

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

Regular Meeting on May 13, 2020

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, Chris DeLorenzo, Pete Chetwynd, Joey DeFillipis

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to all board members. Minutes accepted as emailed. Motion to accept made by John Marsigiano and seconded by Jamie Brown.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance -	\$ 355,832.74
We received	\$ 0
New Balance	\$ 331,444.07

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

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

Correspondence:

- None.

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Fire Chief's Report: Yes

- 9 calls in April with one being a garage fire on Maple Street. Everyone is commended for a job well done, apparently started in the electrical box.
- All reports have been entered into NFIRS.
- Work details and on location drills are beginning again in light of COVID cases slowing down. Events will be kept short with PPE.
- We received adapters and filters for our masks to use on calls if need be.

- Fit testing and ladder/hose testing is all due to be done in the next month. Debbie asked Chris to follow up with the fit testing company to ensure that they have a plan in place for ensuring members are not sharing a common tube on the machine (usually done).
- Chris D. submitted 3 purchase orders for hoods, gloves, and class A foam. All were on his budget and were unanimously approved by the BOFC. Jamie Brown made the motion to allow him to move forward with all 3 POs, 2nd by Chris Ireland.

Chief Engineer's Report: Yes

- Squad 21: currently troubleshooting an issue with the officer's TIC charger, hopes to have fixed ASAP. The roof saw still out being serviced with the company not able to find a part #. Joey was able to find a parts diagram and was able to supply them with the needed information. Hopefully the parts can now be ordered.
- Engine 21-1: The tablet does not seem to be charging. Need to see if the battery can be replaced or if the tablet is no longer able to be charged. It only charges to 20% even when placed in a different truck leading Joey to believe it is the battery/tablet.
- Joey recommended an additional radio speaker be mounted near the officer's seat to help them hear radio transmissions easier.
- The chief engineer's report reiterated that Joey recommends a charger be mounted onto Engine 21-1 and 21-5 for the blue CO meters and that it might be beneficial to mount chargers for the TICs on all of the packs in Squad 21.
- Chris I. asked about these suggestions. If the BOFC approves along with the Chief, the Engineer should proceed with making additions under the maintenance budget.

Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes

- 26 calls last month.
- The command vehicle and ambulance are running well.

Old Business:

- We are still waiting for the delivery of new AEDs. Phillips AED is ready to start shipping their new FRx models within the next 2 weeks. VE Ralph has as a priority and will start shipping them to us as they receive them.
- Chris I. checked with Beyer Ford. Our Expedition for the rescue squad command vehicle still shows it is scheduled for production with no delays indicated. Beyer Ford hopes delivery will still be by the end of June; however, they cannot guarantee there are not delays due social distancing within the plant due to COVID 19. We will need to be patient with delivery.
- Reimbursement program – all checks were mailed last month with the exception of 2 members that have left the department. Chris D. will check the firehouse application and see if he can get addresses.
- Debbie has January, February, and March totals done for the 2020 reimbursement program. Jamie will double check January and March and John will double check February.
- LOSAP program: applications for Juan Correa and Brian O'Donnell have been submitted. Colton Rosseland still has not submitted his application. Joey DeFillipis is in contact with Colton and will get an address to send Colton another application and his LOSAP payment will be sent once his application is received. In the meantime, the BOFC is issuing a check this month for \$21,000 for the 2019 LOSAP program for the rest of the members.
- Yearly physicals are still pending until the doctor's office opens to see patients again as a result of COVID-19.

New Business

- Pete Chetwynd asked about brush truck replacement. Debbie said the firehouse would have to put together some price sheets for the BOFC to consider.
- Debbie attended a conference call held by Joe Brinsky from FEMA regarding how to put in a reimbursement request for costs associated to COVID. Debbie will establish a work meeting with the BOFC to go through what is acceptable to submit and we will start gathering bill information to see if we hit FEMA's \$3,300 deadline.
- June 16, 2020 is the next Joint Board meeting. John is going to call the other boards and try to get everyone together for a Zoom meeting.

Special Note: This meeting was held virtually via Google Meet. A sign was hung at the firehouse alerting residents how they can join the meeting.

Next scheduled business meeting is June 17, 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 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ireland, Secretary