

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

Regular Meeting on August 21, 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: Chief Chris DeLorenzo, Jeff Taylor, 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 -	\$ 348,645.13
We received	\$ 0
New Balance	\$ 306,366.41

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

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 Jamie Brown and 2nd by John Marsigliano. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

- Quarterly minutes of the NJ State Association of Fire Districts from the June 1, 2019 were received and are on the front table for anyone who wants to review them.

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

Meeting Closed to the Public: 7:39 p.m.

Fire Chief's Report: Yes

- 21 calls last month, all calls are up to date in the state system.
- The tire sensors on the new command vehicle have been replaced courtesy of Bridgewater Chevrolet (previously were not working after we switched to new tires/rims).
- The township has switched to FirstRCO for non-critical injuries for worker compensation. Chris will print a copy of the new paperwork so we have it for future paperwork packets.
- 2 members just finished Firefighter 1.
- The fire company is looking to establish a new rider category.

Chief Engineer's Report: No

- No report available this month.

Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes

- 40 calls in July, 15 in district 2.
- The newer command vehicle (2007 Ford Expedition) is running well. The Chief thanks us for the replacement from his 2002 command vehicle and for the seat covers.
- Reported the old command vehicle has approximately 137,000 miles on it. The board will decide what to do with this vehicle.

Old Business:

- Reimbursement program: Ian Fischer and Patrick Dietmann still have not claimed their checks from 2018. Debbie brought up that the board would like to stop having these checks with small denominations. Effective January 1, 2020, the reimbursement program will require 200 points for LOSAP in order to be eligible for the reimbursement program as well.
- Driver motor vehicle record update: Member Frank Ur has handed in his forms. We are still waiting for Dave Whitesell to sign the release and this will be complete for 2019.
- We still have the new thank you plaque to bring to Bridgewater Chevrolet. This will be done by next meeting.
- LOSAP update: Pat Miller's payment for 2018 has been submitted. Pete Chetwynd's LOSAP funds have been transferred from Nationwide to Lincoln Financial.
- VFIS: Debbie requested updated membership rosters from both the rescue squad and fire department.
- John attempted to reach Ray at Digital Capital for the security system estimate. John has attempted calling 11 times with no response. Firefighter Cesar Abella knows the owner of the company and will contact him to get in touch with us. Joe still has not received any updates from the previous security company we met with. John will also follow up with this first company to get an estimate.
- We have received a packet from the NJ Forestry Service grant we were awarded... We must send a copy of invoices and checks with our final submission of paperwork. The fire chief will make sure all orders are complete working with deputy chief Pete Chetwynd since he originally applied for the grant.
- The board previously discussed purchasing AED's in 2020 for both the fire company and rescue squad. The account has advised our treasurer that we move ahead with purchasing these units in 2019 budget given they are critical equipment. The board will look into donating the old AED's.

New Business

- The fire company is looking to establish a riding member category. The board reviewed the detail sheet presented to us by the fire company. Points of the plan were discussed with the chief.
- There is \$1,000 in the budget for fire prevention materials. If the chief finds materials at the Wildwood Convention he requested to purchase some materials there. The chief will text the board and we will let him know if approved so he can get it while there.
- Fire and rescue squad chiefs were reminded to get their budgets to the board at the September meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, September 4, 2019: Joint Board Meeting at District 3.

Friday, September 13, 2019: The state association of fire district meeting at Wildwood Convention.

Wednesday, September 18, 2019: Our next scheduled business meeting.

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 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ireland, Secretary