

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 27, 2022**

Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Allen Kurdyla, Sharon Fell, Carl Spolarich, Mijett Long and Debbie Brightbill.

Finderne Fire Department: Chief Thomas Marshall, Jr., Asst. Chief Fernandez, and President Steve Spolarich.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting March 30, 2022, accepted as presented.

Motion to accept: S. Fell.

Second by D. Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.

He reported a balance of \$\$ 1,291,771.08. in District Accounts.

Motion to accept: S. Fell.

Second by: P. Orloff.

Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which he had reviewed with Chief Marshall.

Total of bills to be paid is \$6,141.29.

Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report

Motion to pay the bills was made by M. Long.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NJSTDD – GRANT

NJ Fire Association membership fees due \$300.00

OLD BUSINESS:

No follow up from the town about fire fines.

NEW BUSINESS:

County First Tactics prepay \$2,500.00 for seminar (total \$4500) includes air fare and lodging for the speaker. The total of the seminar is to be split between all the other Fire Departments in Bridgewater. Chief Marshall will be emailing the other FDs to confirm participation. FINDERNE Fire Department will pay the deposit.

Motion to pay deposit: S. Fell.

Seconded by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

25 calls, 577 Man Hours – Report attached

- Saturday, April 30, 2022 -10 am to 1 pm. Healthy Kid Day at TD Bank Ball Park
- Monday, May 2, 2022 – 7 Pm Search Drill @ Somerville Tower
- Scheduled Chief Isakson from county Fire Tactics for an 8-hour training seminar on October 22, 2022. The total cost is \$4500.00, and the details are explained in new business.
- Car 30B had work done to fix the headlights and new brakes. It will be at Bridgewater Chevy for a recall as well. A 5-year replacement program was discussed when the vehicle was purchased.
- Requesting a workshop to discuss moving forward with the previously discussed replacement plan.
- Contacted Fullerton Ford regarding a recall on Utility 30.
- Contacted Winner Ford, Alan Zimmerman, regarding the issue with the backup sensor on Utility 30. No return phone call.
- Tower 30 returned from Fire & Safety and is back in service.
- Rescue 30 committee is set for a pre-construction visit to Pierce in July 2022.
- Hose testing was completed, and the report is attached. New Hose will need to be ordered along with attempting to fix some of the hose that failed.
- Art Akins provided a quote to detail all apparatus except for Car 30B. The quote is consistent with last year at \$3,325.00.
- No return call from Jerry Naylis regarding ladder and pump testing.
- We need a vendor to conduct our aerial testing.
- Received a quote from M&W communications for the purchase of tri-band mobile radio for Utility 30. The price is \$7,327.25 installation included. All pricing is state contract. Delivery time is up to 4 months.
- Radio bands were discussed at the Somerset County Chief's meeting. Dave Frauenhiem believes that the UHF trunk system will be offline in 3 years.

- On 4/6/2022 Finderne Fire Department responded to a gas leak on RT. 22 involving the electric division of PSE&G. We responded at 9:49 and cleared at 3:00 p.m. Chief Marshall contacted OEM Edwards and advised him of the incident. He stated he did not believe this incident fell under the Township's Ordinance for reimbursement.
- Requested a closed-door meeting after the close of the public meeting.

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 – "AJ" Hartmann.
- Resigning members – None
- Status changes – None

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 8:11 PM

Motion by Commissioner: M. Long.

Second by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously Approved.

Ex. Chief Michael Jannone – 641 Vosseller Ave., Bound Brook, N.J. 08805 – Requesting a pre-construction committee for the new rescue (6 members) to go to Pierce in Wisconsin.

Motion to close by: C. Spolarich.

Second by: S. Fell.

Unanimously Approved at 8:28 PM

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: C Spolarich.

Second by: S. Fell.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary