

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 31, 2024

Commissioner Kurdyla called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence for ex-commissioner Paul Orloff.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Carl Spolarich, Debbie Brightbill, Mijett Long, Sharon Fell, and Allen Kurdyla.
Finderne Fire Department: Chief Keith Binkley, Deputy Chief Fernandez, Capt. Ruscetta, President Steve Spolarich, and Administrator Jannone.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting June 26, 2024, accepted as presented.
Motion to accept by: C. Spolarich.
Second by: S. Fell.
Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.
He reported a balance of \$1,105,430.39 in all District Accounts.
Motion to accept: M. Long.
Second by: D. Brightbill.
Unanimously approved.

Audit Documents are in the 2024 meeting minutes binder.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which he reviewed with Administrator Jannone.
The total of bills to be paid is \$ 11,115.32.
Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report.
Motion to pay the bills was made by: D. Brightbill.
Second by: S. Fell.
Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

34 calls, 671 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activations – 19
- Propane leak – 1
- Elevator Emergency - 2
- MV Accidents / Fire – 1
- Fuel leak -1
- Odor Investigation -1
- Transformer fire -1
- Power lines down -1
- Mutual Aid Calls – 7

Apparatus:

- Engine 301 - Windshield had been replaced after being cracked during a call.
- Car 30 - Vehicle was brought to Bridgewater Chevy to have the leak in the AC unit fixed. The condenser was replaced, and Car 30 is back in service.

Equipment:

- Purchase 2 Flir Thermal imaging camera batteries. The total price is \$410.00.
- Purchase 10 pairs of firefighter gloves. The total price is \$1,380.00.
- Purchase of a new multi gas meter to replace one that can no longer be serviced. The total price with trading in the old one is \$676.00.
- Purchase of a nozzle and 100 feet of lightweight forestry hose. The total price is \$465.00
- Purchase 4 stirrup steps for \$3,666.89.
- Purchase 6 sets of rescue gear and boots for \$13,200.00.

Total of all purchases: \$2,931.00 all quotes provided.

Motion to approve all purchases for a total of \$2,931.00: A. Kurdyla.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich

All in favor.

Motion to approve the purchase of the 4-stirrup steps \$3,666.89: S. Fell.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

All in favor.

Motion to approve the purchase of 6 sets of rescue gear \$13,200.00: S. Fell.

Seconded by: D. Brightbill.

All in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

None

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member – None
- Resigning members – None
- Status changes – Firefighter Marshall, Jr., has achieved life member status.

Capt. Ruscetta is working with the exhaust system company and the total may come in under the original proposed cost.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Reliance – The policy is still in effect.

The Board submitted a claim for Paul Orloff and the family will receive the benefit.

Email from Chris Ireland to the Board of Fire Commissioners throughout the district, regarding an update on the radio system.

Letter from Nationwide regarding a payment for a member no longer with the Fire Department.

Commissioner Kurdyla will place a call and rectify the bill.

OLD BUSINESS:

Combining policy with VFIS will not be done at this time. It is not cost effective.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Fire Department will need members to attend the annual 4H fair. Chief Binkley will send out an email to members.
- The Fire Department is attending the annual National Night Out on August 6, 2024.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Fell the meeting to the public at 8:15 PM.

Motion by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: S. Fell.

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Motion to close the meeting by: M. Long.

Seconded by: S. Fell.

Unanimously approved at 8:16 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: C. Spolarich.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary