

**Board of Commissioners
FIRE DISTRICT # 4
672 EAST MAIN STREET
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 29, 2025**

Commissioner Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 Christian Fernandez, Deputy Chief Spolarich, Assistant Chief Ruscetta, President Ranallo and Administrator Jannone.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from the prior meeting, September 24, 2025, accepted.
Motion to accept by: D. Brightbill
Second by: S. Fell.
Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.
He reported a balance of \$ 1,386,188.28 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 \$23,469.09
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:

23 calls, 553 Man Hours – Report attached.

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| • Alarm Activation | 8 |
| • MVA/Accidents | 3 |
| • Smoke Condition | 1 |
| • Brush/Mulch Fire | 2 |
| • CO Alarm | 2 |
| • Tree Stump Fire | 1 |
| • Trash Can Fire | 1 |
| • Wire Fire | 1 |
| • Transformer Fire | 1 |
| • Mutual Aide Calls | 3 |

Budget Report as of 9/19/25

711 Operations / Materials \$52,402.51
712 Training / Education \$17,010.11
713 Maintenance Repairs **-\$22,768.16**
714 Turnout Gear \$4,666.95

New Business

1) Car30 is experiencing emergency light failures. A diagnosis was performed and a quote of \$2,566.68 was submitted by Frontline Solutions to correct the failed equipment. For safety reasons we requested the vendor to disconnect all the emergency lights so the vehicle can continue to be used for command.

Motion to approve \$2,566.68 for emergency light failure for Car30: M. Long

Seconded by: S. Fell.

All in favor

2) Engine 302 is missing the CO detector; all attempts have been made to locate the detector. A replacement costs \$812.00.

Motion to purchase CO detector for Engine 302: S. Fell.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich.

All in favor.

3) Requesting to purchase another set of elevator keys for Rescue 30. The price is \$212.50.

Motion to approve purchase of elevator keys for Rescue 30: S. Fell.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich.

All in favor.

4) Requesting to purchase a First Aide bag and supplies for Engine 303. The cost is \$500.00.

Motion to approve the purchase of a first aide bag and supplies for Engine 303 costing \$500.00: S. Fell.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich.

All in favor.

5) Car30B is not out of service. The car is not running well so I have decided its time for it to be removed from service. This week we started removing our equipment. SVI is expected to pull the radios later this week.

6) The PMs for Engine 301 will start 10/29, followed by Engine 303 and then Rescue 30.

7) On October 8, 2025, a service call was placed to repair Tower 30 rear air bag suspension failure. Fire & Safety responded and repaired the issue.

8) This month we started the Hydro Static testing of 12 air bottles that are due this year.

9) On October 7, 2025, Gas / CO meter calibration was done on Engine 303, Tower30 and Rescue30.

10) Activities / Events – Three New Members are halfway through fire school. East Franklin has invited us to attend a couple of contract classes; several members are attending. Bridgewater Township National night out, Thursday, October 30, 2025. Second live burn is scheduled for November 3, 2025, at the Somerville Tower. Next scheduled duty crew is Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025. We're looking to attending the Holiday Lights parade in Somerville, on December 6, 2025, and permission for family members to ride along.

Old Business

1) The department participated in this year's annual Bridgewater Township inspection for 2025. We had a great turnout and the apparatus presented was Engine 302.

2) The department completed Fire Prevention week 10/5-10/11/25, and for couple days several members were able to visit our local schools.

3) Engine 302 PM was completed. Report indicated couple lights out and the air dryer for the brakes needs to be serviced, but NOT replaced.

4) Tires on Engine 303 and Engine 302 have been replaced.

5) Annual detailing of apparatus has been completed on Engine 302, Tower30 and Rescue30, the only remaining items is the tower turntable, and detailing of the new 2024 Car 30 when it returns from the outfitter.

- 6) Engine 301 new camera has been installed and back in service.
- 7) The paint repairs on Car30 hood and rust in the door have been completed.
- 8) First Due software is still in process, Administrator Jannone is continuing to push through the startup process.
- 9) The county credentialing is also still in process. I had a meeting last week to confirm the next steps are in motion.

Apparatus Status

- Engine 301 – (In Service) Miles 18,041 Hrs. 1377
- Engine 302 – (In Service) Miles 38,748 Hrs. 1949
- Engine 303 – (In Service) Miles 19,748 Hrs. 1989
- Tower 30 – (In Service) Miles 25,540 Hrs. 1842
- Rescue 30 (In Service) Miles 2,107 Hrs. 191
- Utility 30 (In Service) Miles 4,781
- Car 30 (In Service) Miles 38,346 Hrs. 2446
- Car 30B (OUT OF SERVICE) Miles 93,367
- 24 Tahoe (Out of Service) Miles XXX Hrs. XX at SVI for out fitting.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- I need to buy cloud storage. Admin Jannone doesn't want to put it on his credit card. Commissioner Spolarich will put it on the debit card for the commissioners

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member – Shahil Patolia and Jeff Brandon Wright.
- Resigning members – none
- Status changes – none

Snow Removal Contract:

Blue Mountain 2-4" \$375.00
December 1, 2025 – April 1, 2026

Pave Rite

Single Axle Dump 10' Plow \$275.00 PH
4 WD Pick up Truck 8' Plow \$260.00 PH

Site Survey Both Lots

Main Firehouse lot including parking lot
Backlot
Need pins set

November 11, 2025 – Thanksgiving Turkey dinner during monthly meeting (all welcome)

December 12, 2025 – Christmas Dinner after meeting (all welcome)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Just a reminder that our next meetings are not the last Wednesday of the month
November's meeting is :11/19/25
December's meeting is: 12/10/25
- FINDERNE Fire company 2025 nominations (attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to allow families to ride along in light parade in Somerville: C. Spolarich.

Seconded by: M. Long

All in favor.

Radio purchases: Commissioner Kurdyla has a commitment from the township to float the bond for the radios - but we need a bond implementation. Commissioner Kurdyla will reach out to other fire districts to share the bond.

Motion to participate in the bond process: C. Spolarich.

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla the meeting to the public at 8:34PM.

Motion by Commissioner: S. Fell.

Second by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Motion to close the meeting by: M. Long

Seconded by: D. Brightbill

Unanimously approved at 8:35p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: C. Spolarich.

Second by: M. Long

All in favor.

Commissioner Kurdyla - attended the township inspection and would like to thank Chief Fernandez for doing a great job! Thank you for the work that you do!

Chief Fernandez - please keep the committee meeting rolling.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary