

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
Dec 8, 2020

Meeting Minutes of the Dec 8, 2020 BOFC District #1 Zoom Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:00 pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella, Chief Snook, Deputy Chief Fernandes. Mr. Rose and Mr Cowley seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the November meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Cowley motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the Treasurer's report to be approved. Report approved. Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mrs. Zampella motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that the bills be approved as read. After approval, Mr. Rose added another bill that was paid. Mr. Kalafsky amended his motion to include this bill. Bills approved. Meeting opened to public at 8:06. Mr. Bob Albano from the Martinsville Rescue presented a video of the new ambulance that will be put into service soon. Public section closed at 8:07.

Correspondence: Memorandum from Mr. Braslow in the state newsletter with the schedule for the budget and resolutions. Will be placed on the bulletin board.

Chief's Report Mr. Rose motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve October Chief's report as distributed. Approved.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Lou DiGiovanni distributed the November usage report electronically and reported during the meeting. He advised that Rig 1 was taken out of service again with several problems. TO avoid the problems with Fullerton, he opted to go to Mendham for service. Done on warranty but the rig was out of service from Nov 23rd to Dec 4th. 18 out of district calls while Rig 1 was out of service. Good news is new rig is in. The lettering and power equipment should be in place and waiting for power lift equipment to be installed.

LOSAP: Mr. Rose reported that Mr. Braslow advised we should not have any capital improvements questions on this years ballot to keep things simple.

Insurance: No Report

Membership and Personnel: No report.

Bridgewater Joint Board: There will be a brief zoom joint board meeting this Thursday at 7:30 to discuss the information Mr. Braslow presented.

Trucks out of the District: None requested.

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training Ongoing.

Bylaws and Articles: Mr. Rosenberg reported that he sent out the latest bylaws. He asked if board had any suggestions for changes. Mr. Kalafsky asked if the change with the flag salute was added and Mr. Rosenberg confirmed that he included that and the meeting format was presented in order. Mr. Cowley motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve the revised bylaws as presented. Bylaws and articles approved.

Vehicle Maintenance: No report

Incentive Plan - The plan was approved and can be removed from agenda.

Gear Donation- Mr. Cowley reported that he reached out to departments in Louisiana and did not hear back so he suggested we look elsewhere. Mr. Rose suggested he try one more time.

Pickup- Mr. Rose reported that the truck was delivered and Mr. Cowley asked for a drawing of the lines and lettering of the truck to confirm that it is uniform with the other trucks. Mr. Cowley will meet with Chris to review the plans from the vendor.

New Business:

Pickup Truck- Mr. Braslow advised we need to do a resolution to sell the current pickup truck. Mr. Rose will get him the VIN information and information to put in the resolution. It is a public asset that needs to have

Incentive – The proposed reimbursement plan was discussed and \$10,000 is in the budget. Mr. Cowley motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve the volunteer reimbursement plan for this year to include \$600 for each qualifying member. Mr. Rose and Mr. Cowley abstained. Plan approved by remaining trustees.

The Budget- Mr. Rose presented the budget via email to be reviewed by the commissioners prior to the meeting. We discussed the budget. The budget is decreasing this year because we purchased the pickup truck this last year. Going from \$650,508.00 to \$585,794.78. Our tax rate is 2.8 cents per \$100. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that we accept the budget as presented. Role call vote – Mr. Rose-Yes, Mr. Rosenberg-Yes, Mr. Cowley-Yes, Mr. Kalafsky-Yes, Mrs. Zampella-Yes. Mr. Rose pointed out that we included \$25,000.00 to purchase a cot lift for the Rescue Squad. Mr. Rose suggested we allocate \$25,000.00 each year for 3 years to donate the majority of the lift project bill.

Election – Mr. Rose reported that Mr. Braslow advised that all Fire District elections will possibly be fully mail in ballot and the County would have full responsibility for the election. This process will cost the district approximately \$18,000. State talking about reimbursing but there is also a possibility of pushing the election date out a few months to possibly have in person voting. Mr. Braslow advised we should continue following the required dates and deadlines and everything else will work around that. We will join other boards to educate the public on how the fire districts function and the cost to maintain fire protection in the town.

With no other new business; a motion to adjourn the December 8, 2020 meeting was made by Mrs. Zampella and seconded by Mr. Cowley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.