

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 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, and Sharon Fell.
Mijett Long – Absent

Finderne Fire Department: Deputy Chief Fernandez, President Steve Spolarich, and Administrator Jannone.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting June 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 \$1,062,218.97 in all District Accounts.
- Second Quarter check received from Bridgewater Township.
- Annual Tax information sent to WEX Bank (Speedway) for gas purchases.

Motion to accept: Debbie Brightbill.

Second by: Sharon Fell.

Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

The total of bills to be paid is \$ 39,139.67.

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:

For the month of June: 39 calls, 261 Man Hours, Work Details and Meetings – 280 Man Hours for a total of 541 manhours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activations – 14
- Odor of Smoke – 1

- Gas Leak - 4
- Structure Fire -1
- Brush Fire – 1
- Motor Vehicle Smoking -1
- C/O Alarm - 2
- Transformer Fire – 2
- Elevator emergency - 1
- PD Assist – 1
- Open Burn – 1
- Squad Assist - 1
- Trash Fire – 2
- Mutual Aid (23, 26, 37, 42, 49, 50) -7

Deputy Chief Fernadez asked if the Board’s credit card could be used at Home Depot for purchases related to bringing the new Rescue into service. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Carl Spolarich and Second by Sharon Fell to support this request. Unanimous vote to approve.

Chief Binkley is looking to purchase: See Attached list for a total of \$49,387.00
 After discussion the following changes were approved:
 Rescue Helmets changed from a quantity of (4) to (8) for a total price of \$3,360.00
 Bresnan Cellar Nozzle – Put on hold due to evaluation of Turtle Nozzle
 All other items on list were approved for a total of \$48,827.00
 Motion to purchase Sharon Fell
 Seconded by: Carl Spolarich
 Unanimous vote to approve.

Discussion held regarding the Inspection Trip to Pierce. All travel arrangements made, and team is ready. Currently the air system from Bauer is not available for installation. Delivery is expected in a week or two, once installed our team will travel to Pierce for inspection and training. Once the truck is delivered to New Jersey, a training date for the department will be set up for training on the air system.

A discussion was brought to the Board for an air filtration system for the Firehouse to address air quality issue in the truck bays. While no decision was reached at this time it was agreed that it is a project to be considered for future planning.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- Membership – No changes

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Invoice from Nationwide for annuity plan for Peter Brownell. Letter rejected due to Mr. Brownell no longer being a member of Fire Company.
- Lost check affidavit received for a \$3,000.00 reimbursement to Board. Form to be completed and sent to Lincoln for new check.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Rescue 30 Update – Discussion to confirm invoice payment when truck is delivered to New Jersey. The purpose is to allow equipment mounting and fabrication work to be done in house and at Fire and Safety.
Agreement to support the payment and plan with a motion by Carl Spolarich and Second by Debbie Brightbill. Unanimous support.
- Commissioner Kurdyla reported that a meeting is being set up with County Officials to discuss Radio changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ISO Visit – Date set for August 21, 2023
- For pump and ladder testing a member is requested to attend for assistance. This was approved on a motion by Carl Spolarich and Second by Debbie Brightbill.
Unanimous support

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 8:35 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: Debbie Brightbill.

Unanimously approved at 8:36 PM.

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 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Kurdyla
Acting Secretary