

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Bridgewater, New Jersey
Fire District #2**

Regular Meeting on March 20, 2019

This meeting was advertised and called to order in accordance with the "Open Act Sunshine Law."

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Debra Brown.

Salute to the flag.

Roll Call of Board: Debbie (P), Chris (P), Jamie (P), Joe (P), John (P).

Also Present: Jeff Taylor, Pete Chetwynd, Connor Rosseland, Jack Mead

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to all board members. Minutes accepted as emailed. Motion to accept made by John Marsigliano and seconded by Jamie Brown.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance -	\$ 308,085.57
We received	-0-
New Balance	\$ 280,021.80

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jamie Brown and seconded by John Marsigliano.

Bills: Were read and reviewed by board members to be paid by treasurer Joe Langon.

A motion to the pay the bills was made by John Marsigliano and 2nd by Jamie Brown. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

- EZ Pass transponders were received so that all BGVFC vehicles can be brought on the Turnpike free of charge. They were given to the chief engineer to be installed in the vehicles.

Meeting Open to the Public: 7:37 p.m.

Meeting Closed to the Public: 7:38 p.m.

Fire Chief's Report: Yes

- Chris is in Chicago currently so Pete reported as Assistant Chief. They had 7 calls last month with all reports up to date.
- The starter is grinding in the chief's vehicle and they are keeping an eye on it.
- A PO was submitted was a new rescue craft.
- Chief also signed off on the cabinet and center console for the new chief vehicle.
- Jamie asked the Chief to remind the members to complete detail sheets when they complete training classes so that they get appropriate credit during LOSAP.

Chief Engineer's Report: Yes

- Squad 21 has a coolant leak which was checked by 1st Priority today. They asked the fire company to keep a log on how many miles it is traveling before replacing fluid and how much fluid is going in. Their pressure test today didn't reveal any major leaks.
- Foam tank sensor is not working on Squad 21 again. 1st Priority said it needs to be kept cleaner by flowing more water through it when done.
- Engine 21-1 has a Honda generator cover coming off. Cesar checked it and it looks like the cover is cracked. Cesar said it will run for now but the cover is barely held on.
- Tanks were drained and refilled. One engine is not draining completely and will need to be repaired before its pressure tested in May.
- Cesar is currently working on pricing for new tire stops in the bays. Looking for solid rubber/plastic and will keep us informed what he finds.

Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes

- 48 calls last month. 9 in District 2.
- The ambulance and the chief vehicle are running well.
- The chief presented a PO for medical supplies.

Old Business:

- Chief's vehicle is moving along. We should be able to get a rough delivery date in about a month.
- Debbie has only two more people to give the member reimbursement checks from 2018.
- We are still working on getting the motor vehicle records gathered.
- Jamie is continuing to work with the fire chief to create 25' pony lengths out old hose we have. Jamie is working with a company that can attend new couplings.
- Jamie went through a box of older radios/pagers that the fire company found in storage. Jamie recommended throwing out this antique equipment. All were in favor.
- The 2018 LOSAP is moving along and ready to submit. Debbie is waiting for applications from 2 new members Joey DeFillipis and Mynor Yat before it can be submitted.
- We also had a challenge to the 2018 LOSAP points from Pat Miller handed in on 3/19/19. The board verified that Pat Miller attended fire fighter 1 in 2018 and never submitted a training detail sheet (Hunterdon County Fire Academy confirmed on 3/20/19 that Pat did attend and graduated). The board awarded the 50 LOSAP points for this training awarding Pat Miller his LOSAP payment for 2018.
- Physicals were done on March 12, 2019. 7 people signed up and 6 showed (1 member was ill). Debbie gave Joe the bill for \$700 for Branchburg Family Practice.

New Business

- The cost of elections for fire districts has increased quite a lot. The county is passing all costs to the fire districts including computerized ballot printing, ballot scanning, and county personnel that staffs the office. The Bridgewater fire districts met on 3/19/19 and created a list of concerns over this new model. We will also be scheduling a meeting with all districts in the county.
- Chris I. discussed making the wifi password easier to remember. Pete was in favor so Chris will work on this in the coming weeks.
- After an incident with our security camera, we need to have the lights come on whenever someone enters the bays. The board discussed a quote from North Branch Electric to get this

work done. It is expensive so for now we will look to replace the 3 lights that are out that are supposed to stay on all of the time. The fire company will be working to get a bid from a state energy program that can upgrade the lights at a reduced cost. The fire company will update the board what price they get quoted and we will see if we can partner with the firehouse to accomplish this project.

- Debbie also discussed updating the security system to include more cameras. Joe is contacting the security company that installed the cameras to schedule a meeting and see what can be done to improve the views.

Next scheduled meeting is April 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Being there is no other business to bring before the board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Marsigliano and 2nd by Jamie Brown. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ireland, Secretary