

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
May 9, 2017

Meeting Minutes of the May 9, 2017 BOFC District #1 Meeting

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

The minutes of the April meeting were distributed via email and hard copy. A motion was made by Mr. Rose to approve minutes and seconded by Mr. Patullo. Minutes approved.

Treasurers report was presented by Mr. Rose. A motion made by Mr. Patullo to approve and seconded by Mrs. Zampella and passed unanimously. Mr. Rose presented the bills and made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Mr. Kalafsky seconded and the board passed unanimously.

Meeting opened to the public at 8:13. John Lichtig, 970 Brown Road, Bridgewater addressed the board and questioned the status of the funds that are presently in Harleysville accounts. Mr. Rose explained the board was waiting to hear the legal opinion from the board's attorney Mr. Braslow. The monies are in Harleysville and Mr. Natalizio was communicating with Harleysville and Mr. Rose had not spoken to him recently. Mr. Rose advised the board had previously voted to make the distribution as Mr. Braslow recommended. Mr. Lichtig stated that the board did not have all the information at that time to make that vote correctly. There was a discussion at the last meeting when the board was told that Braslow gave different information to Bradley Gardens. Mr. Rose advised the board would make it an action item for next meeting. Mr. Lichtig suggested that the new information opens up opportunities to allow member to move their money to Lincoln. Mr. Rose will check with Mr. Natalizio to be sure the item can be moved along.

Mr. Kalafsky asked if there has been any effort to contact the members that have Harleysville and let them know that there has been a change. Mr. Rose agreed that our members need to be told their options. Mr. Lichtig advised that Bradley Gardens indicated their members had 90 days from when they made their decision to either leave their money at Harleysville or move to Lincoln.

Everyone at Harleysville is vested under the five year clause because there was an open period where they did not fund anything. The open question is what is in the best interest of the members who have money in Harleysville. Mr. Rose believes it should be up to the individual member where their money is invested since once they are vested, they own their account.

Correspondence: No Report

Chief's Report

No Chief's report for April. Mr. Rose motioned the Chief's March report be approved and April report be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Kalafsky seconded the motion. All approved.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad:

No Report

Insurance and LOSAP:

LOSAP: \$35,200 for LOSAP 2016 represents the 20 eligible members- Lincoln messed up and returned the check. Resent to get the money into the accounts.

Insurance:

Life Insurance-Several members still listed that should have been deleted. Mr. Rose transferred file to Mrs. Zampella to work with the company and get everything corrected.

Membership and Personnel: No Report

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: No Report

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training: No Report

New Fleet Apparatus:

\$700,000 was approved by voters. Pierce current bid is \$722,000 so the board cannot approve the current bid. Mr. Rose suggested they go back to vendor to see what they can do to reduce the cost. Chief Bradley requested a meeting be set to finalize.

Somerset County Dispatch:

No report but a discussion about communication between Police and fire desk needing to be improved. Both had difficulty

BOFC District #1 By-Laws Updates and Revisions: No Report

New Business:

With no other new business;

A motion to adjourn the May, 2017 meeting was made by Mr. Patullo and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.