

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT No. 1
Bridgewater Township
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Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
April 8, 2014

Minutes of the April 8, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm by Chairman Lichtig, who gave notice of the Sunshine Law requirements. Present were Commissioners: Mr. Lichtig, Mr. Rose, Mr. Natalizio, Mr. Patullo and Mr. Kalafsky. Also present was Chief Bradley, and Asst. Chief Cowley.

The minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. Motion made by Mr. Rose to approve, second by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for March, 2014, as of April 8, 2014, was presented by Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose also stated that Mr. Jinks looked over the QuickBooks accounting program and everything appears to be in order. A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve; second by Mr. Patullo and passed unanimously. The bills for March up to April 8, 2014 were presented; a motion to approve all presented bills was made by Mr. Kalafsky, second by Mr. Patullo, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:05 pm. It was requested that all wishing to speak must stand and state their name and address.

With no one in attendance from the public wishing to be heard; the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:06 pm.

Correspondence:

- Various advertisements which were delivered to the interested parties
- Information from Lincoln Financial Group was distributed to the Board and MVFD President Wright

The Chief's Report for March, 2014 was distributed along with the March 11, 2014 meeting minutes. No questions were raised. A motion was made by Mr. Rose to accept the Chief's report, second by Mr. Kalafsky, and was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad:

No representation from the Squad / No Report.

Insurance and LOSAP:

Mr. Lichtig and Mr. Natalizio spoke to a few representatives from Lincoln Financial Group and Valic. We received a lot of information and will need a formal presentation to the BOFC

Lincoln and Valic will be requested to make a formal presentation.

It was suggested that Doug Wright review each proposal prior to the formal presentation.

It was noted that we currently have five (5) members that are eligible for LOSAP but do not have an account at this time.

We will wait to see Doug Wright's comments and recommendations (since he is a professional in this area).

Mr. Lichtig and Mr. Natalizio will follow up and meet with Doug Wright as soon as Valic's proposal is received and they will review both with Doug prior to the May meeting.

The Life Insurance list has been received and signed off by Chief Bradley; we still need Doug Wright's signature per Mr. Braslow. The Fire Department questioned whether Probationary and Junior members are covered. It was agreed that Probationary and Junior members and anyone that is riding on any apparatus will and should be covered by the life insurance policy. (Still need a signature from Mr. Wright on the formal list)

Membership and Personnel:

No Report at this time.

Trucks Out of District:

None at this time.

Bridgewater Joint Board:

Discussion on the election: All budgets were passed. Most incumbents were re-elected.

The majority of the meeting was dedicated to the up and coming new county dispatch system/ network; it was stated at this meeting that all radios that each department currently has will either be converted or replaced. All fire departments will be made whole even if additional funds need to be appropriated.

New Development:

No Report.

Vehicle Training:

Ongoing.

New Fleet Apparatus:

A revised draft and 2nd version of the specifications was received; final comments will be addressed and questions will be developed by the entire Board; Mr. Rose will generate his specific comments and distribute them to the committee for final version. Jeff Koerner asked why questions and comments have not been addressed since the 2nd revision was distributed.

Station #2 Generator

No Report.

Somerset County Dispatch

The Township has passed the bond ordinance for the cost. It is recognized that the BOFC has final responsibility and is the primary stakeholder, and will need to in be involved in the final sign off. The cost of converting to the new system will be the responsibility of Bridgewater Twp.

Technical discussion followed

Mr. Lichtig stated that this is a team effort between the Fire Department and the BOFC so we have continuity with our radios.

New Command Vehicles

The title to the old 43-161 has disappeared from the office; a replacement title will need to be obtained to receive payment for total loss from the insurance. We need to get the siren box from Tony Amoroso; Jeff Koerner will follow up.

The Board is looking to obtain a breakdown for the replacement of "**Complete**" outfitting "Like, Kind & Quality" in as much detail as possible; we are looking to get this from the Chief with Jeff Koerner's assistance.

It was noted that after taking the old Suburban (161) off insurance and adding the two (2) new Tahoe's the total insurance cost was reduced by \$9.00.

Mr. Patullo suggested that we move forward and price out and outfit 43-162 as soon as possible since it will not be funded through the insurance company. The Fire Department will move forward with outfitting 43-162.

Discussion of specific outfitting followed

Memory on the recorder was full and the meeting recording stopped at this time

Sale of 43-103

Mr. Patullo is waiting for clarification or approval to take the sale to the next step to sell 103. The vehicle will be inventoried, stripped down, and prepared for sale.

Mr. Kalafsky made a motion to prepare 43-103 for sale, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Patullo will proceed with the sale and advertise.

Disposition of retired Turnout Gear

No new development at this time.

New Business:

The desk top in the BOFC office needs to be replaced due to its age and technological obsolescence.

Mr. Kalafsky made a motion to purchase a new BOFC office computer, the motion passed unanimously; Mr. Lichtig will take charge of the purchase

No other new business was introduced at this time.

A motion to adjourn the April 8, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Rose, and seconded by Mr. Natalizio the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 pm.