

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2023

Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 and Administrator Jannone.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting, November 30, 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 \$1,252,655.65 in District Accounts.

Motion to accept: M. Long.

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 \$107,093.38.

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, 714 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Administrator Jannone has placed an order for the turnout gear. Should take approximately 4 months for delivery.
- Preventative maintenance has been completed.
- Bauer will be at the fire department for training on the air system for Rescue 30. The department is hoping to have Rescue 30 in service shortly.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kurdyla wants to have a discussion with President Spolarich about the exhaust system.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2024 Budget introduction (attached)
 - Highlights on the budget – 2% rise in the budget going to administrative and maintenance accounts.
 - The tax rate remains the same.

2024 Fire District Budget Resolution 2023-10

Motion by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: S. Fell.

Carl Spolarich - YES

Sharon Fell - YES

Debbie Brightbill - YES

Allen Kurdyla - YES

Mijett Long -YES

Resolution for 2024 Commissioner compensation 2023-11

- Chairman, secretary, and treasurer annual compensation \$3,000 and commissioner at large \$2,600.

Motion to accept commissioner compensation for 2024: C. Spolarich

Second by: Debbie Brightbill

Carl Spolarich - YES

Sharon Fell - YES

Debbie Brightbill - YES

Allen Kurdyla - YES

Mijett Long -YES

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 7:50 PM

Motion by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: S. Fell.

Unanimously Approved.

Mike Jannone – 641 Vosseller Avenue, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

- Is working on the protective wrap for the top of Rescue 30 and should cost about \$1,000.00.
- Have we received the lien release on the ladder or the engine?
 - The board believes we handed those to President Spolarich at the last meeting to put in the safe. Please confirm.

Motion to close by: C. Spolarich.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously Approved at 7:59 PM

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: D. Brightbill.

Second by: C. Spolarich.

All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long, Secretary of the board