

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 17, 2024

Allen Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:45 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, Lt. Miscianga, President Steve Spolarich and Administrator Jannone.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting, December 13, 2023, accepted as presented.

Motion to accept: C. Spolarich.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.

He reported a balance of \$1,192,272.41 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 \$38,493.06.

Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report.

Motion to pay the bills was made by: M. Long.

Second by: s. Fell.

Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

32 calls, 523 Man Hours – Report attached.

- The protective wrap on the top of Rescue 30 is complete.
- One shelf is sagging about ¼ inch on Rescue 30. Fire and Safety was aware and planning to fix the issue.
- Rescue 30 is in service for District #4 only.

- A discussion about vendors for pump and ladder testing this year. Chief Binkley would like to get quotes from UL to do all the testing instead of using two vendors. UL must do the tower. Chief Binkley believes it would be easier for scheduling. Chief Binkley recommends UL. Commissioner Kurdyla asked for pricing from both vendors.
- Blood Borne Pathogens training completed on 1/15/2024.
- Fit Testing is scheduled for 1/22/2024.
- Chief Binkley wants to discuss a capital project to continue with the installation of the radios. Chief Binkley recommends that we purchase the remainder of the mobile radios for the apparatus to keep this project moving. Commissioner Kurdyla is reluctant to start a capital project until we know where we are with the radios. The next radio meeting is January 31, 2024.
- Following up on the radios in the captain's office. Commissioner Kurdyla will reach out to Mr. Braslow.

ADMINISTRATO REPORT:

- Presented a quote for the 2024 preventative maintenance for Tower 30 from Fire and Safety (quote attached). The total is \$7,962.00.
- Address questions about the budget.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New members: None
- Resigning members: None
- Status changes: Justin Hartman – finished Fire Fighter 1.

The Fire Department has installed new cameras. Contact President Spolarich if you want access to the cameras.

Exhaust system – Commissioner Kurdyla would like the FD to buy the system and the board will re-pay the FD. President Spolarich will take it to the Fire Department members and report back.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Final LoSap and pay per call report.
Ballot to the county.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Budget sent to DCA for review – Our budget is conditionally approved.

Motion to open the meeting to the public for the 2024 budget @ 8:20 pm: S. Fell.

Seconded by: D. Brightbill.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Motion to close the meeting to the public for the 2024 budget @ 8:24 pm: C. Spolarich.

Seconded by: S. Fell.

Unanimously approved.

Roll Call vote

Sharon Fell - yes
Debbie Brightbill - yes
Carl Spolarich - yes
Mijett Long - yes
Allen Kurdyla - yes

Looking for election tellers – Christian Fernandez and Mike Misciagna both volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- PO from Fire and Safety
- LoSap and pay per call.
- 16 members qualified for LoSap.

Motion to pay LoSap for \$16,000.00: M. Long
Seconded by: S. Fell.
All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Carl Spolarich - YES
Sharon Fell - YES
Debbie Brightbill - YES
Allen Kurdyla - YES
Mijett Long -YES

Pay per call at \$6.00 totaling \$12,978.00.

Motion to pay the pay per call: M. Long
Seconded by: C. Spolarich.
All in favor

ROLL CALL VOTE

Carl Spolarich - YES
Sharon Fell - YES
Debbie Brightbill - YES
Allen Kurdyla - YES
Mijett Long -YES

Petitions received from:
Carl Spolarich

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 8:34 PM
Motion by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.
Second by Commissioner: S. Fell.
Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.
Motion to close by: M. Long.
Second by: S. Fell.
Unanimously Approved at 8:35 PM

Adjournment

Chairman Kurdyla asked if anyone had any other business to be heard.
Motion to close by: C. Spolarich.
Second by: D. Brightbill.
All in favor
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary of the board