicles as per County Dispatch:

- All Bridgewater companies (6)
- All Franklin companies (10)
- All Hillsborough companies (3)
- Bound Brook FD
- Somerville FD
- Raritan FD
- Manville FD (3 Command Vehicles)
- Warren FD
- Watchung FD
- Far Hills-Bedminster FD
- Pottersville FD

Currently, we have an opportunity to purchase a 2001 Dodge Durango from East Franklin Fire Department. The vehicle is equipped with lights and siren for the price of \$1,500. If a decision is made to move forward with the need of an additional Command Vehicle, I would like to have a workshop meeting to discuss the purchase in further detail (Lettering, maintenance, radio install) and a full presentation on the Command Vehicle will be presented at the next board meeting.

We recently received a \$4,083.93 check from AirGas for a Haz-Mat incident in December of 2019. If this money is available, I believe this project could be completed using these funds.