

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
December 10, 2024**

Commissioner Fell 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 - absent.  
Finderne Fire Department: Chief Keith Binkley, Deputy Chief Fernandez, President Steve Spolarich, and Administrator Jannone.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Minutes from prior meeting, November 20, 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 \$ 1,302,192.29 in all District Accounts.

Motion to accept: S. Fell.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

Motion to pay Reliance and Speedway Invoices when they arrive: M. Long

Seconded by: S. Fell

All in favor.

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which he reviewed with Administrator Jannone.

The total of bills to be paid is \$ 137,027.04.

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:**

44 calls, 457 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activation – 19
- MV Accident / Fire -6
- Open Burn – 1
- Odor of Smoke – 1
- Culinary mishap – 1
- Elevator alarm – 2
- Brush Fire – 2
- Odor of gas – 2
- Chemical Odor – 1
- Haz – Mat Call – 1
- Unknow Odor – 1

- Fire Investigation – 1
- Mutual Aid Calls – 6

**Apparatus:**

- All apparatus is back and in service.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

- Asked about the grant writer again. Commissioner Kurdyla will inquire again while he is at the municipal building tomorrow. Commissioner Kurdyla believes we are going to get more help from a Motorola grant or help through Tom Kean, Jr's office.
- Administrator Jannone and Commissioner Spolarich have cleared the chief's budget.

**FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:**

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

President Spolarich questioned if the board would honor the 2% rent increase, now that the air system is completely paid? Commissioner Kurdyla confirmed the board would honor our agreement.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Email from Chris Ireland asking if the fire districts would like to put one add in the newspapers for budget notices and fire elections.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Old Foam cleaned out of the ready for the new foam.
- The final list of 2025 officers for the fire department will come at the January meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 2025 Fire District Budget (attached)
- Commission Kurdyla read the 2025 Fire District Budget Resolution
- 2% increase
- Will be adding a question to the budget vote for permission to use up to \$500,000 of capital to buy radios.

Motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2025: 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

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Commissioner Fell open the meeting to the public at 7:59 PM.

Motion by Commissioner: M. Long.

Second by Commissioner: S. Fell.

Unanimously Approved.

Michael Jannone – 641 Vosseller Avenue, Bound Brook, Nj 08805

- Concerned with age of the apparatus in the building.
- Doesn't understand why there isn't an apparatus replacement schedule for the old apparatus.

Motion to close the meeting by: M. Long.

Seconded by: S. Fell.

Unanimously approved at 8:03 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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

Motion to close by: D. Brightbill.

Second by: S. Fell.

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mijett Long  
Secretary