

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
March 12, 2019

Meeting Minutes of the March 12, 2019 BOFC District #1 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Patullo at 8:03 pm. Present: Mr. Patullo, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg. Also present: Chief Snook, Deputy Chief Fernandes. Absent: Mrs. Zampella. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Patullo seconded that the February minutes be approved. Minutes approved.

Mr. Patullo and Mr. Rosenberg were sworn in for another term as Commissioners.

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

Meeting opened to the public at 8:09 and with no business closed at 8:10

Correspondence: LOSAP document received to be forwarded to Chief for confirmation of all eligible for LOSAP. Recall notice from Ford received. Received the NJ State Fire Association minutes and President's report.

Chief's Report Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. seconded motion that the Chief's report for January as distributed be approved. Chief's reports approved.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. Rose made a motion that the report that was distributed electronically be accepted. Mr. Kalafsky asked the Chief about the purpose of taking the Rig to J&J. Chief advised that the squad is there for the Bring Children to work day as there are approximately 300 children on site Mr. Rose asked how many occupants would go on that trip. Wanted to confirm that at least two members would take the rig for safety reasons. Chief advised there would be at least 2, possibly 3. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Chief Manna also offered to provide assistance in locating necessary classes to anyone who needs to get their EMT recertification or CEUs. The Trustees asked if the \$25,000 that is normally contributed to the squad was being contributed this year. Mr. Rose advised that there is no contribution in this year's budget because the Fire Commission purchased the new ambulance for the squad last year.

LOSAP and Insurance- No Report

Membership and Personnel: No report

Bridgewater Joint Board: Mr. Patullo advised that there is a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday at Bradley Gardens Fire House. A few members will attend.

Trucks out of the District: No report

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training: Ongoing,

Disposition of Engine 2: Mr. Rose asked for the information and he will inquire with Fire Tech and other companies.

BOFC District #1 By-Laws Updates and Revisions: Mr. Rosenberg reported that he received an electronic copy and he is working with Mr. Braslow. Work in progress.

Budget: Budget was approved and documents have been sent to the appropriate parties. The Somerset County Board of Elections is billing us \$434.00 for 9 clerks that worked the day of the election. We received a second bill for \$630.56 for Dominion Voting Systems support ballot scanning and tabulation. Mr. Rose spoke to Allen Kurdyla from District #4. They are organizing a meeting with one representative from each district to speak to the Board of Elections. With the new election process, BOFC District 1 had to print 795 Mail-In Ballots of which 82 were returned. 30% of those ballots voted no on the budget and did not vote for any candidates. Based on the printing costs and board of election charges, it cost approximately \$20.00 per received mail-in vote. Also, the cost to the county is shared by approximately 10 districts. It appears based on our totals, that the county does not need that many employees to facilitate the ballot tabulations.

With Bridgewater Fire districts being different than the regular election voting districts, it is not possible to move the Fire District election to November.

Grant: Chief Snook advised they are still waiting for an answer on the NJ American Water grant for \$1,000.

New Business:

Chief Snook also reported they are in the process of getting the two additional quotes required for the brush truck body repairs. Should have them soon. Mr. Rose advised the Deputy Chief that the quote to repair car 432 brush bar for \$200.00 is already allocated in his budget so he should get it done.

Mr. Rose addressed a situation with Verizon bills. He currently gets and pays our regular bills but now gets other bills that do not match the account. One bill for \$30.00 per month is most likely for the Ipad that is being tested for use and the other is a phone number that is not known. Mr. Kalafsky suggested it may be for the alarm system. Will forwarded to Doug for review.

Mr. Rosenberg presented resolutions 2019-2 through 2019-10 (on file) All were adopted and passed by the 4 present voting Commissioners.

Mr. Kalafsky requested a status of the siren at station 2 within the next two weeks.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the March 12, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky and seconded by Mr. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43.