

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
March 11, 2014

Minutes of the March 11, 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 were Chief Bradley, and Asst. Chief Cowley.

A motion was made by Mr. Rose to dispense with the regular order of business to perform the swearing in of the February 2014 elected Commissioners and reorganization for the 2014 year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously.

The swearing in which is typically done by the Clerk of the BOFC; with the past Clerk and Chairman subject to the swearing in, the honor and duty was taken by Mr. Natalizio (Vice Chairman).

Mr. Kalafsky and Mr. Lichtig both recited the Oath of Office and were received and accepted for an additional three-year term of office in the Martinsville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1.

Mr. Lichtig proposed and made a motion that no changes take place in the organization at this time and all 2013 titles and positions including responsibilities remain the same. Mr. Rose seconded and added to the motion and that the meeting resumes to the standard order of business; the motion passed unanimously.

A Second Roll Call was taken:

Present were Commissioners: Mr. Lichtig, Mr. Rose, Mr. Natalizio, Mr. Patullo and Mr. Kalafsky. Also present were Chief Bradley, and Asst. Chief Cowley.

The minutes of the February 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 February, 2014, as of March 11, 2014, was presented by Mr. Rose. A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve; second by Mr. Patullo and passed unanimously. The bills for February up to March 11, 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 8:09pm. 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 8:10 pm.

Correspondence:

- Various advertisements which were delivered to the interested parties
- Registration for 43-151 received and turned over to a line officer for processing.

The Chief's Report for February, 2014 was distributed along with the February 11, 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 was present; there was no report: John Lichtig will provide the Rescue Squad a statement of the current funds that are available. John Lichtig requested that the squad present a list of what they have purchased over the years and we will conduct a "Mini- Audit".

John Lichtig spoke with Mr. Braslow about the funding from BOFC District #1 to the Martinsville Rescue Squad; since the merge with the Martinsville Squad and Green Knoll Squad, and funding received from the BOFC will have to be used exclusively for emergency response and protection of District #1.

Insurance and LOSAP:

At this time, there are only four New Jersey State approved LOSAP vendors / providers available to the board. John Lichtig has communicated with two; Lincoln and Valic. Both Companies offer programs where the individual can direct their investment. Personal meetings and presentations will have to happen going forward to understand what they offer. Doug Wright (Fire Department President) has offered to help us address our fiduciary duties. Discussion followed.

Doug Wright provided the Board with the Fire Department's Executive committee proposal of the LOSAP qualifications changes (Letter on File). Doug then explained the reasoning.

A motion was made by Mr. Rose to accept the changes as presented by Doug Wright, with the understanding that Mr. Lichtig contact Mr. Braslow and get regulations and understanding in writing of what needs to be done to comply with state law; seconded by Mr. Kalafsky and passed unanimously. (A Public hearing may be required.)

The list of life insurance qualified members was received from Mr. Tanga, and at the advice from Mr. Braslow that the list be signed off by the chief and President, with any appropriate corrections. There was a discussion on eligibility requirements for members. At this time we are using 20% of the available points and SAD's on a calendar year as eligibility criteria for active Life members, as has been done in the past

Membership and Personnel:

No Report at this time

Trucks Out of District:

St. Patrick's Parade Sunday 3/16/2014 (43-145, a major pumper and support vehicle).

Bridgewater Joint Board:

Next meeting, will be Tuesday March 18th at 7:30 pm; Green Knolls Station #2 on Dow Road off Country Club.

New Development:

No Report

Vehicle Training:

Ongoing

New Fleet Apparatus:

A draft specification was presented to the Board with references to Pierce Manufacturing; the board's comments will be pooled and sent to the Chief. A full truck committee will take place prior to the next BOFC Meeting.

BOFC Web Site

This item will be removed from the Agenda.

Station #2 Generator

No report, still waiting for gas line.

Somerset County Dispatch

Another Meeting 3/12/2014; 18:00 hours at the Bridgewater Twp. Building

New Command Vehicles

Both vehicles have been delivered and received in house, both have been insured and registered.

Clarification is needed for the coverage of equipment to be reimbursed from the original vehicle

Sale of 43-103

It will cost approx. \$25,000.00 to fix the present issues with 43-103.

The value of the vehicle, as reported by Mr. Patullo, is between \$25K and \$35K. Mr. Patullo would like to take the next steps to remove 43-103 from service and prepare it for sale. We also need to address and clarify the replacement of 43-103. Discussion followed of the specifications, costs, options to the BOFC needs to be refreshed from the presentation received from the Chief in 2013

Disposition of retired Turnout Gear

Mr. Rose had a conversation with NVFC. They did not have a source of the donor but they gave another source that may be interested, Mr. Rose will follow-up. One member provided a "hold harmless" document and the gear was stripped of any markings.

New Business:

We received a quote from the Chief to replace the gear racks at Station #1 in the amount of \$6,073.00 less installation. This cost will be taken from the 2013 budget "Approved"

Resolutions 14-04 through 14-12 were presented and all approved unanimously.

Resolutions will be kept on file and posted on the web site.

A motion to adjourn the March 11, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky, and seconded by Mr. Natalizio the meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.