

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
November 13, 2012

Minutes of the October 9, 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 was Chief Bradley and Asst. Chief Cowley. Mr. Van Nostrand was not present at this meeting.

The minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. Motion made by Mr. Durant to approve, second by Mr. Kalafsky and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for September, as of October 9, 2012 is not available at this time but will be prepared and delivered at the November 13 meeting. The bills for September up to October 9, 2012 were presented, and motion to approve all presented bills was made by Mr. Durant, second by Mr. Kalafsky, and passed unanimously.

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:

There was no interest or response from the attending public to speak.

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

Correspondence:

Census questionnaire

Vehicle registration for the Brush Truck

Payment check from Somerset County for the proceeds from the auction in the amount of \$406.89

Mr. Rose received an e-mail requesting signature about the funds that we received from last year's FEMA money from the storm. Signed and returned back to the State Police.

The Chief's report for September 2012 was distributed; (no questions were raised.)

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad:

- Mr. Bixler in attendance but no report

Insurance and LOSAP:

- Received James Kalafsky's life insurance form and need to receive Jeff Koerner and Lance LaBrew
- The invoice for the repair of the Brush Truck was received and will be paid
- Final payment for the gear racks has been received.

Membership and Personnel:

- Jim Murray Jr. has requested "Inactive Status" Status granted

Trucks Out of District:

- 43-141 will be going to the Far Hill Steeple Chase. Motion made and passed.

Bridgewater Joint Board:

- District #4 received new radios they will be using UHF & VHF and they also have a truck committee for a piece of apparatus.
- No correspondence, status or new requests from the State on the ongoing LOSAP audit.
- District #4 does not support their rescue squad.
- gov. connect, State on line web site should be available and subscribed to, by all Commissioners to receive updates and information. Mr. Durant is a current subscriber and will distribute the URL connection.
- The mandatory district web site will be hosted by Bridgewater Township and maintained by their web master.
- Amounts of rent paid from the district commissions to the local fire departments were discussed.
- Reimbursements / compensation to the entire Township commissioners were discussed.
- Next meeting is November 20, 2012

New Development:

- No Report

Vehicle Training:

- Ongoing

New Fleet Apparatus:

The Chief reported that he has done additional research with vendors on the configuration of the potential new vehicle with regards to manpower, equipment and deployment. The cost could possibly be upwards of \$250,000.00 for two units. Also discussed how this will affect the pumper replacement rotation and 43-103 is not doing very well operational wise.

Additional information is forth coming.

New Business:

NJ State Fire Commissioners meeting, Wildwood September 14, 2012:

- Mr. Rose attended the meeting and reported back and distributed written information about budget changes, new regulations, time lines, special meeting and elections and election results reporting.
- A large part of the meeting was the new mandatory web site which is still firm for February 1, 2013 and the State will be auditing all districts.
- Mr. Rose had a conversation with Jim Naples BWTP administrator. Mr. Naples has instructed the Township web master to provide an area on the Bridgewater Twp. web site for each of the four districts.
- Detailed discussion followed.

Coverage if one of the board members is gone for an extended period of time:

- Mr. Durant asked the question if there is a plan for coverage of any one of the board members. A coverage plan needs to be set up.

Rent and additional compensation:

- Mr. Durant also brought up the issue of rent and additional compensation that District #1 supplies the Fire Department. Are we in line with the rest of the Districts and Departments? There are many variables, Mr. Lichtig and Mr. Durant will continue the analysis, due diligence and investigation of this issue.

A motion to adjourn the October 9, 2012 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky, and seconded by Mr. Lichtig. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.