

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
November 8, 2011

Minutes of the November 8, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm by Chairman Rose, who gave notice of the Sunshine Law requirements.

Present were Commissioners: Mr. Rose, Mr. Lichtig, and Mr. Kalafsky. Also present was Assistant Chief John Kovacs. Mr. Van Nostrand and Mr. Durant were not in attendance.

The minutes of the October 2011 meeting were approved. Motion made by Mr. Lichtig second by Mr. Kalafsky and passed.

The Treasurer's report for October, 2011 was presented, motion made by Mr. Lichtig, second by Mr. Kalafsky and passed. The bills for October were presented and approved. Motion made by Mr. Lichtig and second by Mr. Kalafsky and passed.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:11 PM.

A comment was made by a member of the public in attendance, that Mr. Durant used profanity towards members of the public) during the September and October meeting; the meeting closed to the public at 8:12 PM.

Correspondence:

- No correspondence at the time of the meeting.

The Chief's report for October 2011 was not available at the time of the meeting due to the prolonged power outage affecting Doug Wright and his being out of town.

Mr. Rose thanked the Department for the recent snow storm support.

Old Business

Martinsville Rescue Squad:

- 2012 Officers will remain the same as last year except Pete Mone is challenging / running for the office of 1st Lieutenant and Chief.
- All vehicles are operational at this time.
- The Squad is purchasing a rig this year; the purchase will include District #1 funding if the FRMA grant does come through.
- Proposal to have MVRS stand-by in their station for wires down calls if and until they are needed.

Insurance: Mr. Tanga received the certificate of insurance and insured, - Bob Forsyth will need to fill out a form. Mr. Rose discussed the classes of insurance and right of conversion.

Membership and Personnel: New Junior member; Janelle Roper responding to Station #2

Trucks Out of District: Nothing aware at this time.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No report at this time.

Firefighter Incentive: Incentive checks are supposed to go out at the December commissioners meeting. Need a final report.

New Development: No report.

Long Range Planning: No report.

Vehicle Training: Ongoing

Retired Equipment: The report will be reviewed and discussed at the December meeting.

Security Systems: Cameras are operational at both stations- Policy was distributed and offered to the public that was in attendance of the meeting. A motion to adopt the new policy by Mr. Rose; seconded by Mr. Kalafsky and passed.

Station No 2. Addition: Waiting for flooring for final C of O. There is nothing in the 2011 budget for outfitting the new addition, most likely will be in the 2012 budget.

New Business

Budget: The 2012 Chief's final budget was distributed, no discussion on it, the 2012 budget is a zero growth budget and the 2011 budget was used as a model. Vehicle fuel usage was discussed.

Lease: In progress, being formalized all monies are final and both parties in agreement.

Driving: It was noted to Asst. Chief Kovacs that drivers are responding much too fast and recklessly. It was requested that he speak with the Chief and all drivers that this type of driving will not be tolerated.

The meeting was closed to the public and same was requested to leave the meeting room:

Candidates for 2012 Chief and Assistant Chief were discussed in closed session. Candidates are as follows:

Chief – **Brian Bradley, Jim Cowley**

Assistant Chief – **Jim Cowley, Chris Snook**

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:04 pm

Chairman Rose announced to the public the discussions held during the closed session.

Motion to accept all candidates was made by Mr. Lichtig and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky and approved, with the provision that the elected candidates provide proof of eligibility and all required certifications.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm. Motion made by Mr. Lichtig seconded by Mr. Kalafsky and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Kalafsky