

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

Minutes of Regular meeting  
8/26/2020

**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 August 26, 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 June 24, 2020 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes–P. Orloff; Second – A. Ranallo

Motion unanimously approved

The minutes of the July 29, 2020 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

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

Motion unanimously approved

**III. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for August 26, 2020 was distributed and reviewed.

2019 Audit completed

Wex/Speedway discussion about billing date cannot be moved

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.

**August:** Bills: \$1,563.68

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

Motion unanimously approved

**V. Correspondence**

A. Letter correspondence with ACORD re: Certificate of Liability Insurance

- B. Letter Correspondence with Urban and Jinks re: Budget
- C. Letter Correspondence with Township re: Budget
- D. Letter Correspondence with re: Certification of Assets
- E. Letter Correspondence with County re: Budget

## VI. Old Business

- A. LOSAP
  - a. 2017, 2018, and 2019 payments made on August 24, 2020
  - b. \$71,000 total in payments
- B. Detailing
  - A. Car 30 and 302 approved last month

## VII. New Business

- A. LOSAP
  - a. Paid \$71,000 for three years
  - b. Also have maintenance fees
  - c. Hard to confirm how many accounts listed.
  - d. A. Kurdyla wants approval to pay \$3,100 for fees applied to maintenance of accounts.
    - 1. No comments
    - 2. Motion to pay: A. Ranallo; Second- C. Spolarich
 Motion approved
- B. VFIS 24/7 Program
  - a. Roster given to Chief and President for review
  - b. A. Kurdyla wants to meet after meeting to confirm roster received from Secretary Longo
  - c. Due September 4, 2020 to VFIS
- C. Harleysville \$10,000 Life policy
  - a. Need to review roster for policy
  - b. Has old members no longer active and new members not on roster
  - c. A. Kurdyla would like to review this roster in conjunction with VFIS roster
  - d. A. Kurdyla would like to pick up a life policy on members
- D. DCA email re: district budgets and capital funds
  - a. A. Kurdyla does not understand email
  - b. A. Kurdyla wants to contact account and attorney to confirm District 4 is on the right track for Rescue – no surprises
    - 1. Will report on findings next month
- E. LOSAP guidelines
  - a. Adopted 3/28/18
  - b. A. Kurdyla could not find 75 point criteria
    - 1. Revised guidelines to include qualifying line to spell out 75 points
    - 2. M. Jannone says it was in there all along
    - 3. A. Kurdyla stated he added line to specify the 75 points
  - c. A. Kurdyla added the board will pay the account maintenance fees
- F. Rescue
  - a. A. Ranallo stated meeting held July 30, 2020 with Absolute Fire for presentation (Jannone, Kurdyla, Ranallo)
  - b. Meeting held August 5, 2020 with Pierce presentation (Jannone, Kurdyla, Ranallo, Bereheiko)
  - c. Meeting held August 12, 2020 with Seagrave of NJ (Jannone, Kurdyla, Ranallo)
  - d. Focusing on after sale of the truck
  - e. August 25, 2020 – workshop meeting to discuss vendors
    - 1. Concluded they want to pay visits to facilities
    - 2. Want to look at a similar truck in person – talk to company who received a similar truck to review service so far

## VIII. Chief's report – See attached

- A. Apparatus Report - See attached
- B. Fire Calls

1. 40 calls in July
  2. Fire call man hours: 485
  3. Work detail, training and meeting hours: 679
- C. Ordered Nozzles delivered
1. Used in Live burn – happy with nozzles
- D. Request meeting for equipment for Rescue project
1. Equipment 20-30 years old
  2. Better to replace it now and not wait for Rescue
  3. Will be transferred to new truck
  4. Quote received \$67,512.90
- Motion for purchase: C. Spolarich; Second- P. Orloff  
Motion approved
- E. Inspection
1. October 3, 2020
  2. FFD voted to not stand for manpower inspection - just attend picnic
    - a. Waiting to see vote of other companies
- F. Request for A. Gillespie to receive \$100 for fire call personal vehicle use.
1. Motion: C. Spolarich – Second: A. Ranallo
  2. Motion approved
- G. 2021 Budget
1. Other equipment can be replaced on Rescue going forward

#### **IX. Presidents report**

- A. Status changes/ Resignations/ New Member applications:
- a. D. Pietrowitz – change to corporate tabled at last company meeting
  - b. A. Palmari – resigning
  - c. Michael Nelson – application accepted on one reading
  - d. James Rice – new application 1 reading – Pearl St. residence
  - e. Marion Soloman – new application 1 reading – J. Soloman father
  - f. Mikayla Long - Jr. Member – Shady Lane – cannot ride due to age
- B. Letter: from a small child re: Somerville fire
- a. S. Spolarich will reach out to family to offer some token
- C. Personnel issue
- a. Motion to go to closed session: C. Spolarich - Second: A. Ranallo 8:09 p.m.

#### **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 8:16 pm by S. Ally; Second – A. Ranallo  
Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to close public portion of meeting at 8:17 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 8:18 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;  
Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally