

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 2024**

Commissioner Fell 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, Mijett Long, Sharon Fell, and Allen Kurdyla - absent.
Finderne Fire Department: Chief Keith Binkley, Deputy Chief Fernandez, President Steve Spolarich, and Administrator Jannone.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting, October 30, 2024, accepted as presented.

Motion to accept by: S. Fell.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Attached)

Treasurer Spolarich read the Treasurers Report and is attached.

He reported a balance of \$ 1,439,196.51 in all District Accounts.

Motion to accept: D. Brightbill.

Second by: M. Long.

Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Treasurer Spolarich presented the bills which he reviewed with Administrator Jannone.

The total of bills to be paid is \$ 21,244.95.

Bill list is attached to Treasurer's report.

Motion to pay the bills was made by: M. Long.

Second by: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT:

36 calls, 655 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activation – 11
- Structure Fire -1
- Smoke Condition – 2
- Lawn Mower Fire – 1
- MV Fire / Accidents -6
- Smell of Smoke – 1
- Fire Pit – 1
- Burn Notification -1
- Electronics Fire – 1
- Natural Gas Leak -2
- Mutual Aid Calls – 9

Apparatus:

- Engine 301 – Repairs are almost complete. Should be back in service Friday. The leaks in the radiator cannot be fixed and the replacement of the radiator is recommended. There is a 4-to-6-week turnaround time for parts.
- Engine 302 – When the repairs on 301 are complete Engine 302 will be taken to Atlantic Diesel to have the turbo replaced. Turn around time shouldn't be long.
- Rescue 30 – Is currently out of service for warranty repairs and annual maintenance.
- Chief Binkley is asking for a \$100 stipend for a member to assist Veolia on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, with the process of cleaning the foam system in Engine 302 and 303.

Motion to approve \$100 stipend for a Fire Dept. member to assist foam cleaning: M. Long.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich.

All in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- 100 gallons of foam was ordered.
- Discussed repairs and defective list for Engine 301.
- Made plea for apparatus swap out of Chief Vehicles.
- Reiterated the importance of new apparatus.
- Voiced his disapproval of the board's resistance to allow the incoming chief to form a committee for new apparatus.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- New Member – None
- Resigning members – None
- Status changes – None

Fire Department Nomination for 2025 (attached)

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- P.O. for repairs for Engine 302
- Foam replacement Tuesday, November 26, 2024.
- No news about a grant writer from the district.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Commissioner Fell the meeting to the public at 8:08 PM.

Motion by Commissioner: C. Spolarich.

Second by Commissioner: D. Brightbill.

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Motion to close the meeting by: M. Long.

Seconded by: C. Spolarich.

Unanimously approved at 8:09 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Motion to close by: C. Spolarich.

Second by: M. Long.

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary