

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
July 8, 2014

Meeting Minutes of the July 8, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman Lichtig, who gave notice of the Sunshine Law requirements. Present were Commissioners: Mr. Lichtig, Mr. Rose, Mr. Natalizio, and Mr. Patullo; Mr. Kalafsky was absent. Also present were Chief Bradley, and Asst. Chief Cowley.

The minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. A motion was made by Mr. Rose to approve, second by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for June, 2014, as of July 7, 2014, was presented by Mr. Rose. A motion was made by Mr. Patullo to approve; second by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously. The bills for June up to July 7, 2014 were presented; a motion to approve all presented bills was made by Mr. Patullo, second by Mr. Natalizio, and passed unanimously.

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

With no one from the public wishing to be heard; the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:05 pm.

Correspondence:

- Various advertisements and bills which were delivered to the interested parties
- New Jersey vehicle registration for 43-101 was filled out, signed and given to Asst. Chief Cowley for processing

The Chief's Report for June, 2014 was distributed just prior to the start of this meeting.

No questions were raised. A motion was made by Mr. Patullo to accept the Chief's report, second by Mr. Rose, and was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad:

Mr. Scott was present representing the Squad; no report at this time The Board will go back and review the expenditure report from the Squad; it does not appear to be current, missing items and not up to date. Next meeting we will anticipate additional information from the Squad. Past records appear to be missing details of the expenditures for the Martinsville Squad; the BOFC will work with the Squad to establish a better and more detailed expenditure list and inventory.

Insurance and LOSAP:

LOSAP- Mr. Lichtig spoke with Mr. Braslow about the change in the carrier; a resolution will be adopted to change the carrier to Lincoln. Mr. Rose brought up the fact that Lincoln will be charging a \$25.00 yearly administration fee and that the fee should be covered by the BOFC and included in the resolution. The Payment will be a onetime yearly payment

Membership and Personnel:

No Report.

Trucks Out of District:

July 14th Middlesex Fire academy: two engines and one support vehicle.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously.

Bridgewater Joint Board:

Mr. Lichtig had a report but wasn't available at this time of this meeting on the radios and updates from the other districts.

There are several positions available on the joint board that need to be filled.

Radio discussion followed.

New Development:

Several roads will be closed in Fire District #1 due to construction in the next few months. Coverage and access is a concern especially into Bernard's twp.

Vehicle Training:

Ongoing; same as last month, Pump school will be in-house.

New Fleet Apparatus:

No changes in the specifications from last month; it was stated that there are no differences in the Co-op and the State bid. This will save a considerable amount of time. Mr. Lichtig will talk with Mr. Braslow. It was reported that there may be possibly a \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 savings in the Co-op.

There was a truck committee meeting that was scheduled for June 25th that did not happen; a second meeting will be scheduled for the second apparatus. The Meeting will be scheduled for July 23, 2014. Mr. Cowley will not be available at that time.

Station #2 Generator

The site plan has not been completed as of this time. Station #2 load calculation is in progress for PSE&G.

Somerset County Dispatch

A radio meeting was held between the Fire Department, Mr. Lichtig, and Mr. Rose to determine radio units required. Mr. Lichtig wrote a letter to Mr. Naples for additional radios; we will need five additional portable radios.

New Command Vehicles

Equipment is coming in; push bars, computer mounts and lighting need to be scheduled for installation.

As of this date we have received approximately \$36,500.00 in insurance payments

Sale of 43-103

Additional views on FireTech, Discussion on removing the advertising from Web.

Disposition of retired Turnout Gear

May go with the sale of 103 or be donated to Mr. Rose's contacts with the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

New Computer for the BOFC Office

The new computer is in and 50% operational; need to set up additional users on it.

BOFC By-Laws

There are twelve (12) proposed changes, a resolution will be needed to incorporate into and update the BOFC District #1 By-Laws.

Garage Door Replacement at Station #1

This project has been completed.

New Business:

No New Business at this time.

A motion to adjourn the July 8, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Rose, and seconded by Mr. Lichtig; the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.