

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
Sept 8, 2020

Meeting Minutes of the Sept 8 , 2020 BOFC District #1 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 also present. Mr. Rose 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. Mrs. Zampella motioned and Mr. Cowley 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. Rose seconded that the bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Meeting opened to public at 8:08. Public section closed at 8:09.

Correspondence: No correspondence

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Lou DiGiovanni distributed the August usage report electronically and reported that Rig 1 was out of service for a brake job and then there was an electrical problem. Scheduled repair at Flemington but then they advised it was too big for our rig. A new power control module needed to be ordered from Ford. Ordered and rig taken to Fullerton, they installed the module and 2 days later, the same problem occurred. Squad not happy with Fullerton service as the rig is still out of service. Mr. Rose suggested squad check into other repair options. Mr. DiGiovanni advised that a new rig was ordered and should be in within 2 months, lou MRS had 5 calls in the area and 1 out of area.

LOSAP: No Report

Insurance: Mrs. Zampella advised that Nationwide notified us that they are getting out of the group life and accidental death business. VFIS application being completed and will be put into effect. VFIS also does the town policy and the property casualty for the Fire Department.

Membership and Personnel: No report from Chief. Mr. Rose advised he sent information to chief and board with recommendations for recruitment and retention.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No report.

Trucks out of the District: Sept 28th, going to Middlesex Fire Academy for training. On Sept 11th, sending an engine to Jersey City for a ceremony. Mr. Rose asked Chief to send Engine 2 to Jersey City and have Engine

#1 available for the township in case they decide to have a ceremony. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve trucks out of district. Approved.

New Development: Discussion about the Redwood Inn property. Mr. Rose advised that the township is apparently doing the improvements and then selling the property to a developer. Will keep up with changes.

Vehicle Training Ongoing.

BiLaws and Articles: Mr. Rosenberg asked if everyone got his most current changes. Will discuss any changes at next meeting

Vehicle Maintenance: Engine #1 is out for warranty work on paint and graphics.

Incentive Plan- Mr. Rose advised he sent comments back and did not see any comments from anyone else. Mr. Cowley taking all comments and finalizing. We do not need a resolution to approve it. Mr. Cowley asked if we should have a resolution to replace the old program with this one. Mr. Cowley advised he will send out final version.

Audit - Annual Audit done and final documents received by Mr. Rose and place in folder for our records.

Gear Donation- Chief advised they are working on inventory and will have it for next month.

New Business:

Township Accident and Sickness Policy - Mr. explained that we have an accident and sickness policy with VFIS. \$500,000 for injuries involving any accident if occurs while on a fire call. Any member who suffers an accidental death at any time also gets the benefit. This policy is provided by the township. Mr. Rose needs to provide a current roster and asked Chief and officers to review the roster to confirm eligibility.

Mr. Rose advised he contacted 7 different car dealers throughout the state. He received two responses to the bid. Both bids matched the bid sheet that we submitted. Winner Ford price bid is \$56,992.00 and the Flemington/Ditchman Ford bid is \$54,768.00. Flemington is clearly ahead by \$2,000.00 Mr. Rose asked for approval to issue a downpayment to order the truck. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve the downpayment and order. Approved.

Mr. Rose advised he has some changes he suggests for the budget. Mr. Kalafsky asked if he have a folder on the current utility truck as we will need to get started to plan on disposing of it. Mr. Rose suggested we offer it via auction to get the best price.

With no other new business; a motion to adjourn the September 8th meeting was made by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.