

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 22, 2023

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, Carl Spolarich, Debbie Brightbill, Mijett Long and Sharon Fell.

Finderne Fire Department: Chief Keith Binkley, Deputy Chief Fernandez – late, President Steve Spolarich.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting January 18, 2023, accepted as presented.

Motion to accept: Sharon Fell.

Second by: Debbie Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.

He reported a balance of \$1,565,410.36 in all District Accounts.

Motion to accept: Sharon Fell.

Second by: Debbie Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

Total of bills to be paid is \$ 58,252.86.

Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report.

Motion to pay the bills was made by: Debbie Brightbill.

Second by: Sharon Fell.

Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

26 calls, 483 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activations – 16
- Smoke conditions - 2
- Gas leaks - 2
- Wire Fire – 1
- Fire – 1

- Animal Rescue – 1
- Mutual Aid (21,34,37)
- Call - 230
- Work detail hours – 119
- Training – 72
- Meetings – 33
- Misc. Detail – 29

\$5,390.95 for Grip hoists – for lifting and pulling capacity for higher end vehicle.

ESI equipment \$3,425.00 needed for rescue. It is needed to here prior to the arrival of the rescue. The turn around time is 30 days. P.O. will be brought to the March 2023 meeting.

Hose and apparatus testing needed – Chief Binkley recommends UL for testing. Discussion back and forth among Chief Binkley and the board about having UL do the ladder and aerial because TSI doesn't do it and to have TSI do the bump and engines.

Reliant Fire hose testing - \$2,864.40.

Old equipment – radios, pagers, old laptops, a breakdown was provided (all in the captains office) it can be worked on the next couple of weeks.

St. Patrick's Day parade – families are allowed.

Motion to allow families on the apparatus for St. Patrick's Day by: Carl Spolarich
Seconded by: Sharon Fell.

Roll call vote.

- SHARON Fell - yes
- Debbie Brightbill - yes
- Carl Spolarich - yes
- Allen Kurdyla - yes
- Mijett Long - yes

95 EMS

NO ambulance squad was available to us for the structure fire in Finderne Heights.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member – None
- Resigning members – None
- Status changes – Ryan Faircloth
- Current LoSap membership needed.
- Commissioner Kurdyla President Spolarich to check the office for the Lincoln Financial application.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Vote results – Total votes cast – 135, Commissioner Kurdyla – 128, Budget Yes 100, No 33, and Referendum Yes 125; No 10.

- New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts (attached)
- Lincoln Financial Group participant Summary by Investment report. (attached)
- Acknowledgement of fire district commissioner salaries. (attached)
- Application for the FEMA FY22 Assistance to Firefighters (attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Unofficial report of election results:
 - 135 votes cast.
 - 100 – yes budget
 - 33 – no budget
 - Referendum: Yes, No 10

Commissioner Kurdyla stated he would have liked to see more voting participation from the fire department.

Thank you to Ray Booth, Christiano Godoy and Christian Fernandez for manning the elections.

If you have any questions about LoSap accounts, please reach out to Commissioner Kurdyla.

Once the budget is approved – Chief Binkley will order bottles and packs.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 8:13 PM.

Motion by Commissioner: Carl Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: Sharon Fell.

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: Debbie Brightbill.

Second by: Sharon Fell.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary