

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT No. 1
Bridgewater Township
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Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
Sept 12, 2017

Meeting Minutes of the Sept 12, 2017 BOFC District #1 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Patullo at 8:00 pm. Present: Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Patullo, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Rose, Mrs. Zampella. Chief Bradley, Deputy Chief Mr. Snook also present. Mr. Kalafsky motioned that we change order to re-organize. Mr. Kalafsky nominated the following slate of officers: Mr. Patullo-chair, Mr. Rose-treasurer, Mrs. Zampella-secretary/clerk, and Mr. Rosenberg as assistant secretary/treasurer. Mr. Rose seconded. Mr. Patullo nominated Mr. Kalafsky for vice-chair. Reorganization approved unanimously.

Mr. Rose motioned that we dispense with reading of the minutes as they were distributed electronically and in writing. Mr. Patullo seconded. Minutes approved.

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

Meeting opened to public at 8:05. John Lichtig, 870 Brown Road, Bridgewater, NJ asked the board about his question from two months ago regarding transferring funds from Nationwide to Lincoln in LOSAP accounts. Mr. Lichtig questioned Mr. Natalizio's email to Mr. Braslow and Mr. Huber stating that John Lichtig requested his funds to be transferred from Nationwide to Lincoln. He wanted to correct Mr. Natalizio's email and advised the request was not for himself. His request was to find out if any member can move their LOSAP funds from Nationwide to Lincoln. Mr. Rose advised that the Board passed a motion that allowed any member that was vested in the LOSAP program in Nationwide to move the funds to Lincoln if they choose within a 90 day period.

Mrs. Zampella advised that the fire department just got the minutes tonight from the meeting that informs them of the Board's approval so the 90 days starts effective September 12, 2017. Public section closed at 8:12

Correspondence: Minutes from the joint board meeting received.

Chief's Report Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Patullo seconded that we approve the Chief's report for August that was distributed electronically and in person. Board voted to approve.

Evan Rosenberg was sworn in as Fire Commissioner.

Old Business:

Mr. Kalafsky asked if we received the badge and fire plate from Mr. Natalizio. He advised that Mr. Natalizio only attended 2 meetings in 2017. Mr. Rose advised he left a message and advised Mr. Natalizio did not receive any expense money for 2017. Mr. Patullo will reach out to get the keys and plate back.

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. Nowatowsky reported that there were two calls that the MRS only rig was used in GKRS territory. One was not a call but a community relations event: The Bridgewater night out. The other was a call that was dispatched as the rig was on the way back from hospital. There were 28 calls in the Martinsville area. No human error. Chief Manna added that the other 2 rigs continue to have operational problems and are often out of service

Mr. Rose asked about the status of the Green Knoll dissolution. Chief Manna advised that today we are a joint operation. Mr. Rose asked about the report two months ago that MRS voted against a merger with GKRS and Green Knoll considered dissolving. Chief Manna advised we are trying to keep things together. Mr. Rose questioned the purpose as the rigs are out of the district 70% of the time and the rigs are in disrepair because of the additional use. Mr. Kalafsky asked why the MRS rig that was unusable sat for 5 days before going out for repair. Chief Manna advised MRS is having difficulty with the authorized repair shops. Mr. Rose questioned why MRS can go to GKRS territory for 70% of their calls but GKRS will not let us use their rigs. Chief Manna responded that MRS can use their rig as long as a GKRS member is on the call.

Chief Manna asked about the new ambulance and Chief Bradley advised that he plans to get together with the committee to review the specs and they will finalize before presenting to the Board for approval.

Insurance and LOSAP:

LOSAP: Issues discussed in beginning of meeting.

Insurance: Mrs. Zampella advised we need the dates that the requested terminations were actually dropped. Mr. Kalafsky noted that when he spoke to them, they advised we could use a common date. Mr. Rose would like to be as accurate as possible.

Membership and Personnel: Fire member Ken Fenorick transferred to Student absence effective September 1st. New member Brian Radcliffe responding to station #2.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: None

New Development: No news

Vehicle Training: Ongoing

New Fleet Apparatus: Don't have a date for the fleet construction yet.

Fleet Disposition: Chief reported that they got a price on tires for engine 2, got the air leak fixed. Getting together the money spent for repairs. Mr. Kalafsky asked about regrooving the tires and advised it will not handle in the winter in current condition. The Chief reported that it is the opinion of the line that the 81 need to be disposed of. He reported that the front suspension on the truck continues to be a problem. Mr. Kalafsky asked the Line to get a list of the costs to the Board.

Status of Siren and Generator: The generator and the siren are both not repaired yet as they ordered the motor but did not get it yet. Mr. Kalafsky commented that the generator never worked correctly. The Chief reported it did work at one time and passed the inspection by the town and gas company. There are 22 hours on it. The problem started after it was shut down.

BOFC District #1 By-Laws Updates and Revisions: Ongoing will report later.

New Business:

Request from VFIS for a list of eligible members for the accident and sickness. Mr. Rose passed out a list of members who should qualify for the insurance program. Mr. Kalafsky questioned whether a few members on the list are qualified for coverage. He also stated that Mr. Pelley should be on the list based on his attendance at calls.

Mr. Rose advised that the Chief and the President certify the list. Mr. Patullo asked for a vote. The list was approved with 4 yes and 1 no vote. The Chief wanted to make it clear that he did not certify the members on the list were eligible for the accident and sickness policy. He was just stating their membership status on the list. Mrs. Zampella explained that this is not a life policy but accident and sickness advised that the standard for this type of policy is that as long as a member is active and responded to one call during the year, they should be eligible. Mr. Rose motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we add Mr. Pelley's name to the list. Board voted yes.

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 8:40 pm.