

Board of Commissioners
FIRE DISTRICT # 4
672 EAST MAIN STREET
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 27, 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 Minneapolis.

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, July 30, 2025, accepted.
Motion to accept by: 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 \$ 1,479,771.61 in all District Accounts.
Motion to accept: S. Fell
Second by: D. Brightbill
Unanimously approved.

Motion to move \$200,000 from checking to the money market account: S. Fell.
Seconded by: D. Brightbill.
All in favor.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which he reviewed with Administrator Jannone.
The total bills to be paid is \$30,611.38
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:

62 calls, 973 Man Hours – Report attached.

• Alarm Activations	24
• MVA Fire / Accidents	5
• CO Alarms	4
• Smoke Conditions	2
• Structure Fire	1
• Gas Leak	5
• EMS Assist	1
• PD Assist	1
• Dumpster Fire	1
• Wires Down	3
• Transformer Fire	1

• Cellar Pump-out	1
• Chemical Burn	1
• Storm Standby	1
• Water Rescue	5
• Mutual Aid Calls	6

- 1) Chiefs Report – July 2025
- 2) Tower 30 is complete.
- 3) First Due has been started, Administrator Jannone has completed the first three assignments to move forward to the next phase. Next meeting is scheduled for next week.
- 4) American Water has notified assistant Chief Ruscetta that the boat motor will be delivered this week. Training exercises will follow.
- 5) New Thermal cameral has been purchased for the 24 Tahoe, it is scheduled to start outfitting next week.
- 6) Power washer is purchased and in service.
- 7) Car 30 Tires are done; mechanic said the back brakes will need to be done soon.
- 8) Engine 303 – pump failure is being addressed and should have an answer soon. It's recommended to replace all tires due to the age. Cost for the tires from Richie's is \$2,318.36.
- 9) Engine 302 – it was recommended by Fire & Safety that the two mismatched rear tires on the right side be replaced. However, if only those two are replaced it could affect the ABS system. The price for two matching tires is \$1,450.00 and to do all 4 tires in the rear is \$2,900.00.
- 10) Communications workshop was completed at the 911 center. New radio changeover is scheduled for 2026.
- 11) Under carriage treatment started on the Chief's vehicles.

Old Business

- 12 bottles need Hydro by October.
- Apparatus replacement workshop. Any thoughts on a date to review.

Purchases

MOTION TO BUY TIRES FOR ENGINE 303 FOR \$2,318.36: SF
 SECONDED BY:DB
 ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION TO BUY 4 TIRES FOR ENGINE 302 FOR \$2900.00: SF
 SECONDED BY:DB
 ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION TO BUY 20 GEAR HANGERS AT \$15 EACH:CS
 SECONDED BY:DB
 ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION TO PURCHASE 10 HOODS FOR \$1350.00: SF
 SECONDED BY: DB
 ALL IN FAVOR:

MOTION TO PURCHASE 6 MASKS AT \$2,580.66:CS
 SECONDED BY:DB
 ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION TO REPLACE 3 AIRPACKS AT \$29,564.94:DB
 SECONDED BY: CS
 ALL IN FAVOR

Engineer Report

- Engine 301- 17,875 hours, 1,367 (in-service)
 - Camera installation is scheduled for October.
- Engine 302- 38,564 miles, 1,934 hours (in-service)
 - Tires?
- Engine 303- 19,639 miles, 1,981 hours (in-service)
 - Pump & Tires
- Tower30 – 25,440 miles, 1,828 hours (in-service)
 - Nothing to report
- Rescue30 – 2,053 Miles 178 hours (in-service)
 - Nothing to report
- Utility30 – 3,936 miles (in-service)
 - Nothing to report
- Car 30 – 38,056 miles, hours 2374 (in-service)
 - Needs rear brakes
- Car 30B – 92,293 miles (in-service)
- New Tahoe – 239 miles, 4.6 hours (not yet in service)
 - Vendor picking it up next week for outfitting.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

None

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member – Chris Jannone, Aiden Johnson, and Bryan Badowski (in fire school)
- Resigning members – none
- Status changes – none

Commissioner Kurdyla and the fire company's treasure discussed combining insurance policies for the board and the department. As well as keeping the deductible at its current rate.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email from VFIS (filed)
- Report from Administrator Jannone regarding Tower 30's fuel dilution. (report filed)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting for Commissioner Kurdyla and Chief Fernandez sometime in September.
- Commissioner Spolarich provided information about legal age for driving apparatus. The driver must be 18 years or older to drive the Utility 30 and federal laws are applicable to driving fire apparatus. Commissioner Spolarich provided the information to the Chief.

NEW BUSINESS:

- IAR renewal – Administrator Jannone recommended renewing it for another year until First Due is up and running.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla the meeting to the public at 8:32PM.

Motion by Commissioner: S. Fell.

Second by Commissioner: C. Spolarich

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Motion to close the meeting by: C. Spolarich.

Seconded by: S. Fell.

Unanimously approved at 8:33p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: D. Brightbill.

Second by: C. Spolarich.

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary