

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 31, 2023

Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:47 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 and Administrator Jannone.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting April 26, 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 \$1,481,118.61 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 Administrator Jannone.

The total of bills to be paid is \$ 25,739.13.

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:

37 calls, 689 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activations – 12
- Smoke conditions - 1
- Electrical Fire - 1

- Outside Fire – 5
- Motor Vehicle Fires - 2
- Motor Vehicle Accident -2
- Lightning Strike - 1
- Fire Investigation – 1
- Gas Leak - 1
- Chemical Odor – 1
- Mutual Aid (26, 57, 37, 43, 23, North Plainfield)

Tower 30 is at Fire and Safety for the annual preventative maintenance. The necessary repairs are also being made on the items found in the U.L. testing.

Scott air packs will be flow tested on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, by NJ Fire Equipment.

Turnout gear approved at last month’s meeting will be fitted for the following firefighters, Steve Niederle, A.J. Hartman, Mike Jannone, Jr., and Al Kriney.

Looking to purchase a controller and regulator for the bag system, as well as a controller for the Paratech struts. The total is \$2,144.15 and the quote is attached.

Looking to purchase a Forestry Bag for brush fires. The total is \$509.00, and the quote is attached.

Motion to purchase Controller and regulator for air bag system: Mijett Long.
 Seconded by: Sharon Fell.
 All in favor.

Motion to purchase a Forestry Bag for brush fires: Sharon Fell.
 Seconded by: Carl Spolarich.
 All in favor.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member – None
- Resigning members – None
- Status changes – A.J. Hartman is no longer a probationary Fire Fighter.
 - Mike Denny, Matt Hupfer, Brent Slack & David Pietrowicz have been removed from service.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Rescue 30 update – deadline has been extended to the third or fourth week of June. Project balance of approximately \$27K left. The committee will probably use approximately \$15K of it for the hydraulics for shelving. The plan is still on track for the rescue to be delivered to Fire and Safety and then sent to the Fire department for the fabricator to go over the layout for the committee.

Received a letter from Reliance that the claim was approved for John Veneroso.

An updated list was provided to Reliance and an adjusted bill will be sent to us.

NEW BUSINESS:

ISO – would like to come and inspect our building and records. A date will be scheduled for the visit.

Request from Fire and Safety asking to take Rescue 30 to the Firemen’s Convention at Wildwood. Commissioner Kurdyla has not provided an answer to Mr. Driscoll. Commissioner Kurdyla supports the truck going down but will only agree if Fire and Safety assumes all responsibility for the rescue while in their possession.

Motion to allow Rescue 30 to the Firemen’s Convention under the care of Fire and Safety:
Carl Spolarich.

Seconded by: Sharon Fell.

All in Favor.

Roll Call vote

Sharon Fell - yes.

Debbie Brightbill – yes.

Carl Spolarich – yes.

Mijett Long – yes.

Allen Kurdyla – yes.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-9 – Passing of 2023 Budget: Mijett Long.

Seconded by: Debbie Brightbill.

All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 8:19 PM.

Motion by Commissioner: Carl Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: Debbie Brightbill.

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Motion to close the meeting by: Sharon Fell.
Seconded by: Carl Spolarich.
Unanimously approved at 8:20 p.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Kurdyla asked if anyone had any other business to be heard.
Motion to close by: Carl Spolarich.
Second by: Sharon Fell.
All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary