

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

Martinsville Station # 1  
Martinsville, NJ  
October 14, 2014

**Meeting Minutes of the October 14, 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. Natalizio, Mr. Patullo and Mr. Kalafsky. Also present were Chief Bradley, and Asst. Chief Cowley. Mr. Rose arrived later.

The minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. A motion was made by Mr. Natalizio to approve, second by Mr. Kalafsky and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for August 2014, as of October 14, 2014, was presented by Mr. Patullo. A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve; second by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously. The bills for September 2014 up to October 14, 2014 were presented; a motion to approve all presented bills was made by Mr. Kalafsky, second by Mr. Natalizio, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:10 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 8:11 pm.

**Correspondence:**

- Various advertisements and bills which were delivered to the interested parties
- Various LOSAP information from Lincoln Financial was received and will be distributed and filled out by the membership

**The Chief's Report** for September 2014 was distributed along with the meeting minutes and also posted on the station bulletin boards.

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

**Old Business:**

**Martinsville Rescue Squad:**

Mr. Scott requested funding of \$2,100.00 from the BOFC for a PC and Server for the Rescue Squad building; after further discussion, addition ancillary equipment will be needed. It was decided that a not to exceed amount of \$3,000.00 will be allocated for the computer equipment.

**Insurance and LOSAP:**

Life insurance: The updated list of participants has been sent to Harleysville.

LOSAP: Mr. Lichtig received a package from Lincoln Financial that required signatures from the board for enrollment. Lincoln Financial has answered all DCA questions to date.

Once the enrollment papers have been received a question and answer, and sign up, meeting with Lincoln will be scheduled.

Discussion of a special meeting followed; November 12<sup>th</sup> or the 19<sup>th</sup> was proposed

The initial investment (default) will be in an S&P 500 and fixed income fund, Participants will be able to change the investment at a later date.

**Membership and Personnel:**

No report.

**Trucks Out of District:**

November 18, 2014 Far Hills Hunt (Steeple Chase); 141 and 151 will attend all day.

**Bridgewater Joint Board:**

Mr. Lichtig has volunteered to be the Chairman of the Joint Board of Bridgewater Township Fire Commissioners. Mr. Patullo will take the Secretary position if no one else from the other districts takes the position.

Fire District #2 will change LOSAP provider to Lincoln effective January 2015. Their Harleysville LOSAP program was set up in the individual members' names, not the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Larger joint-purchases, bulk purchases, and grants to be developed within the Joint Board were discussed.

The Houston-Galveston Co-op purchase program was discussed. There are many money-saving benefits gained by using the Co-op.

Fire District #3 is pursuing hiring paid firefighters to address their lack of man power in responding to Fire Calls; Fire District #3 was not present at the Joint Board meeting.

**New Development:**

Nothing at this time

**Vehicle Training:**

Ongoing

**New Fleet Apparatus:**

We received the order confirmation from HGACI for the Ford rescue truck in the amount of \$269,210.15.

Vehicle manufacturing is under way.

There was meeting on 9/18/2014 for the new pumper; specifications were discussed. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in approximately three weeks.

**Station #2 Generator**

Due to the BOFC Inspection, the scheduled meeting was cancelled. A meeting is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> to expedite the installation; the largest issue right now is the gas supply.

**Somerset County Dispatch**

Chief Bradley had a conversation with Doug Rue to have a meeting about the new radios.

We received the executed MOU. There is a committee for the radio protocol being setup by the police department; it was discussed that the Board and Fire Department will have to be involved to protect our constituents' interests.

Discussion followed.

### **New Command Vehicles**

The vehicles have been returned to correct some issues; a punch list on both vehicles has been developed and sent to the vendor; there has been no response at this time. It was suggested that this vendor not be used again.

### **Sale of 43-103**

The Chief from Kentucky will be coming to the area to look at 43-103 next Tuesday. Our asking price is \$35,000.00; an offer of \$29,000.00 may be considered at this time. Discussion on the delivery followed on delivery/transportation. It was agreed that the transportation should be via flatbed truck. Discussion followed on stripping 43-103 down and what equipment should stay on the truck.

### **Disposition of retired Turnout Gear**

The gear will be picked up within a week. We will need a hold harmless agreement when they take the gear.

### **New Computer for the BOFC Office**

The computer is all setup and in place, the password will be distributed after the meeting.

### **BOFC By-Laws**

Still under review. A discussion about the LOSAP section in the By-Laws followed.

### ***New Business:***

There was no new business discussed.

A motion to adjourn the October 14, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Rose, and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky; the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.