

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
January 13, 2015

Meeting Minutes of the January 13, 2015 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, Mr. Rose and Mr. Kalafsky. Also present were Chief Bradley, and Asst. Chief Cowley.

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

The Treasurer's report for December 2014, as of January 13, 2015, was presented by Mr. Rose; a motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve; second by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously. The bills for December 2014 up to January 13, 2015 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 8:04 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

The Chief's Report for December 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. Patullo, and was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad:

Mr. Jim Scott was present at this meeting.

Mr. Scott stated that the Martinsville Squad wants to place asset tags (bar code) on all the equipment the BOFC has purchased.

The BOFC will supply the squad with bar code labels once they are found, or the BOFC will purchase additional labels. The labels will be placed on previously purchased equipment that is in service.

Mr. Lichtig spoke with Squad Chief Manna about funding equipment and a Squad Vehicle. As long as the BOFC can defend the Squad's purchases, the Board will take them into consideration.

Mr. Lichtig also discussed the fact there is no memorandum of understanding (MOU) or contract with the Green Knoll Squad for dual response.

The BOFC is also still waiting for a report for the dual-response calls breakdown of the response within District #1 and outside District #1. Mr. Scott will try to have a preliminary report by the February meeting.

Insurance and LOSAP:

The original meeting for the enrollment did not happen and Mr. Lichtig will reschedule a “Special Session” prior to the monthly meeting and an additional session at the monthly meeting. Information and forms will be available and distributed prior to the enrollment sessions.

Membership and Personnel:

Dan Visgordinskiy and Rusty Lawhorn have both resigned from the rolls of the MVFD.

Alex Gillespie did not make 50% of the points and was dropped from the rolls but has re-applied and will be back on probation for six months to a year.

Trucks Out of District:

None at this time

Bridgewater Joint Board:

Next meeting the third Tuesday in March 17th 2015; the location will be announced.

New Development:

No Report.

Vehicle Training:

Ongoing, focusing on Engineers and new members as reported last month.

Trevor Dean Qualified on the Brush Truck 43-141 and Rich Kronengold is restricted on 43- 101.

New Fleet Apparatus:

The BOFC has received the “Pre-Construction” drawings for the Rescue Vehicle; there are several corrections that need to be addresses. The vehicle committee will meet and make the corrections on the drawing and re-submit.

The BOFC will sign off when the final build drawings are acceptable and submitted; the sign off meeting will be scheduled with Mr. Patullo and Mr. Rose.

We have received the second draft of the Attack Pumper specifications and will be reviewed by the committee.

Station #2 Generator:

The MVFD has submitted payment for the natural gas meter “Upgrade” to PSE&G.

Permits have been received for the plumbing and electric.

A 50% deposit is required to order the generator to J&S Electric in the amount of \$26,328..

It is estimated that the installation will be in the spring.

Somerset County Dispatch

The County has requested mapping of District #1 for training the new county dispatchers.

New Command Vehicles

Scheduling will take place with P&L Custom to complete the punch list.

BOFC By-Laws

Mr. Lichtig has digitized the By-Laws and all changes will be incorporated and reviewed to adopt any changes.

43-151 Running Boards

Mr. Patullo is working with the department; work in progress.

New Business:

Resolution 15-01 Adoption of the BOFC 2015 operating budget

The DCA looked at our website and there are few deficiencies that need to be corrected but will not affect the budget process. Discussion to make corrections and updates followed.

Mr. Rose made a motion to place a question on the 2015 Ballot to allocate \$700,000.00 for the replacement of a class "A" Pumper.

Seconded by Mr. Natalizio and was approved unanimously.

Mr. Lichtig found in the BOFC By-Laws that the Chief of the Department needs to sign a receipt that he has received, reviewed, and understands the BOFC By-Laws.

Command Vehicles Policy; Mr. Lichtig circulated a few in-place policies received from Mr. Braslow. Mr. Lichtig suggested that the BOFC assume and use the format of the Old Bridge, NJ. Mr. Lichtig will customize to address the needs of Martinsville District #, 1 and distributes for review and approval at the February meeting.

A motion to adjourn the January 13, 2015 meeting was made by Mr. Rose, and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky; the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.