

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 29, 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, October 25,2023, accepted as presented.

Motion to accept: S. Fell.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.

He reported a balance of \$915,900.07 in District Accounts.

Motion to accept: S. Fell.

Second by: D. 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 \$57,472.73.

Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report.

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

Second by: M. Long

Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

27 calls, 588 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Engine 302 has had its pump test completed and has no issues that could limit its operation.
- Rescue 30 – The department is continuing to familiarize the equipment and truck operations. The department is hoping to have Rescue 30 in service for December.

- Chief Binkley is looking to get rid of the old radios and pagers from the captain's office. His goal is to clean out the office. Commissioner Kurdyla will reach out to our attorney for the procedure.
- Chief Binkley wants to replace the flair thermal imaging camera for Tower 30. The cost is \$3,545.00 including the camera and charger for Tower 30.
 - Motion to purchase flair thermal imaging camera: M. Long.
 - Seconded by: S. Fell.
 - Unanimously approved.
- The annual maintenance for Engine 301 and 302 will be done at Fire & Safety. The cost for Engine 301 is \$3,100.00 and the cost for Engine 302 is \$3,900.00.
- Administrator Jannone has been chasing the turnout gear. The firefighters were measured but the order was never placed with Innotex. Administrator Jannone is going to try and get the original price quoted for the turnout gear. It may happen that there will be an approximate difference of \$3,000.00 from the original quote, due to the price increases in the new year.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member – None
- Resigning members – Alex Misciagna
- Status changes – None

2024 FINDERNE ENGINE COMPANY LINE OFFICERS: (attached)

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:

Thank you letter from Pierce for the purchase of Rescue 30 and a copy of the email regarding the turnout gear.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Kurdyla met with Chief Binkley regarding the 2024 budget.
- Pay per call will be increased from \$6.00 to \$8.00 and will not have a drastic impact on the 2024 budget.
 - Motion to increase the Pay per call to \$8.00: S. Fell.
 - Seconded by: D. Brightbill.
 - Unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Carl Spolarich - YES

Sharon Fell - YES

Debbie Brightbill - YES

Allen Kurdyla - YES

Mijett Long -YES

- Commissioner Kurdyla had a discussion with President Spolarich about the exhaust system for the Fire Company. The estimated cost is \$80,000.00. Commissioner Kurdyla believes it will need to go out for bid and put out the voters for approval. Commissioner Kurdyla believes the money will need to be taken out of the capital fund. Commissioner Kurdyla asked for information regarding the specifications of the project from President Spolarich.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kurdyla has asked Reliant Insurance, Lincoln Financial and VFIS to add Administrator Jannone to the email distribution list.

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 – Asked the board if 2% cap is outside of the tax levy?

Motion to close by: C. Spolarich.

Second by: S. Fell.

Unanimously Approved at 8:30 PM

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: M. Long.

Second by: S. Fell.

All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary