

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

**Regular Meeting on August 19, 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, Connor Rosseland

**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 -	\$ 393,775.07
We received	\$ 0
New Balance	\$ 389,435.14

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 Jamie Brown. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

- None.

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**Fire Chief's Report: Yes**

- 16 calls for July, no major incidents in our area.
- Submitted a purchase order for helmets, under budget and it was unanimously approved.
- All call reports have been handed in and updated in the computer.
- We lost a carbon monoxide detector, Chris is requested to repurpose his budget line for SCBA bottles to change the amount for the purchase of 4-gas meters (current units can no longer be fixed or repaired) and replace the roof saw that no parts are available for.
- 2 minor injuries this month, one on a call and one in training. Both have been reported to MCO and Bridgewater HR.

**Chief Engineer's Report: Yes**

- Squad 21: Vent saw is still out of service. It has been picked up from the Lawn Mower Shop in Bound Brook because they cannot get parts. Pete is attempting to order parts and will bring it

to a new repair shop in Hillsborough. One of the pumps is also leaking hydraulic fluid and ESI has been called for service.

- Engine 21-5: 4 gas meter failed calibration and needs to be replaced because parts are obsolete. The table was found dead and may have a bad connection, trying to fix in house.
- Engine 21-2: The ignition switch is intermittent and will need repair.
- Brush 21: The windshield wiper sprayers are not working, will attempt to fix in house before calling for repair.
- Miscellaneous: Parts still cannot be found for the roof saw that has been out of service for quite some time. See Chief's report for plan to replace this saw.

#### **Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes**

- 24 calls last month.
- The ambulance and chief vehicle have been running well.

#### **Old Business:**

- The BOFC took delivery of a 2020 Ford Expedition today, August 19, 2020, which will serve as a rescue squad command vehicle. The vehicle has already been brought to Island Tech Services for the uplift to turn it into an emergency vehicle. Mats and a driver seat cover will be ordered from WeatherTech.
- We have not been able to find contact information for William Cascante and Ethan Fisher to have them claim their reimbursement checks for 2019. We are going to void the checks at this point.
- June and July 2020 reimbursement program numbers are ready to be verified. John Marsigliano and Jamie Brown will each do a month.
- Connor Rosseland is present tonight and will take the LOSAP application to get it completed.

#### **New Business**

- Rosters are due from the fire company and women's auxiliary for VFIS. John M. will touch base with the auxiliary president so they can confirm their roster. Chris DeLorenzo will confirm the roster for the fire company and confirm with Debbie.
- Both the fire and rescue squad chiefs were reminded their budgets are due in September.
- Pete Chetwynd talked to the BOFC about the possibility of a new engine. With CAFS, it came to \$744,000 and change. Without CAFS and the extra front-end roll over airbags, the price may drop by roughly \$75,000. Other vendors have not been contacted yet either. The BOFC's accountant is advising the state does not look like it will approve purchases in 2021. The BOFC will look into this with the accountant to see if we can get any more specifics on when a truck can be purchased.

Next scheduled business meeting is September 16, 2020.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Ireland, Secretary