

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
April 10, 2012

Minutes of the April 10, 2012 Meeting

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

Present were Commissioners: Mr. Rose, Mr. Lichtig, Mr. Kalafsky and Mr. Durant, Also present were Chief Bradley and Asst. Chief Cowley. Mr. Van Nostrand was not present

The minutes of the March 13, 2012 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. Motion made by Mr. Durant to approve, second by Mr. Lichtig and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for March, as of April 10, 2012, was presented by Mr. Durant, motion made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve; second by Mr. Lichtig and passed unanimously. The bills for March 2012 were presented and approved. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Durant, second by Mr. Kalafsky, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:08 PM. It was requested that all wishing to speak must stand, state their name and address:

No comments or questions from the attending public.

Chairman Rose gave another opportunity to the attending public for anyone wishing to make a statement, comment, or be heard; the meeting was closed to the Public at 8:09 PM.

Correspondence:

Magazines distributed to both Stations:

Insurance solicitation

Lease agreement received will be under old business

US Census on Salaries, will be returned as N/A

The Chief's report for March 2012 was distributed; no questions were raised.

A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to accept the Chief's report, second by Mr. Lichtig, and was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad:

Howard Bixler from the Martinsville Rescue Squad representing the Squad to request Funding for new Radios; Mr. Bixler deferred the technical portion to Mr. Hank Schleicher in the public attendance.

Mr. Schleicher discussed that the FCC is requiring "Narrow Banding" and the Squad has several radios that are so old that they cannot be converted to the new requirements

The Squad has solicited three vendors for bid; two returned "No Bid". Their preferred vendor returned a proposal for \$8,546.50 which will take care of the squad's radio requirements at this time. The Board accepted the three bid solicitation as proper due diligence even though there were two refusals.

Mr. Kalafsky made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$8,546.50 for the squad to purchased new radios which will come out of the Rescue Squad fund; seconded by Mr. Lichtig and approved unanimously. The Invoice will be directed to the BOFC District #1

Insurance & LOSAP:

A copy of the Life Insurance program has been delivered to the Chief.

A meeting was held with Mr. Tanga Mr. Rose & Mr. Lichtig before the meeting. According to the program requirement, we will have 41 people on the life insurance plan and 18 people on the LOSAP.

Junior Members are eligible for the Life insurance plan as long as they maintain 50% of the points.

Mr. Rose gave Chief Bradley a package of forms for the life insurance and LOSAP that need to be filled out by several members and returned as soon as possible so they can be returned to Mr. Tanga. Specific individuals discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve payment for the annuity and life insurance in the amounts of \$6,749.20 and \$29,600.00; seconded and approved unanimously.

Fire House Lease:

The Cover Letter to extend the lease for an additional year at the same lease rate has been received, and need signatures from the Board and MVFD President. A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve the 2012 lease extension, seconded by Mr. Lichtig. Discussion followed on the one year term. Motion was approved unanimously. Rent Payment has already been issued.

Membership and Personnel:

Trent Dickey and Joe Bruno have both resigned from the fire department and will be removed from the rolls.

Since they were on the Life Insurance policy, this will lower the payment to \$6,577.20 check will be amended.

Trucks Out of District:

None at this time

Bridgewater Joint Board:

Meeting was held on March 20th 2012 Mr. Lichtig and Mr. Van Nostrand both attended.

Mr. Lichtig reported the all executive positions will remain the same as 2011.

The BWT Fire inspector's report was received.

All Workers Comp claims to be reported to Bridgewater Township Human Resources.

Solar Panel building Commercial and Residential list will be published and sent to all Chiefs, No signs are required at the entrance of the buildings.

Any Chiefs, Officers or Commissioners wishing to take a tour of new construction please contact the BWTP Fire official for an appointment.

Joint Web site was discussed; George Jones will be taking the lead on this.

Firefighter Incentive:

Under Insurance above;

New Development:

No Report.

Long Range Planning:

The Executive Board will review the roof and front ramp to see if they want to take the capital fund.

Vehicle Training:

On Going

Retired Equipment:

Approximately 14 boxes were delivered to the county and the auction will be the second week in May.

Stolen Gear Racks:

The insurance claim or contact had not yet happened.

New Business:

New Fleet Apparatus:

Chief and Line would like to bring up talking points before the Board makes any decisions on a new purchase.

The Chief wants to make sure that the Fleet is sufficient and flexible enough to cover the changing demographics of the fire district. He would like to diversify and maintain options and utilize the fleet to the best practical applications of the district.

43-103 may be more cost effective to sell it sooner rather than later while it still has a greater value. Discussion followed.

A motion to adjourn the April 10, 2012 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky, and seconded by Mr. Durant. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.