

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
June 10, 2014

Meeting Minutes of the June 10, 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, Mr. Patullo and Mr. Kalafsky. Also present were Chief Bradley, and Asst. Chief Cowley.

The minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. Motion made by Mr. Rose to approve, second by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for May, 2014, as of June 10, 2014, was presented by Mr. Rose. A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve; second by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously. The bills for May up to June 10, 2014 were presented; a motion to approve all presented bills was made by Mr. Kalafsky, second by Mr. Patullo, 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 which were delivered to the interested parties
- The New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts March 1, 2014 Quarterly Meeting Minutes were received and are available for a copy or review upon request

The Chief's Report for May, 2014 was distributed along with the May 13, 2014 meeting minutes.

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad:

Mr. John Cowley introduced Mr. Jim Scott, (a 30 year member of the squad) who will be taking over as the Martinsville Rescue Squad liaison to the Martinsville BOFC and Fire Department. Mr. John Cowley will be taking a leave of absence from the squad.

Mr. Cowley requested to receive a balance / amount of the funds that are currently available from the BOFC to the squad at this time.

Mr. Cowley distributed a list of equipment that has been purchased by the squad with BOFC District #1 funding from the last five years. Mr. Rose noted that there are items that have been purchased, such as radios, that are not on the distributed list.

Insurance and LOSAP:

Mr. Lichtig presented applications for the life insurance policy to the Chief for the Probationary and junior members (six additional members to the policy). Mr. Tanga received the additional members added to the policy.

LOSAP- Mr. Braslow has received the new proposed LOSAP plan. It is still in attorney review with Mr. Braslow. Upon receipt of his review a resolution and public hearing will be necessary and scheduled.

Membership and Personnel:

No Report at this time.

Trucks Out of District:

Firematics Competition; 6/14/2014, one engine and support units to go to New Vernon; approved unanimously.

Bridgewater Joint Board:

BOFC Joint Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 17th at Martinsville; 1930 hours. Refreshments will be arranged; Mr. Kalafsky will coordinate and provide.

New Development:

No Report at this time.

Vehicle Training:

The same firefighters that were reported last month are still training.

New Fleet Apparatus:

There was a meeting on May 28th; the only thing that was raised at that meeting was to include the color of the rescue vehicle in the specifications.

The second meeting was on June 4th and a discussion ensued on whether the second vehicle would be a Mini-pumper or full size first class pumper.

Mr. Braslow highly recommended that we investigate the Galveston Co-op purchase and is preparing the bid paper work.

Mr. Steve Vreeland explained that there may be only a \$5K to \$10K savings on the Co-op bid.

The bid package will still be developed while investigation the Co-op option.

Mr. Tony Patullo will attend the next scheduled meeting on June 25th in place of John Lichtig.

Station #2 Generator

J&S electric had a site meeting with Mr. Bradly, Stires Associates received the site plan survey dated 2011.

A load study will be performed to determine the size of the gas feed line

A permit wavier will be applied for with the township. Chief Bradley will request assistance when needed.

No down payment will be requested from the Electrical Contractor.

Somerset County Dispatch

At a meeting of the BWTP Fire Chiefs, it was noted that the dispatch transfer to the Somerset County is a done deal and the Chief will turn all issues over to the BOFC.

There is a discrepancy in the amount of radios that the Township is offering to purchase and to the needs of the Fire Department.

Discussion followed on the number of new radios needed and the radios that can be "Re-Flashed."

We also want to make sure that the station audible sirens will be included in the dispatch process and radio conversion.

Further discussion and presentation will be included at the joint board meeting June 17th. The Chief of Police guaranteed that we will continue to receive station siren dispatch and complete radio replacement.

New Command Vehicles

Both vehicles have been lettered and window tinted.

All equipment is due in within two weeks; once received, installation will be scheduled.

All insurance claims and payments have been received and settled. Total settlement was \$23,465.00 for the vehicle.

Sale of 43-103

We have not had any interested buyers at this time: Mr. Kalafsky proposed to drop the asking price by \$5,000.00 from \$38,000.00 to \$33,000.00. We will reduce the price for a month and see if there is any additional interest. A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky, seconded by Mr. Patullo and was approved unanimously.

Disposition of retired Turnout Gear

Mr. Rose will look to donate to a needy fire department devastated by the recent tornadoes.

New Computer for the BOFC Office

Mr. Lichtig has narrowed down to a Dell computer that fits all our needs. Mr. Lichtig will purchase the computer for \$1,162.28. Mr. Lichtig will pursue purchasing at BestBuy using the tax exempt number ST-4.

BOFC By-Laws

The by-laws with Mr. Lichtig's initial comments will be distributed this next coming week for review and additional comments at the next meeting.

New Business:

Garage door replacement at station #1 will be completed prior to the July meeting; the fire department will look to receive money from the capital savings funding that the BOFC holds.

A motion to adjourn the June 10, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Rose, and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky; the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.