

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

**Regular Meeting on December 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:** Jason Kreyling, Cesar Abella, Chris DeLorenzo

**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 -	\$ 366,697.81
We received	\$ 148,549.37 for the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter appropriation
New Balance	\$ 446,075.82

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

**Correspondence:**

- Received a letter from the County Elections Clerk in response to our 11/20/19 letter requesting that we use paper ballots and that they count our ballots during the work week to save money. The Elections Clerk stated the decision to use scannable ballots is under his prevue and we must use scanned ballots and according to law, ballots must be counted on election day.
- BGVFC returned our letter giving the Board permission to install 2 exterior lights to the firehouse parking lot walls signed by BGVFC President David Whitesell.
- The Courier News sent notice that their 2019 rates will be \$0.43 per line.
- VFIS sent our 2020 Accident and Sickness policy and invoice.
- The County Clerk sent an email notice to the Board on 12/18/19 stating that we must use scannable ballots and we will be charged for postage for sending the mail-in ballots.

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

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**Fire Chief's Report: Yes**

- 13 calls last month with all reports and member totals handed in.
- Handed in quote to replace a CO detector that is broken but cannot be repaired (see attached).
- Next year's line is Chief-Chris DeLorenzo, Asst. Chief-Pete Chetwynd, Captain Frank Ur, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.- Charlie Gill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.-Connor Rosseland, and Chief Engineer-Joey DeFillipis.

- BGVFC was dispatched to the ammonia leak that American Water experienced. Our members were on scene for 4 hours and we should receive a reimbursement check for our services.

**Chief Engineer's Report: Yes**

- Squad 21-Halogen bar lost on the Linden Street fire and still has not been located so it will need to be replaced.
- 21-1 has had the tic lens and front door dome emergency lights repaired/replaced. The passenger side washer fluid line is broken.
- All other outstanding items for vehicles (tank foam indicator light, Honda generator cover, and tank sensor) are still just being monitored in the fleet until the next servicing on the respective units.

**Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jason Kreyling standing in for the Chief.**

- 36 calls last month.
- Chief's vehicle is being dropped off tonight for new tires and brakes.
- 39 BLS-3 has had a leak in both driver side rear tires. Chris asked Jason to relay to the Chief that this leak has been known about for 6 weeks. Chris is aware that this rig has been driven to hospitals as far as Morristown which puts crews and our vehicle in jeopardy. This is an unacceptable risk to the membership and shows a lack of respect for the equipment supplied to the squad by this board. Chris reiterated that the Chief needs to stay on top of maintenance.
- The Chief handed in the payment of \$1.00 to turn over the 2002 Ford Expedition command vehicle to the squad.

**Old Business:**

- Chris asked VE Ralph for an update on our AEDs. The President of VE Ralph said he did not have any new information; he is still waiting for Phillips to release their new models and will get them to us as soon as they are available.
- Chris has located Beyer Ford in Morristown as a potential state contract provider. I have spoken to customer service reps on 12/16 and 12/17 and they have assured me our information has been passed onto their sales manager to get us a base price and specs for a Ford Expedition.
- The pump for the new gear washing machine has been installed and all gear has been washed after the last structure fire. NFPA is now requiring gear to be washed twice a year so Pete is working on installing an app that can help track this accurately.
- All DMV record checks have been completed, including the two new members submitted last month. The only member that did not complete this in 2019 is Ron Hazen. Our next DMV record check will be done every 3 years with 2022 being the next cycle.

**New Business**

- None.

Next scheduled business meeting is January 15, 2020.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Ireland, Secretary