

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 25, 2022

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Finderne Fire Department:

Chief Thomas Marshall, Jr., Asst. Chief Fernandez, and President Steve Spolarich.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting April 27, 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 \$ 1,264,936.18. in District Accounts.

Motion to accept: S. Fell.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which have been reviewed with Chief Marshall.

Total of bills to be paid is \$92,797.69.

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:

1st and 2nd quarter taxes are \$145,608.32

Still working one fire fines with the township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharon's application for Notary is in the mail.

2021 Audit complete – no recommendations.

Motion to accept the recommendations: C. Spolarich.

Seconded by: S. Fell.

Unanimously approved.

Records Assistant to the chief – Mr. Kurdyla meet with Ex. Chief Jannone to discuss working as a contracted employee to assist the current chief to maintain and file all reports at a contracted rate of \$10,000 per year. Ex. Chief Jannone approximates it will be 10 hours per week.

Motion to accept records assistant for the chief: M. Long

Seconded by: S. Fell.

Unanimously approved.

ROLE CALL VOTE:

Sharon Fell - YES

Debbie Brightbill – YES

Carl Spolarich – YES

Mijett Long – YES

Allen Kurdyla – YES

CHIEFS REPORT:

39 calls, 856 Man Hours – Report attached

- Monday, May 30th – Bridgewater Township Memorial Day Parade
- Monday, June 6th, @ 6:30 p.m. – Big Rig Rescue training hosted by Somerville FD.
- All Fire chiefs from the township have confirmed paying \$750.00 for the October training seminar.
- Continuing to work with PSE&G on emergency gate access on Sebring Avenue.
- Four members have completed RIC Awareness and Operations training at the training academy.
- Car 30B was taken to Bridgewater Chevy for a recall repair. Repair was made and car 30B is back in service.
- Requests a workshop to discuss the replacement plan for a vehicle.
- On May 23, 2022, Utility 30 was taken to Fullerton Ford for a recall repair. Repair was complete and back in service.
- Place a phone call to Tasc Fire Apparatus, Inc. regarding our failed hose, no returned call.
- I will have a list of hose needed at the next meeting.
- Contacted Approved Fire Protection to schedule the yearly fire extinguisher inspection for June.

- UL was contacted for aerial ladder inspection on Tower 30. Non-Destructive (NDT) will be performed on 6/21/22. A qualified driver must be present for the testing. The driver will be compensated \$100 for the day.
- Ground ladder and pump testing was completed on May 17, 2022, by Technical Fire Services, Inc. No written report or invoice was provided.
- On April 6, 2022, Fire station 30 responded to a gas leak on Rt. 22 involving PSE&G electric division who struck a gas line underground. The call started at 9:49 a.m. and didn't clear to almost 3:00 p.m. Several members responded and missed a day or work. I am looking for assistance to have our members reimbursed for their time according to FEMA pay guide that has been used in past incidents.
- As of April 30, 2022, we have responded to 131 emergency calls for service in 2022. Below is the breakdown of hours from 1/1/2022 – 4/30/2022:
 - 1,349-man hours spent on emergency calls.
 - 805-man hours spent on work details and meetings.
 - 508-man hours spent on drills and training.
- A total of 2,662-man hours have been spent by the men and women of Finderne Fire Department in 120 days. This equates to 665.5-man hours a month or 155-man hours per week.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Spolarich reports: Three applications for new members. 2 full members and 1 junior member.

- New Member – Upon approval - Annabelle Tindle, Michael Cano, Justin Hartman (Jr member).
- Resigning members – None
- Status changes – None

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 7:57 PM

Motion by Commissioner: D. Brightbill.

Second by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously Approved.

No activity from the floor.

Motion to close by: C. Spolarich.

Second by: S. Fell.

Unanimously Approved at 7:58 PM

Commissioner Kurdyla opened a closed-door meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Motion to Accept: Debbie Brightbill.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously Approved.

Adjournment

Chairman Kurdyla asked if anyone had any other business to be heard
Motion to close by: C Spolarich.
Second by: D. Brightbill.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary