

**Board of Fire Commissioners**  
**FIRE DISTRICT # 4**  
**672 EAST MAIN STREET**  
**BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 26, 2025**

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

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioners: Carl Spolarich, Debbie Brightbill, Mijett Long, Sharon Fell, and Allen Kurdyla.  
Finderne Fire Department: Chief Christian Fernandez, Deputy Chief Spolarich, Assistant Chief Ruscetta.  
President Ranallo and Administrator Jannone.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Minutes from the prior meeting, February 26, 2025, accepted.  
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 \$ 1,378,751.28 in all District Accounts.  
Motion to accept: D. Brightbill.  
Second by: S. Fell.  
Unanimously approved.

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which he reviewed with Administrator Jannone.  
The total of all bills to be paid is \$ 66,914.73.  
Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report.  
The motion to pay the bills was made by: D. Brightbill.  
Second by: S. Fell.  
Unanimously approved.

**CHIEFS REPORT:**

493calls, 632 Man Hours – Report attached.

• Alarm Activations	19
• MVA Fire / Accidents	5
• CO Alarms	4
• EMS Assist	1
• Stove Fire	1
• Electrical Odor	1
• Odor Of Natural Gas	3
• Smoke Condition	4
• Mutual Aid Calls	5

### **Engineer's Report**

- Engine 301- 17,519 hours, 1,337 (in-service)
  - 2024 PM repairs scheduled for March 17
  - I would like to install a backup camera system this year.
- Engine 302- 38,274 hours, 1,906 (in-service)
  - No Smoke removal complete.
- Engine 303- 19,411 hours, 1,961 (in-service)
  - Small issues from 2024. PM need to review with Dave Bereheiko.
- Tower30 – 25,275 hours, 1,797 (in-service)
  - UL testing scheduled for April 28-30, 2025.
- Rescue30 – 1,877 hours, 160 (in-service)
  - The remaining items on warranty request is in motion.
- Utility30 – 3,548 miles / in-service
  - Service scheduled this week for oil change
- Car 30 – 34,784 miles / in-service
  - Service scheduled for upcoming week for oil change
  - Investigating Odor – smells like a bad egg smell
- Car 30B – 90,348 miles / in-service

### **NIFRS SOFTWARE DEMO - APRIL 23, 2025**

Chief Fernandez is reaching out to the county for more information regarding an IT person for the CAD system.

Chief Fernandez would like to purchase a new chief vehicle under the equipment category. They believe that a vehicle qualifies as equipment. There was a discourse regarding the vehicle. It was agreed that a vehicle can be purchased, but not to exceed \$90,000.00.

Motion to use the equipment money category to purchase a new vehicle not to exceed \$90K: S. Fell.  
Second by: M. Long.  
All in favor.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

Commissioner Kurdyla would like to have someone purchase a desktop computer for the chief. Commissioner Long will ask David Long to assist with this purchase.

Motion to buy a desktop for the Chief: 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

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

None

**FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:**

- New Member –
- Resigning members –
- Status changes – Mark Kelley needs his physical notarized. Rob Simpkins - provided beneficiary information and LoSap

**Recruitment and retention**

- Feeding the Firefighters – seems to be successful
- Some old members coming back
- Paying members for holidays to do stand by duty.
- In lieu of an installation dinner, doing a family ballpark night with families and commissioners.
- Bunk room – Bob's furniture may donate furniture – TBD
- Christian Godouy cleaned and painted the gear tunnel.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Radio - two possible grants support. If not, successful Commissioner Kurdyla is going to ask if the township floats a bond for all districts.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Commissioner Kurdyla the meeting to the public at 8:49PM.

Motion by Commissioner: D. Brightbill.

Second by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Motion to close the meeting by: D. Brightbill.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously approved at 8:51 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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

Motion to close by: S. Fell.

Second by: M. Long.

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mijett Long  
Secretary