

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

Minutes of Regular meeting
10/28/2020

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 October 28, 2020 by Allen Kurdyla.

- Salute to the flag.
- Moment of Silence

I. Roll call of Attendance:

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

Vacancy on the Board

Sharon Fell

Resident of Deerhead Drive

Member of Ladies Auxiliary of South Bound Brook

Term October, 2020-March, 2021

Motion to accept recommendation of S. Fell to the Board: C.Spolarich 2:nd: P. Orloff

Kurdyla-Yes

Orloff-Yes

Spolarich-Yes

Ally - abstain

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the August 26, 2020 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes–P. Orloff; Second – C. Spolarich (S. Fell abstained)

Motion unanimously approved

The minutes of the September 30, 2020 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes–P. Orloff; Second – C. Spolarich (S. Ally & S. Fell abstained)

Motion unanimously approved

III. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for October 28, 2020 was distributed and reviewed.

TD Balance: \$613,376.30

Money Markey account balance: \$1,194,035.81

Motion to accept report– S. Ally; Second – P. Orloff
Motion unanimously approved

IV. Presentation of Fire Department and Rescue Squad Bills

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

October: Bills: \$15,824.08

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

V. Correspondence

- A. Email Correspondence with S. Ally re: Minutes and Budget
- B. Email about Joint Board

VI. Old Business

- A. Lincoln Applications
 - a. A. Kurdyla to S. Spolarich – applications received?
 - b. Waiting for one
 - c. If not received by next month, the rest should be processed
- B. Rescue Replacement
 - A. Former Commissioner and Committee Co-Chair Anthony Ranallo sent a letter per M. Jannone
 - a. M. Jannone read the letter
 - B. M. Jannone read his letter of opinion (see attached)
 - C. No comments
 - D. Motion to accept recommendation of committee to move forward with Fire and Safety: C. Spolarich Second: P. Orloff
 - Motion approved
 - Can move forward with Fire and Safety

VII. New Business

- A. Finance Board Changes to Budget process
 - a. All to be done electronically
 - b. 2 board members must sign in and be registered with the state
 - 1. Treasurer and Secretary
 - c. K. Jinks will do most of the work
 - d. A. Kurdyla - find out Jinks thoughts about the process
 - 1. Is he considered an employee?
 - 2. C. Spolarich – he is on retainer
 - e. Budget will be presented in an Xcel format
- B. Joint Board Meeting
 - a. October 15, 2020
 - b. Get the board back together due to changes in budget process
 - c. All districts concerned
 - d. Every board in Bridgewater uses Jinks as a financial accountant

VIII. Chief's report – See attached

- A. Apparatus Report and Chief's report- See attached
- B. Fire Calls
 - 1. 27 calls in September
 - 2. Fire call man hours: 287
 - 3. Work detail, training and meeting hours: 520
- C. M. Jannone read his letter re: Rescue Replacement
- D. 2nd Chief's Vehicle
 - 1. Re: June 24, 2020
 - 2. 2008 Chevy Suburban
 - 3. 78,000 miles
 - 4. October 13 mechanic inspected the vehicle

5. \$18,000 asking price
6. Estimated \$12,318-\$15,319
7. Equipment included offer-\$16,500.
8. Discussion ensued
9. Motion for purchase: A. Kurdyla Second: P. Orloff
 - a. Fell – Yes
 - b. Spolarich – No
 - c. Orloff – Yes
 - d. Ally – No
 - e. Kurdyla – YesMotion passes by 3:2

IX. Presidents report

- A. Status changes/ Resignations/ New Member applications:
 - a. J. Spolarich resigned immediately
 - b. A. Gillespie – corporate member
 - c. Pietrowitz – inactive exempt
 - d. Trent Delamater. – resigning 12/8/20
 - e. Pope – 90 day leave of absence
 - f. C. Stitley – corporate member
- B. Smoking Ban changed to tobacco free in the building (includes e-cigarettes)

X. New Members

See Above

XI. Resigning Members

See Above

XII. Status Changes

See Above

XIII. FINDERNE RESCUE SQUAD REPORT

No report

XIV. Public Portion

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:30 pm by S. Ally; Second – P. Orloff
Motion unanimously approved.

Dave Bereheiko
7 Deerhead Drive
Bound Brook, NJ

Just bought a deputy chief's car – does the assistant chief not matter? Not in favor of the purchase.

Motion to close public portion of meeting at 8:32 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 at 8:33 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;
Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on November 18, 2020 at
Finderne Fire House
672 East Main St

Bridgewater, NJ 08806

Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally