

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Bridgewater Township
Fire District# 4
672 East Main Street Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 25, 2024

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Carl Spolarich, Debbie Brightbill, and Allen Kurdyla.
Finderne Fire Department: Chief Keith Binkley, Deputy Chief Christian Fernandez, President Steve Spolarich, and Administrator Jannone.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting August 28, accepted as presented.
Motion to accept by: Debbie Brightbill.
Second by: Carl Spolarich.
Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurer's Report and is attached.
He reported a balance of: Checking \$249,753.10 Int. \$10.69
Money Market \$ 997,782.98 Int. \$3,578.86
Motion to accept: Debbie Brightbill.
Second by: Allen Kurdyla
Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

- Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which he reviewed with Administrator Jannone. The total of bills to be paid is \$7,250.83.
- Bill list is attached to the Treasurer's report.

Motion to pay the bills was made by: Debbie Brightbill.
Second by: Carl Spolarich
Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- 43 Calls, 318 Call Man Hours, 279 Work Details/
Training/Drills/Meetings,
- 597 Total Man Hours
- Report Attached

Request to purchase:

(3) Helmets at \$425.00	\$1,275
(4) Hoods at \$125.00	\$500.00
(10) Pair Gloves at 5.99	\$59.90

(1) Brennan nozzle	\$800.00
(6) AED's	\$12,367.98
Total purchase request - \$15,002.89	

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the equipment request. During this discussion Chief Binkley had to leave the meeting and Deputy Chief Fernandez carried on with the discussion.

As part of the discussion related to the equipment purchase, concern was raised related to the proposal to repair Engine 302's turbo and engine due to fuel levels in the engine oil. A discussion followed addressing concerns over longevity related to the availability of parts for the engine. It was decided not to approve the \$34,000.00 repair estimate until confirmation was received for this issue. Chairman Kurdyla will represent the Board in a discussion with Fire and Safety Service Manager Sean O'Connor regarding the questions raised. Based on discussion with Fire and Safety a decision was approved to move forward for either the engine rebuild, or the turbo rebuild.

After this discussion, a motion to approve the purchase of equipment was made by Debbie Brightbill; Second by Carl Spolarich and unanimously approved

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Phase 1 is coming to a close, a Purchase order for \$1,434.35 was approved for the mounting of the radio equipment.
- A quote will be requested for portable radios. This included a discussion related to researching brands other than Motorola.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member- None
- Resigning members – Mike Cano
- Vehicle Exhaust system is installed
- Thomas Marshall has achieved Life Membership in the Fire Company

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Lincoln Financial returned checks for members who left the department without qualifying as vested members.
- A check for Christian Fernandez was received terminating his LOSAP account. This is an obvious error. Christian is currently serving as Deputy Chief and did not request to close his account. Chairman Kurdyla will have a report for next meeting, the intent is to notify Lincoln of the mistake and have the account reinstated.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No response from Lincoln Financial regarding P. Brownell

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Kurdyla opened the meeting to the public at 8:42 PM.

Motion by Commissioner: Carl Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: Debbie Brightbill

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by: Carl Spolarich. Seconded by: Debbie Brightbill

Unanimously approved at 8:43 p.m.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kurdyla asked if anyone had any other business to be heard. Since there was no other business, a motion to close the meeting was made by: Debbie Brightbill.

Seconded by: Carl Spolarich.

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Kurdyla
Commissioner