

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
Oct 13, 2020

Meeting Minutes of the Oct 13, 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. Absent: Deputy Chief Fernandes. Mr. Rose made a correction to the September minutes regarding the Joint Board accident and sickness policy and motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the August meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved. Report approved. Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that the bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Meeting opened to public at 8:07. Public section closed at 8:09.

Correspondence: Thank you note from Mr. Zampella.

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. Rig 3 was used 27 times out of area while Rig 1 was out of service for repair. Rig 1 is back in service.

Mr. Albano advised that the squad ordered a Type 3 Rig and is expected to be delivered in December. He also presented a proposal for assistance with the purchase of power lifts for the rigs. The mechanism lifts the cot into the rig. With smaller crews of usually two members, these lifts are a big benefit to safely load patients and reduce potential back injury. The total payment including a 3 year service plan comes to \$88,815. Company will spread payments into a 4 year payment plan. Mr. Rose commented that he understood from the initial conversation, the squad needed a power cot for the new rig. Mr. Albano clarified that we have the power cots but need the apparatus to lift the cots for the 3 rigs. Mr. Albano advised MRS is presenting the entire proposal requesting for financial help on all or a portion of the cost. Mr. Kalafsky asked if the current cots are compatible. Mr. Albano advised the total cost includes making the current cots compatible. The batteries were discussed. Mr. Rose advised this is a budget item that needs to be discussed. Mr. DiGiovanni offered to schedule a demonstration for the commissioners. The board will discuss the options.

Mr. DiGiovanni expressed the squad's appreciation for the Fire Department's presence to honor Mr. George Schofield at his funeral.

Mr. George Nowakowski addressed the board requesting any old turnout gear that the Fire Department is looking to donate elsewhere as it is out of date for their operations. Mr. Rose relayed his concern that the Rescue Squad members wearing the gear could be confused with the Firemen on a scene. The Chief advised and others agreed that the turnout gear can be stripped of its markings and changed to identify the squad. Mr.

Rose motioned that we approve the donation of the gear to the Rescue Squad. Mr. Rosenberg advised we will have a hold harmless signed regarding the gear. Mr. Mone will coordinate the details.

LOSAP: No Report

Insurance: No Report

Membership and Personnel: No report from Chief.

Bridgewater Joint Board: Mr. Rose advised they are trying to get something together. He will keep me posted.

Trucks out of the District: No report.

New Development: Discussion about the Redwood Inn property but the Fire Department has not been notified.

Vehicle Training Ongoing.

BiLaws and Articles: Mr. Rosenberg asked if everyone looked it over. Will make any suggested changes and we can review at next month meeting.

Vehicle Maintenance: Engine #1 is back and in good shape. Pickup truck being sent out for a fuel leak repair before getting the new truck.

Incentive Plan- Mr. Cowley sent out the final version incentive plan tonite to the group so we can review. Mr. Rose advised we need to approve at next meeting.

Gear Donation- Mr. Rose advised he will check on a needy squad who may need the equipment but suggested we take the radios and try to sell as a lot. Mr. Cowley suggested we consider donating the gear and radios to a department in Louisiana who may have suffered as a result of the two major hurricanes. Mr. Rose asked Mr. Cowley to identify a source and we will proceed.

Pickup- Ordered in mid September and waiting for updates on the status. Mr. Rose will check status.

New Business:

Budget: Mr. Rose advised that the State has new process. Mr. Rose and Mrs. Zampella had to get credentials for budget info and the BOFC is required to file the budget. Many new questions in the budget package regarding benefits to members. The board will schedule a work sessions to discuss the MRS request, LOSAP and other items to prepare the budget. Mr. Jinks will review the Chief's budget.

With no other new business; a motion to adjourn the October 13, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky and seconded by Mr. Cowley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.