

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
August 8, 2017

Meeting Minutes of the August 8, 2017 BOFC District #1 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Patullo. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Patullo, Mr. Kalafsky, Mrs. Zampella. Chief Bradley and Deputy Chief Snook also present. Absent: Mr. Natalizio

Mr. Rose read a letter of resignation from Mr. Natalizio who advised his business responsibilities are keeping him from performing the duties as a commissioner and resigns immediately. He will get all BOFC paperwork to the Vice Chair in the next two weeks. Mr. Rose proposed Evan Rosenberg, a local resident for the remainder of the term. Mr. Rosenberg has expressed interest in getting more involved in the community. As Mr. Natalizio's seat is a civilian seat, Mr. Rose suggested we should fill it with a civilian. Mr. Kalafsky asked if we should hold off and discuss if there is anyone else interested in filling the seat. Mr. Rose advised we should get the seat filled as the appointment is only a 6 month appointment and he would need to run for re-election next year for the unexpired final year term of Mr. Natalizio. Anyone else interested can run at that time. The board voted to have Evan Rosenberg fill the vacant seat.

The minutes of the June 13th meeting were distributed via email and hardcopy. Anthony Patullo motioned and Jim Kalafsky seconded that the minutes of the June 13th meeting be approved as presented.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved as read. Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the bills be approved.

Meeting opened to public at 8:10 Mr. Hope asked the board to figure out whether the firemen could move their LOSAP money from Lincoln to Harleysville. Mr. Rose asked that we discuss the matter during the LOSAP section of the meeting.

Correspondence: None

Chief's Report Chief's report for June and July were distributed. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Rose seconded that both Chief's reports be approved as presented. All approved

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Martinsville only rig usage for June and July was presented by George Nowatowsky. Mr. Kalafsky asked if there was any human error and Mr. Nowatowsky answered no, all exceptions were explained. Chief Manna advised that the squad is having difficulty with our two older rigs. They are out of service a lot and both need significant dollars to really correct the problems. MRS is hesitant to sink good money into bad. Mr. Rose asked what happened to using Green Knoll's rig. Mrs. Manna advised squad not using at this time. Mr. Rose asked about the status of the Green Knoll merge or cutting ties with

MRS. Mrs. Manna advised we are in discussions and will know by end of year. Discussed the need to cover more shifts if we split. MRS will keep BOFC updated on the progress.

Insurance and LOSAP:

LOSAP: In answer to Mr. Hope's questions, Mr. Rose advised that Harleysville is not a NJ approved LOSAP company so the money needs to remain in Lincoln even though the service has been a nightmare. Mr. Natalizio mailed the deposits and roster change forms to Lincoln to their required address certified mail and received the receipt of acceptance from the Post Office back in April. Mr. Rose noticed the checks had not been cashed when reconciling books a few months later. Lincoln advised they never received our money. When Mr. Natalizio advised he had the PO receipt, Lincoln advised they must have the checks and will locate. Mr. Natalizio will provide all the documentation within the next two weeks so we can get the situation repaired. Mr. Rose suggested that Mrs. Zampella work on the issue going forward as she is in the insurance business and the current agent does not assist on these matters.

With Harleysville not being an approved LOSAP company, Mr. Braslow advised the state will not permit members to transfer money from Lincoln into Harleysville. Money can be moved from Harleysville into another approved account but the only approved accounts are VFIS and Lincoln. VFIS no longer accepts money so Lincoln is the only choice. He advised that all members who received LOSAP in the past are vested. Only the members who are new this year are not vested.

Mr. Hope expressed his angst about the lack of service from Lincoln. Mr. Rose agreed but confirmed that they are the only game in town. He asked Mr. Braslow about Martinsville's recourse. Mr. Braslow is working on it. Discussion regarding Harleysville ended with understanding that money in Harleysville accounts is fully vested and the accounts are not considered LOSAP accounts by the state today. Any vested funds already in Harleysville are considered individual accounts of the vested members who have control of them.

Mr. Rose motioned that any vested member who wants to move their LOSAP monies from Harleysville LOSAP accounts from the past and move to their current Lincoln financial account at their own risk for the next 90 days. Mr. Kalafsky seconded. Approved unanimously.

Insurance: Mrs. Zampella reported that Harleysville dropped the ball on several change requests to delete members from the last 5 years. Bills still contained members that were deleted so the BOFC paid the bills according to the members who should be covered. Harleysville terminated the policy. Mrs. Zampella requested a reinstatement and the premium was sent with a no-claim letter. Harleysville is waiting for the dates of termination for the members we need deleted and they will make changes.

Membership and Personnel: Scott Lieberman has been transferred to Student Leave of Absence

Bridgewater Joint Board:

No Meeting

Trucks out of the District:

Chief taking 2 trucks to 4H fair. Approved unanimously.

New Development:

No report

Vehicle Training:

Nick Ricolleti was trained on 2 and 4

New Fleet Apparatus:

Chief reported all is in order

Fleet Disposition Pending

BOFC District #1 By-Laws Updates and Revisions:

No Report

New Business:

Rescue Squad Ambulance- Chief Manna asked about their submission for the new ambulance.

Fire Dept Meeting- Mr. Rose advised that a squirrel built a nest and made the tower its home. Kyle had Daidone electric bring their bucket truck up and open the tower. called VFIS and they told him it is excluded. #4 of the policy states that infestation is not covered.

Chief Bradley submitted a quote from Federal to have the motor repaired. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approved the \$1206.40 to repair the siren. Approved unanimously.

With no other new business;

A motion to adjourn the May, 2017 meeting was made by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.