

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 30, 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: A. Kurdyla, S. Fell, C. Spolarich, M, Long, D. Brightbill.
Finderne Fire Department: Chief Thomas Marshall Jr., Deputy Chief Binkley, President Steve Spolarich.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting October 26, 2022, accepted as presented.
Motion to accept: D. Brightbill.
Second by: S. Fell.
Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.
He reported a balance of \$1,582,054.82 in all district accounts.
Motion to accept: M. Long.
Second by: S. Fell.
Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which he had reviewed with Chief Marshall.
Total of bills to be paid is \$ 164,012.36.
Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report
Motion to pay the bills was made by S. Fell.
Second by: D. Brightbill.
Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Us Dept of Commerce is requesting an updated census.
- Received a solicitation from Holmes and Mc Dowell regarding insurance programs

OLD BUSINESS:

- Lincoln Financial – we have asked them to provide an invoice for the fees for members for payment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Purchase of Grip Hoists for heavy rescue operations at \$4,000.
Motion to purchase hoist: C. Spolarich.
Seconded by: S. Fell.
Unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Allen Kurdyla - YES
Sharon Fell - YES
Debbie Brightbill - YES
Carl Spolarich - YES
Mijett Long - YES

- Budget meeting with Chief. Commissioner Kurdyla will schedule a meeting with Chief Marshall, meeting date TBD.
- Commissioner Kurdyla would like to schedule a meeting with Pierce Fruendhiem. Ex. Chief Jannone is asked to be in attendance, meeting TBD.

CHIEFS REPORT:

28 calls, 819 Man Hours – Report attached

- Saturday 12/3 – Somerville FD light parade
- Wednesday 12/7 – Live burn hosted by Somerville FD
- Wednesday 12/7, Thursday 12/8 and Saturday 12/8 – Santa Run
- Chief Isakson seminar complete on 11/20/22. Each department was reminded about the \$750 payment for the seminar.
- Request to purchase two Grip Hoists needed for heavy rescue operations. (Voted on under new business)
- AFG Grant is pending.
- Requesting a workshop meeting prior to the December board meeting to discuss items for next years budget.
- Request for family members to ride in the truck for the Somerville Light Parade.
Motion to allow family members on truck: Carl Spolarich.
Seconded by: Sharon Fell.
Unanimously accepted.

Roll Call Vote:

Allen Kurdyla - YES
Carl Spolarich - YES
Sharon Fell - YES
Debbie Brightbill - YES
Mijett Long - YES

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Spolarich reported the following:

- New Member – None
- Resigning members – Matt Smith, Rob Petrusky, Josh Carlton and Mike Nelson.
Pending Alex Gillespie (approved next meeting)
- Status changes – None
- FINDERNE Fire Department 2023 Nominations (attached)
Motion to accept nominations: Allen Kurdyla
Seconded by: Debbie Brightbill.
Unanimously approved.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

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

Motion by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: M. Long.

Unanimously Approved.

Ex. Chief Michael Jannone – 641 Vosseller Avenue, Bound Brook, NJ 08805 –

- 1) Asked the question if we have ever changed the order of business? He feels that the chief is the most important person in attendance and when he has request it should be addressed during his report.

The board of commissioners has not changed the order of business. As far back as 2011, the order of business has been constant.

- 2) Ex. Chief Jannone raised questions about encumbered spending.

Commissioner Kurdyla will reach out to our accountant to get the correct answer.

Motion to close by: Debbie Brightbill.

Second by: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously Approved at 8:14 PM

Adjournment

Chairman Kurdyla asked if anyone had any other business to be heard. Hearing and seeing none.

Motion to close by: S. Fell.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary