

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

Martinsville Station # 1  
Martinsville, NJ  
October 13, 2015

**Meeting Minutes of the October 13, 2015 BOFC District #1 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman Natalizio, who gave notice of the Sunshine Law requirements. Present were Commissioners: Mr. Natalizio, Mr. Patullo, Mr. Lichtig and Mr. Kalafsky. Also present were Chief Bradley and Dep. Chief Cowley. Mr. Rose was not present.

The minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. A motion was made by Mr. Lichtig to approve, second by Mr. Patullo and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for September 2015, as of October 13, 2015, was presented by Mr. Patullo; a motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve, second by Mr. Lichtig and passed unanimously.

The bills for September 2015, up to October 13, 2015 were presented by Mr. Patullo. A motion to approve all presented bills was made by Mr. Kalafsky, second by Mr. Lichtig 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 proper parties  
Registration renewal application for Brush-43 was received and will be filled out for renewal.

**The Chief's Report**

The BOFC noted that it appears that house work points are creeping into the SAD's which are counted toward the LOSAP qualifications. House work points should not be considered toward the LOSAP qualifications.

A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve the August 2015 Chief's Report, second by Mr. Patullo and passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Martinsville Rescue Squad:**

No representation or Report was available.

**Insurance and LOSAP:**

**LOSAP:**

It appears that everything is in order except transfer of the monies into Lincoln. Mr. Braslow is working on the transfers. The other Fire Districts are moving forward with their own plan, which BOFC District #1 has rejected. The members of LOSAP can now go online and make changes to their account. Questions about

whether the financial statements will be received as hard copy or e-mail were brought up; Mr. Natalizio will followed up.

**Insurance:**

Appears to be in good order.

The insurance company is trying to contact Janell Roper regarding the insurance claim submitted due to a back injury. Mr. Natalizio spoke with a VFIS agent and they will contact her directly via US Postal service.

**Membership and Personnel:**

No Report.

**Trucks Out of District:**

The Far Hills Hunt; brush truck, utility and command vehicles.

Middlesex County Fire Academy October 19<sup>th</sup>; one pumper, utility and command vehicles

**Bridgewater Joint Board:**

Past meeting September 15<sup>th</sup> at Green Knoll,

The Martinsville Rescue Squad planned to present their proposal to have a joint purchase of a new rig to the GKFD. The District #4 commissioners in attendance did not appear to be receptive to the idea.

The new Rescue-43 unit arrival was announced.

Discussion of bulk equipment purchasing took place to see if we can get better pricing.

Bradley Gardens is the only other department that uses a siren, their estimate for the timer to address the activation schedule was approximately \$300.00 to \$350.00.

**New Development:**

Reviewing the plans for the Chimney Rock East and West (Comments from Chief Bradley was unclear).

**Vehicle Training:**

Two rounds of training were done on the new rescue, senior and extrication trained members are first on the list.

**New Fleet Apparatus:**

Received the preliminary plans for the attack pumper, the plans will be reviewed.

It is necessary that a trip be planned for the preconstruction of the truck. The BOFC will require a report in writing summarizing the plans and any issues with the build.

The BOCF authorized two (2) members of the fire department choice from the truck committee to travel to Florida to meet with Pierce and review the truck build; the cost is not to exceed \$2,000.00.

The BOFC will be notified of who and when the members will be going.

**Station #2 Generator:**

The Chief reported that the installation is complete but the gas pressure is too high. The meter is putting out 1 psi where the generator requires no more than ½ psi.

The president of the fire department is requesting that the BOFC pay for the gas piping to the generator and pressure reducing diaphragm off the new meter. It is unfortunate that these costs were overlooked and not included in the original purchase package, but is a part of the generator operation. A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky and seconded by Mr. Patullo to pay the two bills for the gas piping with a NTE cost of \$5,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Somerset County Dispatch**

No new progress or improvements at this time. Deputy Chief Cowley will forward to the BOFC a list of issues on the dispatch and the “Rip and Run” issue.

### **BOFC By-Laws**

Mr. Braslow has all the comments and we are waiting for his comments in return.

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

1. A preliminary report from the ISO inspection indicating that the Martinsville Fire Department will be upgraded to a “Class 4 Fire Department.”
2. Deputy Chief Cowley is working on the Chief’s budget and wanted to know when is needed. Mr. Cowley will get the 2016 Chief’s budget to the BOFC Chairman and Treasurer prior to the November 10th BOFC Meeting.

A motion to adjourn the October 13, 2015 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky, seconded by Mr. Lichtig; the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.