

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
June 28, 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, President Steve Spolarich, and Administrator Jannone.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Minutes from prior meeting May 31, 2023, accepted as presented.

Motion to accept: Carl Spolarich.

Second by: Sharon Fell.

Unanimously approved.

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

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.

He reported a balance of \$1,467,057.37 in all District Accounts.

Motion to accept: Mijett Long.

Second by: Debbie Sharon.

Unanimously approved.

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

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

The total of bills to be paid is \$ 3,377.32.

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:**

33 calls, 517 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activations – 17
- Odor of Smoke - 1
- Animal rescue -1
- Gas Leak – 2
- Motor Vehicle Accidents -2

- C/O Alarm - 1
- Fire Investigation - 1
- Elevator emergency - 1
- Dumpster Fire - 1
- Oven Fire - 2
- Mutual Aid (37, 43, 44) -5

Tower 30 is back in service for the time being. It will go back to Fire & Safety to finish a few remaining items once the parts have been delivered.

Chief Binkley is scheduling the annual detailing for the apparatus with Art Akins. Car 30 and Utility 30 will go first, all others will be done once all apparatus are in service.

Administrator Jannone has applied for the New Jersey American water grant. Along with the application was a quote for the equipment for a high-rise pack. The total amount for the equipment is \$2,300.

Engine 302 is at Fire & Safety for annual maintenance but also needs rear brakes. The initial service is for the radiator.

Received a thank you letter from The 911 Fund for our donation of equipment.

Chief Binkley is looking to purchase 4 adapters for the older Paratech struts. The adapters will make them compatible with the newer equipment purchased for Rescue 30. The total amount is \$1,200.80 and the quote is attached.

Motion to purchase 4 adapters for \$1,200.80: Mijett Long  
 Seconded by: Carl Spolarich.  
 All in favor.

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

- New Member - None
- Resigning members - None
- Status changes - Justin Hartman and Makayla Long have been promoted to probationary firefighters and will need relief applications. President Spolarich will reach out to them.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Tracie Wigginton, from VFIS replied to Commissioner Kurdyla email regarding coverage for the component failure on Engine 302. As per the email attached, a claim will be submitted, after a conversation with Brian Wallace.

Chris Ireland reached out to Commissioner Kurdyla about requesting a meeting to discuss the stress that a change in frequency would cause us and will we receive any financial support from the county. The Board of Fire Commissioners and Fire Department agree to send a letter for a meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Rescue 30 Update – Committee members are going out to Pierce on 8/6 – 8/9 for the final inspection. Rescue 30's tentative delivery date is 8/11/2023. Rescue 30 will go to Fire & Safety and the final bill will be due. Rescue 30 will then come to the Fire department until a bay opens at Fire & Safety. Rescue 30 may not go to the Wildwood show this year. The radios are squared away. There may be small ticket items left to purchase.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

ISO Visit – Administrator Jannone is waiting for Mr. Gordon to get back to him with a date for the inspection. Administrator Jannone is going to provide electronic and hard copy back for the inspector. Commissioner Kurdyla will help Administrator Jannone with getting the electronic backup.

Administrator Jannone would like the board to write a letter of recognition and gratitude to Mike's Towing for donating the towing services for Engine 302 to Fire & Safety on June 14, 2023. Commissioner Kurdyla will write the letter.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 7:56 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 7:57 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 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mijett Long  
Secretary