

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

Martinsville Station # 1  
Martinsville, NJ  
September 10, 2019

**Meeting Minutes of the September 10, 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 that were distributed electronically from the August meeting. Mr. Rosenberg seconded. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Rose motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved as read. Report approved. 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 8:08.  
Public section closed at 8:09

**Correspondence:** Mrs. Zampella reported that we received a vehicle registration renewal. Received a Lincoln Financial newsletter

**Chief's Report** Mr. Kalafsky noted that we have a few repeat fire alarm calls that are false alarms and asked if we bill for them. Mr. Rose and the Chief confirmed that if they are false, the business or residence will be billed. Mr. Rose motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve the Chief's report for March that was distributed electronically and in person. Board approved.

**Old Business:**

**Martinsville Rescue Squad:** Deputy Chief Nowakowski reported August usage. Rig 3 was used for 6 calls and there were two exceptions. The exception was that Rig 1 was already out on a call. Mr. Rose asked about the status of Rig 2. Mr. Nowakowski advised that trustees are reviewing options. Mr. Albano, a trustee, reported that the MRS trustees are reviewing the cost to repair Rig 2 and are seeking prices for remounts and used rigs or a Sprinter that will cost much less. Cost to repair Rig 2 transmission is around \$3,000.

**LOSAP:** No report

**Insurance:** Mrs. Zampella reported that we are writing a new Life ADD policy with Nationwide. Most members were able to complete ne applications and beneficiary forms. The remaining members docusigned applications. This is a good time as all of the beneficiary forms are now updated. We will keep the forms in the office in the event they are needed.

**Membership and Personnel:** No report.

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

**Trucks out of the District:** Chief requested truck to be taken to the Middlesex County Fire Academy for training. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky to approve the trucks being out of the district at the Middlesex County Fire Academy.

**New Development:** Nothing new on the plan for a storage building between the Office building on Chimney Rock and loft farm. No new information

### **Vehicle Training**

**Fleet Disposition:** He reported that the truck is sold. He received a check for \$187,500 which represents the \$190,000 minus the transportation costs. Mr. Rose spoke to First Priority and the truck repairs will be done and truck will be back to Bridgewater in the morning. The flatbed will pick up truck in the afternoon.

**BiLaws and Articles:** Ongoing.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Chief Snook reported skid unit for brush truck was ordered from Canada 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.

**Audit:** All members confirmed that they reviewed the audit and Mrs. Zampella read the resolution stating the audit was filed with the municipal clerk and the state of New Jersey. Role call vote was taken to approve the resolution. Four commissioners present approved the resolution and signed the affidavit.

### **I Am Responding**

**Commissioner position:** Mr. Rose motioned that Mr. Cowley fill the vacancy candidate to fill the Commissioner position vacated by Mr. Patullo as he has a long history with the fire department and is familiar with the finances of the department. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. Mr. Kalafsky read a section of the Fire commissioner's manual section 40-770 and interpreted the statement that the vacancy does not get filled until the next election. After a discussion about the intent of the language, the commissioners agreed the vacancy will be filled. Mr. Kalafsky suggested we take the time to interview other candidates. Mr. Rose asked to have a vote. Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg and Mrs. Zampella voted yes and Mr. Kalafsky voted no. Mr. Cowley will fill the vacancy until the next election.

### ***New Business:***

Chief advised that a few items that were encumbered from last year are still outstanding and there is a \$1,500 difference. The server cost more and the brush truck cost more. Mr Rose advised and the Chief agree that it will come out of this year's budget. Mr. Rose asked why there was not an agreed price on the brush truck. The brush truck refurbishment was quoted by Valtec but they refused to do the work and the other quote from Lees was more.

With no other new business; a motion to adjourn the September 10, 2019 meeting was made by Mr Rose and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.