

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 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, Captain Ruscetta, and President Steve Spolarich.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting March 29, 2023, accepted as presented.

Motion to accept: Carl Spolarich.

Second by: Debbie Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.

He reported a balance of \$1,493,118.98 in all District Accounts.

Motion to accept: Debbie Brightbill.

Second by: Sharon Fell.

Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which he had reviewed with Administrator Jannone.

The total of bills to be paid is \$ 17,143.79.

Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report.

The motion to pay the bills was made by: Mijett Long.

Second by: Sharon Fell.

Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

33 calls, 661 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activations – 9
- Smoke conditions - 2
- Wire Fire – 1

- Motor Vehicle Fires - 2
- PD Assist – 1
- Odor of Gas – 1
- Elevator Emergency – 1
- Mutual Aid (22, 23, 26, 27, 34, 37, 42, 43, 49, 61)
- Tower 30 has had its pump test and ladder test completed by UL. The report is to follow. Fire and Safety will make repairs during the annual preventative maintenance.
- Hose testing was completed, and the report was forwarded to the board. 2,025 ft of hose failed. Will work to see what needs to be purchased in the next month.
- Four sets of gear to be purchased through 1st Choice Safety Equipment with each set costing \$3,804.46. Takes about 19-24 weeks for delivery. A list of members getting the new gear will be provided at next month's meeting. Quote is attached.

Motion to buy up to 4 sets of new turnout gear: Sharon Fell.

Seconded by: Debbie Brightbill.

All in Favor.

- Request to purchase a standpipe connection kit for Engine 302. The cost would be \$4,824.29 through Water Supply Innovations. Quote is attached.

Motion to purchase one standard standpipe set: Sharon Fell.

Seconded by: Carl Spolarich.

All in Favor.

- The grip hoist, sling links and gas detectors were ordered and have been delivered.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member – Robert Simpkins – 10 years' experience.
- Resigning members – None
- Status changes – Ryan Faircloth – failed to return FD equipment. Trustee Long retrieved only the charger for the pager. Mr. Faircloth's car was impounded and crushed several months prior with the pager in the car. The FD would like the board to decide to move forward or not with this matter.

The Board of Commissioners will not move forward with this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Rescue 30 – Tentative completion date is May 17, 2023, from there the committee will go out for the final inspection.

- Administrator Jannone is asking if the Rescue 30 could be delivered to FD for layout of tools with the fabricator. The truck will need to be registered and insured for this to happen.

Motion to allow the treasurer to write the check for the rescue before the next meeting: Sharon Fell.

Seconded by: Debbie Brightbill.

All in Favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Debbie Brightbill - YES

Sharon Fell – YES

Carl Spolarich - YES

Mijett Long – YES

Allen Kurdyla - YES

NEW BUSINESS:

The passing of John Veneroso – Commissioner Kurdyla reached out to Reliance to have his family receive a death benefit.

Motion to forward information for the Veneroso claim paid: Sharon Fell.

Seconded by: Debbie Brightbill.

All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 8:25 PM.

Motion by Commissioner: Carl Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: Mijett Long.

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: Sharon Fell.

Second by: Debbie Brightbill.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary