

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 28, 2024

Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for Deputy Chief Craig Konkle.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Allen Kurdyla, Carl Spolarich, Debbie Brightbill, Mijett Long and Sharon Fell.

Finderne Fire Department: Chief Keith Binkley, Deputy Chief Fernandez, Asst. Chief Neiderle, President Steve Spolarich, and Administrator Jannone.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting February 28, 2024, accepted as presented.

Motion to accept: Sharon Fell.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

Re-organization of Board

Chairman: Allen Kurdyla

Secretary: Mijett Long

Treasurer: Carl Spolarich

Assistant Secretary: Sharon Fell

Assistant Treasurer: Deborah Brightbill

Motion to accept board re-organization: M. Long.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously approved.

Appointments for 2024: (attached)

- 2024-1 Board Attorney: Richard M. Braslow, Esp.
- 2024-2 Accountant: The PA firm of Urban and Jinks.
- 2024-3 Auditor: The Pa firm of Urban and Jinks.
- 2024-4 Bank: TD Bank.
- 2024-5 Meeting schedule (attached)
- 2024-6 Newspaper – The Courier News.
- 2024-7 Pay claims – checks of the board of commissioners.
- 2024-8 Bonding.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Carl Spolarich - YES

Sharon Fell - YES

Debbie Brightbill - YES

Allen Kurdyla - YES

Mijett Long -YES

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.

He reported a balance of \$1,148,988.63 in all District Accounts.

Motion to accept: M. Long.

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 \$ 13,014.66.

Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report.

Motion to pay the bills was made by: D. Brightbill.

Second by: S. Fell.

Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

30 calls, 505 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activations – 13
- Motor Vehicle Fire / Accidents – 1
- Natural Gas Leak -1
- PD / EMS Assist – 2
- Open Burn -1
- Mulch Fire -1
- Smoke Condition -1
- Fuel Leak – 1
- Mutual Aid Call -6

Rescue 30 – back in service and has run a few calls.

Tower 30 – out of service. It is back at Fire & Safety to finish the remaining items to be fixed.

Turnout gear has been delivered.

Radios – quote has been updated at \$102,232.00 to complete the mobile radios. The portables would be left with different options to choose from. (Quote on file)

Motion to pay for radios: S. Fell.

Seconded by: D. Brightbill.

All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Carl Spolarich - YES

Sharon Fell - YES

Debbie Brightbill - YES

Allen Kurdyla - YES

Mijett Long -YES

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

None

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPOR

- Wet down for Rescue 30 scheduled for June 8, 2024.
- Exhaust system is a work in progress.
- Commissioner Kurdyla with work on resolution for the exhaust system with Mr. Braslow.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Commissioner Kurdyla received a request for the Reliance and Lincoln LOSAP policies to be updated with current members.
- The Reliance policy is a 10k life policy.
- The LOSAP list will be reviewed with Administrator Jannone.
- Finalized voting results (in file)

OLD BUSINESS:

All agree about updating the insurance policy and LOSAP lists.

NEW BUSINESS:

As previously discussed, Tower 30 is out of service.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 8:11 PM.

Motion by Commissioner: Carl Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: Sharon Fell.

Unanimously Approved.

Ray Booth – 25 Riha Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807- Stated that he is still getting the \$25 surcharge and questioned was it because he is no longer an active member?

Commissioner Kurdyla informed Mr. Booth the account belongs to him, and it is the intent of the Board to pay the annual service charge of \$25.00 as long as he is participating in Fire Department activities. At the current time, we do not have an invoice from Lincoln Financial to pay the charge.

Mr. Booth also asked about his LOSAP account with Nationwide and could he merge that with Lincoln Financial. Commissioner Kurdyla replied that since he is a vested member, he can merge the accounts. The board is not able to do that for him.

Motion to close the meeting by: M. Long.
Seconded by: S. Fell.
Unanimously approved at 8:12 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: C. Spolarich.
Second by: Sharon Fell.
All in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary