

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FIRE DISTRICT No. 1  
Bridgewater Township  
PO Box 109, MARTINSVILLE, N. J. 08836**

Martinsville Station # 1  
Martinsville, NJ  
February 11, 2014

**Minutes of the February 11, 2014 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman Lichtig, who gave notice of the Sunshine Law requirements.

Present were Commissioners: Mr. Lichtig, Mr. Natalizio, Mr. Patullo and Mr. Kalafsky. Also present was Chief Bradley; Mr. Rose and Asst. Chief Cowley were not in attendance.

The minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. Motion made by Mr. Patullo to approve, second by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for January 2014, as of February 11, 2014, was presented by Mr. Patullo. A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve; second by Mr. Natalizio and passed. The bills for January up to February 11, 2014 were presented, a motion to approve all presented bills was made by Mr. Kalafsky, second by Mr. Natalizio, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:06pm. It was requested that all wishing to speak must stand and state their name and address.

With no one in attendance from the Public wished to be heard;  
The public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:07 pm.

**Correspondence:**

- Various advertisements which were delivered to the interested parties
- Minutes of the NJ State Association of Fire Districts December Quarterly Meeting
- Harleysville renewal notice with new rates was received April 1, 2014.

**The Chief's Report** for January, 2014 was distributed along with the January 14, 2014 meeting minutes.

No questions were raised. A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to accept the Chief's report, second by Mr. Natalizio, and was approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Martinsville Rescue Squad:**

John Cowley reported that Debby Manna is the 2014 Chief of the Squad and the squad has amended their by-laws to incorporate an Assistant Chief:

Doris Zampella has been elected / appointed as the new Squad Asst. Chief and has assumed this roll for 2014.

### **Insurance and LOSAP:**

Information obtained from Mr. Braslow about our new LOSAP provider revealed that Nationwide Insurance is not a NJ State approved vendor. The Board (Mr. Lichtig) will investigate to merge to an approved vendor.

The 2013 LOSAP payout list will be on file in the January 2014 file

Doug Wright had requested to make some qualification changes with the LOSAP requirements and we have not received any inform the Fire department.

A list has been received from Mr. Tanga of who is qualified for the life insurance policy; the list has been given to the Chief for review and is expected to return with his signature for approval at the March BOFC meeting.

### **Membership and Personnel:**

One new member; Thomas Barletta - Station – 2

### **Trucks Out of District:**

Annual Ski Spree; 43-151

### **Bridgewater Joint Board:**

Next meeting, 1st quarter of 2014, no date on hand at this time

### **New Development:**

No Report at this time.

### **Vehicle Training:**

Ongoing, especially with the younger eligible members

### **New Fleet Apparatus:**

The Board has received the draft specification for the “rescue vehicle” and is on file, and the Board’s two truck committee members will provide feed-back and meet with the Chief and committee to discuss. The two members of the board are; Bill Rose and John Lichtig. Copies of the Specifications were provided electronically and in printed form.

### **BOFC Web Site**

The website is in very good shape and only a few documents are missing only a few resolutions but that may only be a skip in the numbering system, otherwise the site is complete and will be updated regularly.

### **Station #2 Generator**

No Report or activity until after the election approval.

### **Somerset County Dispatch**

The Chief went to a meeting and the Count Dispatch is inevitable there was discussion on call signals and apparatus numbering. Some Township departments have already transferred to the new system.

There should not be a large financial impact; County does not have a particular interest in the lower command structure. No internal structural / command interest is being taken into conversation.

### **New Command Vehicles**

No report except that a purchase order has been issued and the vehicles will be held until the budget has been passed and approved.

### **2014 Operating Budget**

A second special meeting will be held due to a clerical error in the adoption of the 2014 operating budget. The minutes of the initial special operating budget meeting were distributed: A motion to approve the special budget meeting minutes was made by Mr. Patullo and seconded by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously.

### **Sale of 43-103**

The Board has requested the "Book Value" to make a decision on what need to be done. Mr. Patullo would like to table this until the march meet to send pictures and additional information to the vendor for a better value and proposal. Chief Bradley would like expedite is process; at this time the Board assumes that 43-103 is Out of Service.

### **Disposition of retired Turnout Gear**

Only one set of equipment has been requested from a member and a "Hold Harmless" agreement will be received. The balance of the gear will donated at the direction of Bill Rose that he has used in the past.

### ***New Business:***

The Lease Agreement with the Fire Department will be reviewed and scrubbed so the Board has justification on the rent and other cost that are paid in the rent payments. The folder was handed over to Mr. Natalizio to investigate and proceed.

No other new business was brought up or discussed.

A motion to adjourn the February 11, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky, and seconded by Mr. Natalizio the meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.