

**Board of Fire Commissioners
FIRE DISTRICT # 4
672 EAST MAIN STREET
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2022**

Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Allen Kurdyla, Sharon Fell, Carl Spolarich, Mijett Long, Paul Orloff – absent.
Finderne Fire Department: Chief Tommy Marshall Jr., Assistant Chief Christian Fernandez, President Steve Spolarich.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting December 15, 2021 & January 19, 2022, accepted as presented.
Motion to accept December 15, 2021: S. Fell.
Second by C. Spolarich.
Motion to accept: January 19, 2022: S. Fell.
Second by C. Spolarich.
Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which he had reviewed with Chief Marshall.
Total of bills to be paid is \$ 7,135.27 (includes 1 snow standby)
Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report
Motion to pay the bills was made by: M. Long
Second by: S. Fell
Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Unofficial report of election results: Sharon Fell – 116 votes, Deborah Brightbill – 116 votes,
Fire Budget –100 yes, 24 – no. 100 mail in ballots.

Thank you to Christian Fernandez and Cristiano Godoy for manning the election station.

Still no news on the status of fire fines.

NEW BUSINESS:

LOSAP- \$18,000.00 to be distributed amongst 17 members. Alex Misciagna needs to complete his application for LOSAP.

LOSAP Invoice to pay (when received):

Motion to pay invoice: S. Fell.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

40 calls, 734 Man Hours – Report attached

- 5 members provided overnight in-house coverage on 1/27/2022 during the snowstorm.
- Alex Gillespie, Mike Beninato, Winnicott Medrano, Steve Spolarich & Tim Dorsey have been measured for new turnout gear.
- Chief Engineer Misciagna contacted Fire & Safety today who advised the radiator is still on back order with an unknown delivery date. Bay space has been reserved for April 4th, 2022, in hopes the radiator will be delivered by then.
- The annual blood borne pathogen/right to know/Haz-Mat refresher has been completed.
- Capt. Solomon and FF Lowmaster conducted training on our recently purchased Arcair Cutting Torch. An additional Oxygen bottle was purchased for the unit. Additional cutting rods will need to be purchased but are currently on back order.
- Upcoming Fire Department Events:
 - Sunday, March 6, 2022, @ 4p.m.-Chief Isakon County Fire Tactics at Station 26.
 - Sunday, March 13, 2022 @ 1:30 p.m. – Annual Somerville St. Patrick's Day Parade.
 - Monday, March 14, 2022 @ 7 p.m. – FIT testing
 - Tuesday, March 15, 2022 @ 7 p.m. – RIC Awareness at Somerset Fire Academy
 - Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 7 p.m. – Township Wide Reading Smoke training at Finderne FD.
 - Saturday, March 26, 2022 @ 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. RIC team for Franklin D1 live burn.
 - Saturday, April 2, 2022 @ 8 a.m. – Paratech training at Finderne FD
 - Technical Fire Services has been contacted and is in the process of setting dates for the yearly pump/area/hose and ladder testing.
 - NJ Fire Equipment was also contacted and is in the process of setting a date for the yearly SCBA flow testing.
 - Wawa has installed Tesla supercharging station in their lot. Assistant Chief Fernandez will be reaching out to set up training on it.
 - Assistant Chief Fernandez and Ex-Chief Jannone attended a walkthrough of the Delaney Project on Frontier Road with Bridgewater OEM. This is an ongoing effort to better preplan for an emergency on this property.

- The NJ American water grant for 5 Milwaukee Light Towers has been completed.
- Chief Marshall is requesting a new computer for the Chief's office. The current computer is extremely slow.
Motion to approve a new computer for the chief's office: C. Spolarich.
Second by: S. Fell
Unanimously approved.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Spolarich reported the fire company sent out letters for low responders to declare their intentions of commitment to the FD by the July meeting.

- New Member – Al Kriney (Gavin Plant's grandfather).
- Resigning members – None
- Status changes – None

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 7:59 PM

Motion by Commissioner C. Spolarich

Second by Commissioner S. Fell

Unanimously Approved.

No one to be heard.

Motion to close by M. Long.

Second by S. Fell.

Unanimously Approved at 8:01 PM

Adjournment

Chairman Kurdyla asked if anyone had any other business to be heard

Motion to close by S. Fell.

Second by M. Long

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary