

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
May 13, 2014

Draft Minutes of the May 13, 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 April 8, 2014 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. Motion made by Mr. Natalizio to approve, second by Mr. Patullo and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for April, 2014, as of May 13, 2014, was presented by Mr. Rose. A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve; second by Mr. Patullo and passed unanimously. The bills for April up to May 13, 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.

Asst. Chief Jim Cowley reported that Mr. Henry (Hank) Schleckser of the Martinsville Rescue Squad had passed away this past weekend, no details were given.

With no one else 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
- An Informational portfolio was received from VFIS outlining current coverage. Included in the package were new individual insurance cards for all the vehicles. (The cards were hand delivered to the Chief)
- Notification of tonight's LOSAP hearing was sent to both news papers

The Chief's Report for April, 2014 was distributed along with the April 8, 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:

No representation from the Squad / No Report.

Insurance and LOSAP:

The Board received a letter from the Fire Department (President Doug Wright) to revise the LOSAP plan back to the original qualifications prior to the most recent revision in (Resolution 11-03) February 8, 2011. We need to have a special public hearing as per Mr. Braslow to make any changes. The specific changes were read prior to opening the meeting to the public.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:12, with no one from the public wishing to be heard, the special LOSAP hearing public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:13 pm.

Resolution 14-13 to restore the original qualifications for the LOSAP incentive plan prior to Resolution 11-03 dated 2/8/2011, simply stated ***“a member must make fifty percent (50%) of the available points during a calendar year”***

Roll call: Four (4) votes yes and one (1) abstention. Resolution 14-13 passes.

Further discussion with LOSAP:

- Our existing LOSAP provider does not allow us to open up any new accounts.
- We received information from Lincoln and Valic; Valic does not want our business unless the entire township joins.
- Doug Wright received the Lincoln informational package and reviewed it. Doug stated that his place of work uses Lincoln and they are a good company and rated very high.
- It was agreed that the BOFC will pick-up / supplement the fees associated with the new provider for all members
- Discussion and questions followed.
- Mr. Braslow will review and finalize the transfer of funds, current rules / regulation and entire process
- A public hearing and resolution will be necessary to change the LOSAP provider.

The Life insurance list was presented to Doug Wright for his signature as President of the Fire Department; the list will be expanded / updated to include Junior and Probationary members. John Lichtig will send out the enrollment cards to the juniors and probationary members.

Membership and Personnel:

No Report at this time.

Trucks Out of District:

No requests at this time

Bridgewater Joint Board:

Need to find out when and where the next meeting is.

New Development:

No Report.

Vehicle Training:

Ongoing; four (4) fire fighters training on the major pumpers

New Fleet Apparatus:

The final meeting scheduled for May 7th was cancelled and will be re-scheduled for May 21st John and Bill will attend the meeting.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Lichtig made a motion to approve the latest specifications of the vehicle with the understanding that all the questions and changes are resolved at the May 21st meeting. Mr. Kalafsky seconded the motion;

Four (4) votes yes and one (1) abstention

Station #2 Generator

No development reported by Chief Bradley.

The BOFC requested that we have significant progress with the generator project within two weeks or the Board will take over the project.

Somerset County Dispatch

No report or progress at this time.

New Command Vehicles

We expect a check for the total loss of the vehicle very shortly.

The siren box has been returned.

The reimbursement for the outfitting is ongoing and Mr. Rose is working on it.

Sale of 43-103

Listed with Firetec.com, we received seven (7) inquires from all over the country about it and no bids at this time, and is still listed. The overseas broker apparently has lost interest.

Disposition of retired Turnout Gear

No new development at this time.

New Computer for the BOFC Office

John Lichtig will order the new computer within the next week.

New Business:

Mr. Lichtig discovered a 2012 census report in his paperwork and he will be turning it over to Mr. Jinks to fill it out.

Mr. Lichtig will circulate the BOFC By-Laws with comments for the Board members to review prior to the June meeting for update and discussion.

A motion to adjourn the May13, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky, and seconded by Mr. Rose, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.