

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 29, 2024

Commissioner Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Carl Spolarich, Debbie Brightbill, Mijett Long, Sharon Fell, and Allen Kurdyla.
Finderne Fire Department: Chief Keith Binkley, Deputy Chief Fernandez, President Steve Spolarich, and Administrator Jannone.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting April 24, 2024, accepted as presented.
Motion to accept by: 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 \$1,026,339.22 in all District Accounts.
Motion to accept: D. Brightbill.
Second by: M. Long.
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 \$ 70,205.43.
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:

33 calls, 490 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activations – 13
- Odor of Smoke – 1
- MVA / Fire – 4
- MV into Building – 1
- Odor of natural gas – 3
- Elevator Alarm -1
- C/O Alarm – 1
- Bomb Threat – 1
- Mulch Fire – 1
- Brush Fire – 2
- Mutual Aid calls – 5

Apparatus:

All the apparatus are in service and currently operating properly. All preventative maintenance on the remaining apparatus is being scheduled as well as yearly detailing.

Equipment:

- The hose test report was received, and the board has a copy. Attached is a quote for the purchase of various sizes of hose, which includes replacing lost hose for this year and last year as well. The quote from NJ Fire Equipment is \$13,800.00. (attached)
- Chief Binkley would like to purchase 4 straps for extinguishers for the apparatus that do not have them. The total cost is \$240.00
- Chief Binkley would like to purchase a shoulder strap for saws. 10 straps are needed to replace some that are worn and broken. The total is \$460.00.

Motion to purchase hose totaling \$13,800.00: S. Fell.

Seconded by: D. Brightbill.

All in favor.

Motion to purchase 4 straps for extinguishers totaling \$240.00: D. Brightbill.

Seconded by: S. Fell.

All in favor.

Motion to purchase 10 shoulder straps for saws totaling \$460.00: M. Long.

Seconded by: D. Brightbill.

All in Favor.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

None

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member – None
- Resigning members – Anabelle Tindle
- Status changes – None

Rescue 30 Dedication at 3 p.m., party at 4 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received notice of conditional policy review.

Voting (proxy ballot) from Lincoln.

Registration renewal.

Updated to title 40 laws

QuickBooks is cancelling all support for 2021 edition.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fire Company Exhaust system for the bldg. – the board agreed to support and the fire co will pay for it and we will reimburse them. Copy of letter is attached. President Spolarich asked about paying for maintenance on the exhaust system. We will discuss it in the future.

Motion to support the exhaust system for FD: S. Fell.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich.

All in Favor.

- Reliance policy – looking to move this to VFIS and looking for a quote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Like to amend guidelines for LoSap - we will discuss them further in the future.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Fell the meeting to the public at 8:18 PM.

Motion by Commissioner: S. Fell.

Second by Commissioner: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Motion to close the meeting by: M. Long.

Seconded by: S. Fell.

Unanimously approved at 8:19 p.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Fell 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 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary