

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 30, 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, Mijett Long, Sharon Fell, and Allen Kurdyla.
Finderne Fire Department: Chief Keith Binkley, Deputy Chief Fernandez, President Steve Spolarich, and Administrator Jannone.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from prior meeting September 25, 2024, accepted as presented.
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 \$1,349,816.89 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 of bills to be paid is \$ 127,480.57.
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:

43 calls, 597 Man Hours – Report attached.

- Alarm Activation – 19
- Structure Fire -1
- Smoke Condition – 4
- Gas Leaks – 4
- Wires Down / Fire – 1
- Culinary Mishap – 1
- Oven / Stove Fire – 2
- Transformer Fire – 1
- Mulch Fire – 1
- Mutual Aid Calls - 9

Apparatus:

- Discussion continues the status of Engine 302s repairs. Chief Binkley would like to schedule service for repairs needed. Chief Binkley will reach out about getting the turbo done.
- Discussions continue as well for the replacement of Car 30. Chief Binkley recommends its replacement and taking the deputy chief's car out of service.

Equipment:

- AEDs have been delivered and placed into service on all apparatus and Chief's vehicle.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Administrator Jannone reports that all 700/800 are delivered and in service.
- Asking for assistance from the township for a grant writer to assist in getting federal money. Commissioner Kurdyla will make a call for that.
- The board has received a proposal for removal of all foam and replacement with new foam.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT REPORT:

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

Fire Department Nomination for 2025 (attached)

Motion to accept 2025 Fire Department Nominations: C. Spolarich.

Seconded by: S. Fell.

All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received an invitation for a presentation for BRINC drone on Airborne Support for Public Safety, Wednesday, November 13, 2024 @ 18:00 – 2000 hours, at the Bridgewater Municipal Courtroom.
- VFIS – letter related to the credit/overpayment of accident and sickness policy. More to come on this.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Lincoln Financial – regarding Deputy Chief Fernandez's account, AFTER REVIEW THE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN REACTIVATED

NEW BUSINESS:

- PO for turbo replacement. Fire & Safety sees no problem getting parts for 302. Moving forward with the repairs.
- Need answers from the township, 1) who has applied for grant help for radios 2) will the county support the current system till 2026?
- Commissioner Spolarich suggests a vote to use capital on the ballot in the event we do not get any help federally for the radios.
- Somerset County questioned our foam. Need to replace and get environmentally approved foam. Cost to remove ~\$5,600.00 and ~\$5,300.00 to purchase new.
- The November 27, 2024, meeting needs to be moved to November 20, 2024, because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Motion to pay ~\$10,900.00 to remove and purchase foam: S. Fell.

Seconded by: M. Long.

All in favor.

Motion to move the November 27, 2024, meeting to November 20, 2024: S. Fell.

Seconded by: D. Brightbill.

All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

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

Motion by Commissioner: D. Brightbill.

Second by Commissioner: S. Fell.

Unanimously Approved.

Hearing none and seeing none.

Motion to close the meeting by: C. Spolarich.

Seconded by: S. Fell.

Unanimously approved at 8:18 p.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Kurdyla 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 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mijett Long
Secretary