

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 25, 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, Sharon Fell, Carl Spolarich, Mijett Long and Debbie Brightbill.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting, September 27, 2023, accepted as presented.

Motion to accept: C. Spolarich.

Second by: S. Fell.

Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.

He reported a balance of \$950,834.29 in District Accounts.

Motion to accept: D. Brightbill.

Second by: S. 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 \$23,540.98.

Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report.

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

Second by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

41 calls, 476Man Hours – Report attached.

- Rescue 30 has been delivered and is currently at Fire & Safety for the equipment mounting. Should take approximately one month to complete.
- Chief Binkley would like to replace the combination cutting/spreading tool on Engine 302. It is still in working order, but it is the last Hurst tool in serve. He would like to purchase a Holmatro combination cutting/spreading tool. The total cost of the tool is \$15,318.36. The quote is attached.

- As discussed last month, I would like to purchase 2 hazardous material bags for Engine 302 and Rescue 30. The total cost is \$439.90.
 - Motion to purchase the Holmatro combination cutting/spreading tool and 2 Hazardous material bags totaling \$15,758.26: S. Fell.
Seconded by: C. Spolarich.
All in favor: Yes

ROLL CALL VOTE

Debbie Brightbill – YES

Sharon Fell – YES

Carl Spolarich – YES

Allen Kurdyla – YES

Mijett Long - YES

- Chief Binkley would like to know how much money has been received in fire fines. He believes those fines should be put toward training and equipment or radios.
- Chief Binkley is also requesting a workshop to discuss pay per call and radio prior to the budget for 2024. Commissioner Kurdyla apologized for not scheduling it and will make sure it is scheduled.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member – None
- Resigning members – None
- Status changes – Firefighter Dorsey is taking a 6 month leave of absence.

2024 Finderne Engine Company Line Officers

Chief – Keith Binkley

Deputy Chief – Christian Fernandez

Asst. Chief – Steve Niederle

Truck Captain – Tom Ruscetta

Engine Captain – Open

Truck Lt. – Mike Misciagna

Engine Lt. – Mike Jannone Jr.

President – Steve Spolarich

Vice President – Anthony Ranallo

Secretary – Tom Longo

Treasurer – Adele Ruggini

Trustees (3) – David Bereheiko, Christiano Godoy, Open

Convention Delegate – Tom Marshall Jr.

Alternate – Jennifer Seabolt

Relief Representative – Keith Binkley (3 yr.)

Relief Trustee – Mike Jannone Sr.

Motion to accept the Fire Department line officers: S. Fell.

Seconded by: Debbie Brightbill.

All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Employee tax credit, Lincoln Financial refund, medical grade gloves.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kurdyla wants to confirm the expenditure for the mounting on Rescue 30.

Administrator Jannone presented a report. (attached)

Commissioner Kurdyla addressed the upcoming meeting with all districts about radios and radio inventory. District #4 has already performed an inventory.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint The Provident Bank to be the official depository for Fire District #4 of Bridgewater Township.

Motion to approve the transfer to The Provident Bank for Fire District #4: S. Fell.

Seconded by: D. Brightbill.

All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE RESOLUTION 2023 -09

Debbie Brightbill – YES

Sharon Fell – YES

Carl Spolarich – YES

Allen Kurdyla – YES

Mijett Long - YES

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 8:20 PM

Motion by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: S. Fell.

Unanimously Approved.

Mike Jannone – 641 Vosseller Avenue, Bound Brook, NJ 08805 – Is asking for a complete list of active LoSap and VFIS members. Applications need to be completed.

Motion to close by: M. Long.

Second by: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously Approved at 8:23 PM

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: S. Fell.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary