

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

Martinsville Station # 1  
Martinsville, NJ  
Nov 10, 2020

**Meeting Minutes of the Nov 10, 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 October meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that the Treasurer's report to be approved. 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. 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. Public section closed at 8:07.

**Correspondence:** Memorandum from Mr. Braslow advising we need to present the budget in the November meeting and also copies of forms and resolutions needed to be done in December.

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

**Old Business:**

**Martinsville Rescue Squad:** Lou DiGiovanni distributed the September usage report electronically and reported during the meeting. Usage somewhat back to normal. Rig 1 still had a few issues but is back in service. He advised the new rig will be delivered beginning of December and should be put in service by end of the year. That rig should get MRS back to a more balanced state. Mr. Rose advised the board will discuss the request for a contribution toward the Cot lifting gear.

**LOSAP:** No Report

**Insurance:** No Report

**Membership and Personnel:** No report.

**Bridgewater Joint Board:** Mr. Rose advised that Mr. Braslow advised he was worried that the state may want to change the Fire District elections to be handled the same way as the recent election. If we have to go to total mail in, it will cost the district a large amount of money to send a ballot to every registered voter. He spoke to Mr. Kurdlya and will make a call to our Senator Kip Bateman to explain the hardship and extra work for an election that really does not present a major covid danger. We will discuss and put together a plan to present to show that we can hold a covid safe election. The cost to mail and pay for returned postage along with printing could be an extra \$15,000.00. Mr. Braslow has called several election officials and does not yet have answers. We need to prepare for what may need to be done.

**Trucks out of the District:** None requested.

**New Development:** No Report

**Vehicle Training** Ongoing.

**BiLaws and Articles:** Mr. Rosenberg asked if anyone had any suggestions for changes. Mr. Kalafsky suggested the meeting be started with a salute to the flag. Mr. Cowley commented that a change needs to be made on page 8. The term assistant chief needs to be changed to deputy chief. There were no other suggestions. Mr. Rosenberg will recirculate with changes and the board will vote on next meeting.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Pickup truck still in shop for maintenance and minor repairs.

**Incentive Plan-** Mr. Cowley presented the revised version to the board. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve the distributed plan. Incentive Plan approved.

**Gear Donation-** Mr. Cowley will be heading south to Lake Charles and will talk to some departments to identify one that could use the gear. He requested a list of the obsolete gear from the Chief.

**Pickup-**No report.

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

Mr Rose advised we need to wait for some information from Mr. Braslow. He is researching the rules to change the LOSAP during the budget process. Might need to have a separate question on the ballot. The group discussed the possible changes.

The Chief advised he is looking at replacement equipment that he is hoping to have to the board in time to have included in the budget. Also commented that the Engine 2 is starting to show its age and should be replaced soon. Also, looking at extrication equipment. Mr. Rose asked if it is replacement equipment or something new that would be a capital purchase. The Chief advised this would be for new purchases. Mr. Rose advised if this is for purchases in 2022, there should be room in the budget for them and they do not need to be put on the ballot. Group discussed whether it should it be in this coming year's ballot question or wait. A suggestion was made to have the Chief start putting some specs together and bring to the board.

With no other new business; a motion to adjourn the November 10, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky and seconded by Mr. Cowley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.