

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
February 10, 2015

Meeting Minutes of the February 10, 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 January 13, 2015 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. A motion was made by Mr. Rose to approve, second by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for January 2015, as of February 10, 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 January 2015 up to February 10, 2015 were presented;

Two checks were sent out after the last meeting:

- J&S Electric to order the Generator \$26,328.15 (50% of the cost)
- Somerset Hills Consulting \$200.00

Both checks were distributed.

Mr. Lichtig requested that the consulting service costs be tracked with regard to the Rescue truck and the Attack Pumper.

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 8:08 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 8:09 pm.

Correspondence:

Various advertisements and bills which were delivered to the interested parties, Legal advertising for the 2015 election was placed in the Star Ledger and Courier News.

The Chief's Report for January 2015 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. Rose to accept the Chief's report, second by Mr. Natalizio, and was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad:

Mr. Scott was present and distributed the 2014 breakdown of the Squad calls between Martinsville District #1, Green Knoll and “other” response calls. The calls response was almost 2 to 1 for Green Knoll’s area versus to Martinsville.

Martinsville - 378 calls

Green Knoll – 757

“Other” – 19

The BOFC did request at the November 2014 meeting for the breakdown for the three prior years; Mr. Scott will provide years 2012 & 2013 at the next meeting.

Mr. Rose asked if there has been any concern or questions by the members of the Squad regarding the large number of call outside FD 1 to Green Knoll.

Discussion followed: with regard to the lack of a contract or MOU for the MRS response to Green Knoll.

Discussion of various ways to purchase a rig and joint ownership followed.

Mr. Rose will follow-up with obtaining additional inventory tags. Cost will be about \$600.00. Delivery could be approximately 60 days.

Insurance and LOSAP:

LOSAP:

We have had two enrollment meetings so far; approximately 20 members have completed the application. We have approximately 20 additional applications that need to be filled. The completed applications have been sent to Lincoln to move the funds over. Mr. Lichtig will request a list and addresses of members living out of the District to send a letter and call.

Mr. Rose needs an authorized pay distribution list for the Past years that have not been paid. Mr. Wright will provide those lists.

Insurance:

We have received several documents from VFIS;

VSIF has two options for additional coverage which will automatically be added to the policy if we do not “Op-Out.”

A motion to Op-Out of both additional coverages resulted in a unanimous decision; Mr. Lichtig will notify VFIS.

Mr. Lichtig received a package from Mr. Tanga with the proposal of the life insurance transition from Harleysville to Nationwide. Discussion followed about whom and to what age (older members 65 to 70 years old) are covered. The Subject was tabled for this meeting and Mr. Lichtig will obtain answers to the age coverage question.

Membership and Personnel:

No report.

Trucks Out of District:

None at this time

Bridgewater Joint Board:

Mr. Lichtig received an e-mail from District #2 that they have a conflict with the building for the next meeting on March 17th. Mr. Lichtig will try to reschedule the meeting to March 24th.

New Development:

No report.

Vehicle Training:

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

No new status; new classroom training and certification are being encouraged.

New Fleet Apparatus:

Mr. Vreeland hand-delivered the drawings for the rescue vehicle to the Board for final sign off. The drawings were previously signed by the Fire Department but as a matter of responsibility the Board needs to provide final approval and sign off. No delays were encountered by this.

Station #2 Generator:

Waiting for the weather to break to pour the pad; there have been two meetings about the installation planning.

Somerset County Dispatch

No report, nothing new at this time.

New Command Vehicles

Car 43-1 Punch list items have been completed; waiting to have PL Customs come to Martinsville to swap out with Car 42-2 to complete the punch list. There is no estimated time for the delivery or completion.

BOFC By-Laws

Mr. Lichtig is approximately ¾ toward completion with the editorial changes; all major changes have been agreed upon and incorporated into the body. Mr. Lichtig will try to get them to the Board before or at the next meeting.

43-151 Running Boards

The Station engineer is taking care of them; *this subject will be dropped from the agenda.*

2015 Ballot

Confirmed that the \$700,000.00 for the replacement of a Class "A" Pumper will be on the 2015 election ballot question; *this subject will be dropped from the agenda.*

Command Vehicles Policy:

A hard copy of the command vehicle policy was distributed to all, all major changes were discussed.

A review of the mileage and 40% of calls status will be done on a quarterly basis. The first review will be at the March 10th regular meeting.

The Command Vehicle Policy acceptance motion to accept and approve was made by Mr. Kalafsky, seconded by Mr. Natalizio and passed unanimously.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

A motion to adjourn the February 10, 2015 meeting was made by Mr. Rose, and seconded by Mr. Natalizio; the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.