

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
August 13, 2019

Meeting Minutes of the August 13, 2019 BOFC District #1 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kalafsky at 8:04 pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mrs. Zampella. Chief Snook, Deputy Chief Fernandes also present. Absent: Mr. Patullo Mr. Rose motioned that we approve the minutes from the July meeting. Mr. Kalafsky seconded. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved as read. Report approved. Mr. Rose advised he received the voucher from the State of NJ to get the annual tax refund from the state. Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Rosenberg and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the bills be approved as read. Bills approved.

Meeting opened to public at 8:09.
Public section closed at 8:10

Correspondence: Vehicle registration renewal received and firematics info that was forwarded to chief.

Chief's Report Mr. Kalafsky asked the chief about sending letters to newcomers. Chief advised they get the information for new residents and send them a letter. Mr. Rose motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve the Chief's report for March that was distributed electronically and in person. Board voted to approve. The chief advised he had an amendment to the Chief's report. The second call on the report was actually mutual aid to Green Knoll. Noted and accepted.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Deputy Chief Nowakowski reported July usage. Rig 3 attended 17 calls total and 9 were exceptions. Mr. Rose questioned why the Rig was used out of the area so much. Mr. Nowakowski advised that there was no human error. Some exceptions happened when the rig was out and got a call prior to returning to building and others were that a second call came in while Rig 1 was out. Another member advised Rig 2 was out of service with a shot transmission. Mr. Rose and Mr. Kalafsky advised concern that the usage out of area is 50% Mr. Rose advised that this rig is to stay in the district and we allow certain exceptions but it is not going to be a general rule that the squad has 50% exceptions. That is seen as an abridgement of the signed agreement. Mr. Kalafsky asked how many rigs Green Knoll has and suggested the Martinsville trustees should be talking to them about using their rig to service their territory. Mr. Rose confirmed that the Rig is undergoing regular maintenance.

Insurance and LOSAP: LOSAP check was deposited in accounts. It was being held waiting on a member's registration form. The company advised they have to have all eligible accounts registered prior to depositing the check. Mrs. Zampella will coordinate with the chief to be sure all new members complete a registration early so that their account is set up. They will not get the deposit until they are eligible.

Insurance: Mr. Kalafsky asked about the insurance on the rig being sold. Will we get a prorated return? Mr. Rose advised he will call them as soon as the buyer takes possession and cancel the coverage.

Membership and Personnel: No report.

Bridgewater Joint Board: Next meeting will be in September 20 at Green Knoll.

Trucks out of the District: None Requested.

New Development: Nothing new on Redwood Inn. There is a plan for a storage building between Pizza Brothers strip mall and loft farm.

Vehicle Training: Requalified Jim Murray, Jr on Engine 2 and 4. Ongoing with other members. Jack Bradley and Jon Machado going to Fire Officer training.

Fleet Disposition: Mr. Rose made a correction to the minutes that Brindlee is correct spelling for our truck broker. He reported that the truck is sold. Was listed for \$200,000. Handshake agreement price is \$190,000. The Idaho company that is purchasing the truck needs to put ad in paper to have the purchase approved. They are meeting tonight to approve ad. Getting prices and options to transport it to Idaho. Did get inquiry from a company in Boston that will keep as a backup. Mr. Rose talked to the rep and agreed a good idea to split the cost to transport truck to Idaho. The cost to us will be less than \$3,000.00. Mr. Rose asked about the repair that needs to be done. Chief advised they were waiting for a call back from Brian. Suggested they call First Priority to get it done properly and quickly.

Bill Rose stressed the importance of getting the repair done so when the buyer advises they are approved, the truck is ready to go. Mr. Kalafsky asked who was the best and cheapest to ship the truck. They will get a few bids and make sure the shipper has insurance in place and assumes all responsibility.

BiLaws and Articles: Ongoing. Mr. Rosenberg went over a few things with Mr. Braslow. Mr. Rosenberg offered to keep as much of the work in house to save the Commission money. Mr. Braslow did get paid for the work he did to settle the election bills from the county. Mr. Rose will be collecting from the other districts.

Vehicle Maintenance: Chief Snook reported skid unit for brush truck was ordered and will take it to Tuckerton for repair. The unit will be stripped down before it is taken down for repair as per the agreement.

Generator: Running fine, waiting to get the annunciator panel.

New Business:

Mr. Kalafsky asked the chief the status of I Am Responding. Joe Defilippis advised that the county can coordinate companies and squads that have I Am Responding. Chief reported we will be getting the upgrade that provides mapping for fire hydrants and other areas of efficiency. You can see where units are located going to a call. The cost is approximately \$20 to \$30 per month for the upgraded version. Everyone agreed this is the best system to use going forward.

Mr. Rose asked the Chief if he got in touch with the county engineer to see how long the bridge will be closed. Chief advised that it was supposed to be just a day or two but he will confirm with them.

With no other new business; a motion to adjourn the August 13, 2019 meeting was made by Mr Rose and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.