

Board of Commissioners
FIRE DISTRICT # 4
672 EAST MAIN STREET
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 28, 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, for Ex. Chief Michael Montone.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from the prior meeting, March & April 2025, accepted.
Motion to accept March 2025 by: S. Fell.
Second by: D. Brightbill
Motion to accept April 2025 by: D. Brightbill.
Second by: A. Kurdyla.
Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.
He reported a balance of \$ 1,244,531.30 in all District Accounts.
Motion to accept: S. Fell.
Second by: D. Brightbill
Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which he reviewed with Administrator Jannone.
The total bills to be paid is \$44,859.67.
Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report.
The motion to pay the bills was made by: S. Fell.
Second by: D. Brightbill.
Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

33 calls, 645 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activations -17
- MV Fire / Accidents – 2
- Rubbish Fire – 1
- Odor of Smoke – 1
- Smell of Gas - 1
- Culinary Mishap – 1
- Smoke Condition – 2
- Gas Leak – 1
- Open Burn – 1
- Brush Fire - 2
- Mutual Aid Calls – 4

- 1) UL Testing Report Submitted.
- 2) Hose Testing completed 5/7
- 3) Air Pack Flow testing was completed on 5/19 (3 older packs failed and are now out of service)

- 4) New Tahoe lettering completed, as well as NJ Inspection done with a 5-year sticker.
- 5) County Credentialing in motion, starting member background checks with Police Dept.
- 6) I would like to recognize three members who responded to the trench rescue in Martinsville on 5/8/25. They are Asst. Chief T. Ruscetta, Firefighter W. Medrano and Firefighter S. Niederle.

Purchases

- Portable radios for the new system. The state contract expires in June 2025.
- First Due reporting program, still waiting for price from the vendor.

Engineer Report

- Engine 301 – Miles 17,694 Hrs. 1352 (In-Service)
 - PO submitted to F&S for new cameras and parts ordered.
- Engine 302 – Miles 38,408 Hrs. 1918 (In-Service)
 - Nothing to report
- Engine 303 – Miles 19,514 Hrs. 1970 (In-Service)
 - Nothing to report
- Tower 30 – Miles 25,358 Hrs. 1810 (In Service)
 - A couple of issues reported by UL testing are being reviewed with F&S.
- Rescue 30 – Miles 1973 Hrs. 174 (In-Service)
 - Nothing to report
- Utility 30 – Miles 3711 (In-Service)
 - Nothing to report
- Car 30 – Miles 36,507 Hrs. 232 (In-Service)
 - Next service will need new tires.
- Car 30B – Miles 90,614 (In- Service)
- New 2024 Tahoe – Miles 113 Hrs. 4.6 (Not in service yet)
 - Lettering Completed
 - NJ Inspection done
 - Reviewing quotes for outfitting vendors.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Discussed pending PO's to be paid.
- The new Chiefs car needs to be put into category 711 and out of 713.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member – Carlos Grajales from Manville.
- Resigning members –
- Status changes –

Ex. Chief Montone's funeral had a good turnout. The relief association and Fire Department covered the funeral.

New member will need to go to Firefighter I.

VFIS connected with Commissioner Kurdyla about the building policy. VFIS needs to contact the Fire Department.

Safer Grants – to help with recruitment and retention of members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Radios – Commissioner Kurdyla inquired to the township about grants. Asked if a bond could be floated or about a reimbursement program.
If reimbursement is a yes – Commissioner Kurdyla would like to get a PO on the books for our June 25, 2025, meeting, to keep the costs at \$500k.
- Addendum to April 2025 meeting minutes –
 - Assistant Treasury – Debbie Brightbill
 - Motion: Sharon Fell.
 - Seconded by: Mijett Long.

- Assistant Secretary – Sharon Fell
 - Motion: Carl Spolarich
 - Seconded by: Debbie Brightbill.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Signed the 2024 audit

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Fell the meeting to the public at 8:04 PM.

Motion by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: S. Fell.

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Motion to close the meeting by: S. Fell.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously approved at 8:05 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: D. Brightbill.

Second by: M. Long.

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary