

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
August 30, 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, President Steve Spolarich, and Administrator Jannone.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Minutes from prior meeting July 26, 2023, accepted as presented.

Motion to accept: Debbie Brightbill.

Second by: Carl Spolarich.

Unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.

He reported a balance of \$1,544,418.99 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 \$ 141,732.64.

Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report.

Motion to pay the bills was made by: Sharon Fell.

Second by: Debbie Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

**CHIEFS REPORT:** (attached)

41 calls, 581 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activations – 19
- Smoke conditions - 3
- Odor of Gas – 4
- Odor of smoke - 1
- Trash Fire – 1

- Motor Vehicle Fire -1
- MVA with injuries – 1
- MVA – 2
- Oil Leak – 1
- Nature Gas leak – 1
- Rescue – 1
- Mutual Aid (34, 27, 42, 43, 50)

Engine 302 is once again out of service with a broken fan. Fire and Safety is in the process of getting the parts for repair. Fire and Safety will do everything to correct this issue.

Pump testing and ladder testing have been completed. Engine 301 & 302 need minor issues attended to.

Several items that were purchased have been delivered. They include air packs, Scott air bottles and personal lights.

The chief would like to have a workshop to discuss and replace the chief's vehicle. Commissioner Kurdyla suggests we wait for the 2024 budget. The current chief's vehicle is fine.

Chief Binkley would like another workshop to discuss raising the pay per call rate. He would like to see an increase in the amount each member is given per call. In recent years, it was suggested to raise it to \$10 per call, but Chief Binkley there is a middle ground that can be achieved. Commissioner Kurdyla suggests a workshop to discuss the pay per call as well.

Chief Binkley would like to purchase the following:

- 2 – 30 Ton bottle jacks totaling \$1705.00
- 4 – 4 x 8 sheets of fin form totaling \$975.00 plus shipping

Motion to approve purchase of bottle jacks and fin form: Mijett Long

Seconded by: Sharon Fell.

All in Favor.

#### **FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:**

- New Social Member – Jemina Barrea of Mable Avenue, South Plainfield.
- Resigning members – None
- Status changes – None

Commissioner Kurdyla asked the Fire Company for a monthly current list of membership.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Received ISO report from Administrator Jannone.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Rescue 30 is ready to leave Wisconsin. The cost analysis is attached. There is \$10k in change for Rescue 30 at Pierce. Approval to cut the check for Rescue 30 was approved at the May 31, 2023, meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Radio – 700mh system is about 3-4 years away.  
The Fire Department will need \$500, 000 to upgrade. The county will not pay for it; however, they will assist with federal funding.  
Chief Binkley would like to purchase 3 radios @ \$9345.00 each, totaling \$28,035.00.

Motion to Purchase 3 radios: Sharon Fell.  
Seconded by: Debbie Brightbill.  
All in favor.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

Commissioner Kurdyla and the board of commissioners would like to thank Administrator Jannone and Captain Ruscetta for preparing the ISO report.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 8:37 pm.  
Motion by Commissioner: Carl Spolarich.  
Second by Commissioner: Sharon Fell.  
Unanimously Approved.

**Hearing none and seeing none.**

**MEETING CLOSE TO PUBLIC:**

Commissioner Kurdyla closed the meeting to the public at 8:38 pm.  
Motion by Commissioner: Mijett Long.  
Second by Commissioner: Carl Spolarich.  
Unanimously Approved.

**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.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mijett Long  
Secretary