

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

Regular Meeting on SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Connor Rosseland, Pete Chetwynd, Chris DeLorenzo, 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 Jamie Brown and seconded by John Marsigliano.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance -	\$ 306,366.16
We received	\$ 1,780.00 from Supplemental Fire Insurance
New Balance	\$ 291,768.51

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

Correspondence:

- Received 3 registration renewal forms from NJ MVC. Joe will take care of signing and mailing back.

Meeting Open to the Public: 7:34 p.m.

Meeting Closed to the Public:

Fire Chief's Report: Yes

- 16 calls last month. All reports have been submitted for last month as well as year to date LOSAP points.
- The chief submitted his 2020 proposed budget.
- The chief also handed in 3 PO's which were subsequently approved on the 2019 budget.
- Chris D. presented a budget adjustment to the 2019 budget so that he could purchase a new gear washer.

Chief Engineer's Report: Yes

- Squad 21 had a loud thump and had to have some bolts replaced on the wheel chock bracket.
- 21-5 still has a foam indicator light not working, will continue to monitor until its next service.
- 21-2 has a Honda generator with a black cover that falls off, but the generator runs.
- Utility 21's air horn still not working. The solenoid has been back ordered but is scheduled to be delivered tomorrow.
- Brush truck intake manifold is leaking. Cesar is going to try and get this fixed in house.

Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes

- 42 calls last month, 12 in district 2
- The chief submitted a purchase order for stethoscopes and BP cuffs and the purchase was approved.
- Jeff asked what the board would like to do with the old command vehicle. The board has interest in selling this vehicle and will discuss further in our yearly budget meeting.

Old Business:

- The board discussed the possible purchase of a new Tahoe command vehicle for the rescue squad chief. Chris did follow up with the dealer we used for our purchase at the start of 2019. Chevy is not accepting any new orders after September 2019 because of a redesign to the Tahoe. It should be released in summer 2020 but pricing and state contracts won't be released to dealers until sometime in 2020.
- The thank you plaque for Bridgewater Chevrolet will be delivered by Chief DeLorenzo this month.
- Debbie asked for an update on security system quotes. Both Joe and John have received no update from either vendor. Jamie has another vendor and will contact them to see if we can finally get an estimate.
- The NJ Forestry grant will need to have canceled checks and PO's attached before November.
- The membership rosters have been submitted to VFIS by their deadline.

New Business

- During the Wildwood Convention, the state association of fire districts had a speaker from the DCA spoke about the certification of fire personnel. In January when officers are selected by the fire company, the Chief must submit a copy of all required certs. Debbie will get the fire chief a list so he knows what to submit.
- Firefighter Gill suffered an ankle injury while working on the Diamond engine when he stepped off the truck and stepped down on top of a brick. The firefighter twisted his ankle badly and has followed the township's worker's comp procedures.

Next scheduled business meeting is October 16, 2019. A special meeting to review the chiefs' budgets will be October 2, 2019 with the fire chief at 7 p.m. and the rescue squad at 7:30 p.m. (the board will begin at 6 p.m. to review all budgets and the possibility of a new command vehicle in 2020).

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