

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
October 9, 2012

Working Minutes of the September, 11 2012 Meeting

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

Chairman Rose requested that it being September 11, all present please stand and observe a moment of silence for the events eleven years ago.

Present were Commissioners: Mr. Rose, Mr. Lichtig, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Durant and Mr. Van Nostrand. Also present were Chief Bradley and Asst. Chief Cowley.

The minutes of the August 14, 2012 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. Motion made by Mr. Lichtig to approve, second by Mr. Durant and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for August, as of September 11, 2012, was presented by Mr. Van Nostrand, motion made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve; second by Mr. Lichtig and passed. The bills for August up to September 11, 2012 were presented, and motion to approve all presented bills was made by Mr. Kalafsky, second by Mr. Durant, and passed unanimously. It was requested that all bills to the commissioners must go through the Chief prior to being submitted directly to the commissioners.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:04 PM. It was requested that all wishing to speak must stand, state their name and address:

No interest or response from the attending public to speak.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:05 PM

Correspondence:

Net Link: Vendor introduction letter in regard to the State mandatory Commissioner web site; John Lichtig reviewed the information; we may look for more information. We will keep in file and see if the Joint Board is moving forward with establishing a Commissioners web site presence on the Bridgewater Township web server.

Government Census Post Card: Census information request will be received shortly.

VFIS Checks: Received insurance checks for the gear racks in the amount of \$1,500.00 and a supplemental payment of \$650.00 for a total insurance claim settlement of \$2,150.00

The Chief's report for August 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:

- John Cowley of the MRS thanked the BOFC for the radios and confirmed they are working very well. They will be in contact for a request for another draw for a base station and the cost will be shared 50/50 with the Green Knoll Squad, this should take place before the end of the year (2012).
- The MRS has some new Re-habilitation guide lines based on NFPA 1584 and will be meeting with Chief Bradley for their SOP's of re-habilitation at the fire grounds.

Insurance and LOSAP:

- 43-141 Brush Truck; has returned and the quality of the repair work is very good.
- Mr. Tanga has reported that four members have been dropped from the group life insurance and need to resubmit an application for re- instatement (Kalafsky, Koerner, LeBrew and Dean) Bill Rose has/ will distributed the application and should be returned to him.
- The insurance checks for the gear racks have been received. (Issue Closed)

Membership and Personnel:

- No Report at this time.

Trucks Out of District:

- Inspection 10/6/2012

Bridgewater Joint Board:

- Meeting September 18th at Green Knoll 8:00 PM

New Development:

- Asanti Lane House demolition of the old house and want to build a new house, the construction/lot is now being classified as a flag lot.
- Waiting for information on the new development of the Chimney Rock / Rte. 22 area.
- A 16 pump Wawa gas station has already been approved for construction at the old Suburban Propane site at Chimney Rock and Rte. 28 near the rail road tracks.

Vehicle Training:

- Ongoing

New Fleet Apparatus:

- The Line is a little behind in the ideas and preliminary specification for the fleet apparatus needs.
- Collin Thomas spoke to Bill Rose about New Brunswick FD possibly wanting to purchase 103 but it was clarified by Jim Cowley that it was just a friend of his (Collin Thomas) from New Brunswick that may have been interested, the issue was dropped.
- We will need to have the requirements and needs from the line officers very soon to determine where the Department wants to go with the replacement and the disposal of 103. The Board will be expecting a bullet point “Wants and Needs” outline at the October 2012 meeting. We, the Board, will also require a cost estimate not to exceed (NTE) cost by the October 2012 meeting to enable us to put the cost of the new vehicle(s) as a public question on the February 2013 election ballot. The NTE will be fine-tuned over the next few months to have a refined cost by the December 2012 meeting.
- 2013 Budget Mr. Van Nostrand is working with the Chief and Line to develop the 2013 budget; looking for zero growth again this coming year; second year in a row. A question was brought up whether we need a public question in the February 2013 election, to purchase new apparatus.
- The MRS will also be looking to purchase a new vehicle in 2013, but will be using their own funds which will not affect or conflict with a public question on the election ballot; but they will request funding from the BOFC to outfit the new rig with capital equipment.
- Discussion on the disposal of 103 and its value followed. The discussion was tabled until the BOFC receives the aforementioned bullet item list.

New Business:

- No new business was brought up or discussed at this meeting.

A motion to adjourn the September 11, 2012 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky, and seconded by Mr. Van Nostrand. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.