

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

Regular Meeting on May 13, 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: Rob Hanlon, Jeff Taylor, Chris DeLorenzo, Pete Chetwynd, Cesar Abella

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 -	\$ 344,155.28
We received	-0-
New Balance	\$ 348,808.28

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:

- Confirmation was received from the Courier News that the ad changing our meeting from May 15, 2019 to May 13, 2019 ran on 4/24/19. Attached to our minutes on file.
- The driver motor vehicle reports were received for the drivers that have submitted their requests to date. All were in good standing and have been filed in the office.

Meeting Open to the Public: 7:36 p.m.

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

Fire Chief's Report: Yes

- All call sheets and work details were submitted with LOSAP points.
- The rescue raft has been received and will be placed on Utility 21 at tomorrow night's work detail.
- Live burn next week at SCESTA.
- 4 members are going through fire police training.
- Squad 21 now has a TIC for each riding seat.

- The Chief is still working on getting new radio harnesses and wiring from M&W.

Chief Engineer's Report: Yes

- Squad 21's foam tank sensor still is not working (being watched) and coolant level is still being watched for any leaks as reported in last month's report.
- 21-5 had a CO meter fail and a halogen bracket broke. The foam indicator light is not working.
- Utility 21's rear passenger tire has been maintaining its pressure so for now they are leaving it.
- Cesar purchased 2 air struts for Utility 21 to lift the seat inside from NAPA.
- Utility 21's air horns are not working. They have cleaned out the air tank and have one other thing to try before determining if any replacement should be considered.
- Brush 21 needs an oil change soon.

Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes

- 35 calls last month and all vehicles have been running well.

Old Business:

- Reimbursement program from 2018 update: Debbie has 4 checks left to distribute. Debbie has also completed January and February 2019 for call responses. John and Jamie will handle verifying the totals for these 2 months.
- LOSAP 2018 qualifiers and applications have been submitted to Lincoln.
- New chief truck is due to be delivered in June and will be delivered directly to the firehouse.
- The chief was given the names of any outstanding firefighters that still own DMV records requests and Chris D. will contact these members.
- The board still has not paid the staff bills from voting after advisement from our attorney. Debbie will be following up with our attorney and sending a letter with one lump sum to Somerset County instead of paying county employees individually. This will be mailed to their payroll department directly.
- The board met with Three Ring Alarm to get an estimate on adding security cameras to increase coverage in our bays. Jamie has also contacted one more company to provide a second estimate before we move forward.
- Jamie faxed our Holmatro contract to ESI Equipment. He needs to complete one more equipment contract update.

New Business

- Both the rescue squad and fire department need new AED's to replace antiquated equipment. Chris proposed putting together an estimate for AED's and Pelican cases to carry them safely to put up for public approval in February 2020. All were interested in finding out what this will cost. Chris will put together an estimate.
- Debbie also encouraged both the squad and fire chiefs to revisit their budgets in September and make sure everything will be ordered. If any changes need to be made, bring it to the Board's attention to discuss in September so that both departments get what they need.
- The Board voted to replace both man doors entering the bays because they were rotted and not closing without manual force. The board felt our equipment was at risk and we needed to make this area more secure. Access Lock has replaced one and is waiting for the other to arrive. A signed letter by the fire company President is attached giving the Board permission to have this work completed.

- Pete has been working on getting a grant for equipment. We are still waiting to hear if it's been awarded.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Joint Board Meeting at District 1, 6/18/19 at 7:30 p.m.
- District 2 Regular Meeting, 6/19/19 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 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ireland, Secretary