

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

Martinsville Station # 1  
Martinsville, NJ  
June 9, 2020

**Meeting Minutes of the June 9, 2020 BOFC District #1 Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:00 pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mrs. Zampella, Mr. Cowley. Chief Snook, Deputy Chief Fernandes also present. Mr Rose motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the May 12th meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurer's report. Mr Kalafsky motioned and Mr Cowley seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved as read. Report approved. Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Mr. Rose advised that we received a check for \$3000 for the damaged radio and was deposited in the bank. The Chief advised that the replacement radio is on order. Mr. Rose asked the Deputy about the new radios. Deputy Chief Fernandes reported that the radios are at the county being programmed. All the aliases have to be reassigned and the dept should have them soon.

Meeting opened to public at 8:07. Public section closed at 8:08

**Correspondence:** Mr. Rose got a notice at the 2017 Ford F450 regarding an extended warranty on steering linkage. That is the MRS vehicle so it was directed to Lou DiGiovanni. During discussion about warranty and recalls, Mr. Rose suggested Flemington Ford doing a better job on repairs. Lou will take the information back to Mr. Ross.

Mr. Rose advised we received the business entity disclosure notification for contracts from Mr. Braslow.

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

**Old Business:**

**Martinsville Rescue Squad:** Lou DiGiovanni distributed the May usage report electronically. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Rosenberg seconded we approve the Squad Report as presented. He also advised that the squad is desperately in need of another ambulance. When we take a rig down for repair, we only have one for all calls. Bob Albano took over the role of the ambulance committee. We are having a transit style ambulance brought to the building in the next month for everyone to see. The goal is to purchase another ambulance within 2 months. Mr. DiGiovanni also reported we did not cover any calls for Bound Brook or Somerville last month.

**LOSAP:** Everything in order.

**Insurance:** No report.

**Membership and Personnel:** Chief advised they are meeting with a potential new member for Station 1, a retired Morristown paid fireman. Will keep us posted.

**Bridgewater Joint Board:** Mr. Rose reported that a representative from each board will try to get together via Zoom to discuss any areas of concern. The group is overdue for a meeting and with all the changes from COVID, best to get together.

**Trucks out of the District:** None Requested

**New Development:** No report

**Vehicle Training** Ongoing but not as frequent as usual.

**BiLaws and Articles:** Mr. Rosenberg was supposed to have everyone's edits by the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rose presented his suggestions for minor changes in wording. Mr. Kalafsky agreed. Mr. Cowley reported that his file was missing some sections. Mrs. Zampella agreed with the proposed changes and had no other suggestions. Mr. Rosenberg will make the suggested changes and recirculate the missing sections.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Chief reported that someone requested the old tires from Engine 4 be kept so they are sitting in the back of the firehouse. Mr. Kalafsky advised that some firefighters were interested in purchasing them. Mr. Rose suggested that they can submit an offer to the Board and the best offer will take them. Mr. Kalafsky reminded the board we need a hold harmless signed from anyone who purchases them in the event something happens with them in the future. Everyone agreed. The Chief asked the board about the pickup truck replacement and Mr. Rose advised now that COVID is getting more relaxed, he will reach out to the approved dealers. He researched the co-ops in the state and the closest one is Cranford. They have a pickup truck included in the bid but it is not what we need. He will take the specs and put it out to bid.

**Incentive Plan-** Mr. Cowley distributed original plan to all. We will table for another month as this can be finalized later this year. Mr. Rose asked about section 3 that mentions the year and max benefit be \$600.00. Should we cap it at \$10,000 total or if \$600 per member totals more than \$10,000, we increase the total. Mr. Cowley reminded the board that the intention for this is to reimburse members who qualify for their expenses as firefighters. Mr. Kalafsky advised that he will return his suggestions in 48 hours.

**Unclaimed Funds** - Mrs. Zampella reported she will hold off as state busy with COVID issues.

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

Mr. Cowley asked now that the Governor is allowing up to 50 people at a location, are the requests for the wave parades slowing down. The Chief advised that we are getting less but will honor anything that was committed.

With no other new business; a motion to adjourn the June 9, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Zampella. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.