

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
July 14, 2020

Meeting Minutes of the July 14, 2020 BOFC District #1 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:00 pm. The meeting was started with a request from Mr. Rose for a moment of silence to reflect on the life of Jim Kennedy, past chairman and member who passed away for all of his years of service to the department and his community. Role call followed: Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr, Cowley. Chief Snook, Deputy Chief Fernandes also present. Absent: Mrs. Zampella. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr Kalafsky seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the June 9th meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurer's report. We received the 2nd quarter payment from the township. Mr. Kalafsky asked about a \$50,000 inter funds payable. Mr. Rose advised that he moved \$100,000 from the savings to the operating to cover bills when we did not receive the quarterly check from the township last quarter. Mr Kalafsky asked why report had \$50,000 listed rather than \$100,000. Mr. Rose advised it should read \$100,000. He will check quickbooks to see why the report was inaccurate. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr Cowley seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved with the stipulation that Mr. Rose look into the quickbooks entry. Report approved. Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Rosenberg seconded that the bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Meeting opened to public at 8:08. Public section closed at 8:09.

Correspondence: Mr. Rose reported that the Board received a letter from VFIS claims management that referred to an accident that occurred on 10/11/2018. They advised they went after the person they thought was at fault in the accident and were unsuccessful so they did not get our \$500.00 deductible back. Mr. Rose asked is someone remembers that accident. No one was sure. The group agreed that we forgo trying to get that amount from the other party.

Chief's Report Mr. Rose motioned and Mr Kalafsky seconded that we approve June Chief's report as distributed. Approved.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Lou DiGiovanni distributed the June usage report electronically and reported that it was a slow month. There was only 1 call out of area and 3 calls in area where the rig was used. YTD- 67 calls for Rig 3 and 1,041miles. Mr. DiGiovanni shared news that Rig 2 was sold and moved from our building. Jim Ross and Mr. DiGiovanni are meeting with 2 companies this month to look at some remounts and other type 2 ambulances. MRS voted to approve a purchase of a new ambulance for up to \$100,000. He also advised that the sprinter type vehicles are available for around \$100,000 and will compliment the fleet as MRS often needs to go up steep driveways, rough for the large ambulances. Mr. Kalafsky asked if MRS approached Green Knoll for financial assistance since MRS covers their territory. Mr. DiGiovanni advised that we did not speak to them about it but advised that our arrangement has been cooperative and Green Knoll is staffing more nights and is doing more joint coverage with MRS. There is less used of the MRS rigs. During the day, MRS is the only game in town but the calls are welcome for the EMTS on the squad that need the training and experience.

LOSAP: No Report

Insurance: No report.

Membership and Personnel: Chief advised the potential member they were scouting, Jim Tanga joined as of the July monthly meeting.

Bridgewater Joint Board: Meeting to be held but not scheduled.

Trucks out of the District: None Requested

New Development: No report

Vehicle Training Ongoing.

BiLaws and Articles:

Vehicle Maintenance: A discussion took place about purchasing a Ford and questions about the Ford Foundation and causes they support. Mr. Rose advised that the Ford Motor Company that we purchase our trucks from is not a part of the foundation.

Incentive Plan-

Mr. Mone asked if Mr. Bralsow got anything from the association of fire districts of how we are supposed to operate. Did he got any guidance from Mr. Braslow regarding COVID and how we handle our employees and medical related things regarding COVID. Mr. Rose advised that we did not get anything yet but Mr. Braslow would definitely send us any information that he receives. He advised that our website should include some hold harmless wording but Mr. Rose advised that the Township handles the website.

New Business:

The Chief reported they were hoping to donate old turnout gear to get it out of the building as it is taking up a lot of space. Mr. Rose advised this topic came up several months ago and the board asked for an inventory of the turnout gear. In the past, the Board donated some of that gear to other organizations so the Board needs a list to know what is available. The Chief thought it was just the equipment that was not needed. The Chief will get that list to the Board. The chief also reported that there was there was a mailbox that was hit during a call but he did not receive report until 48 hours later so he was reporting to the board at this meeting. No damage to the truck and no damage to mailbox. It was just rubbed something needs to be done.

With no other new business; a motion to adjourn the July 14th meeting was made by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Cowley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.