

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Bridgewater, New Jersey
Fire District #2**

Regular Meeting on February 17, 2021

This meeting was advertised and called to order in accordance with the "Open Act Sunshine Law."

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Debra Brown.

Salute to the flag.

Roll Call of Board: Debbie (P), Chris (P), Jamie (P), Joe (P), John (A).

Also Present: Jeff Taylor, Pete Chetwynd, Joey DeFillipis, Connor Rosseland

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to all board members. Minutes accepted as emailed. Motion to accept made by Jamie Brown and seconded by Chris Ireland.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance -	\$ 357,328.66
We received	\$ 0
New Balance	\$ 336,747.44

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Chris Ireland and seconded by Jamie Brown.

Bills: Were read and reviewed by board members to be paid by treasurer Joe Langon.

A motion to the pay the bills was made by Jamie Brown and 2nd by Chris Ireland. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

- Richard Braslow, our attorney, sent the certification document needed for our resolution for legal services.

Meeting Open to the Public: 7:33 p.m.

Meeting Closed to the Public: 7:34 p.m.

Fire Chief's Report: Yes

- 12 calls in January and all call/work details have been entered into NFIRS.
- Command vehicle is in good working order.
- Right to know and other annual required training recently completed.
- All COVID guidelines are in effect.
- Order placed for coat tag and shield for Chris DeLorenzo.
- Pete requested fit testing be scheduled for June and BOFC told him to go ahead.
- Pete asked about giving a report to a company that had a truck fire or if they need to file an OPRA request. Debbie will check with our attorney to find out the best route.
- Pete asked about members that need HepB vaccines. Debbie directed him to get a list put together of what members need the vaccine so that Bridgewater's health official can be contacted to get free distribution.

Chief Engineer's Report: Yes

- Engine 21-5: Batteries starting to become corroded and need to be replaced soon. Rear TIC not working.
- Engine 21-1: Foam tank indicator not working, needs repair.
- No other vehicles had repairs needed.

Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes

- 36 calls last in January.
- Rear window flags were put on the rescue squad and fire command vehicles.
- PO submitted for medical supplies and EpiPens. These items were verified

Old Business:

- LOSAP points for 2020 have been verified. Points will be posted on our door and members have 30 days to file any challenges. We have received a LOSAP application for Keith Wharton and are still waiting for Dan Follo's application.
- The BOFC still needs to locate a title for the 2007 Ford Expedition turned over to the fire company.
- Reimbursement program is all up to date for 2020 and checks have been printed for members for a grand total of \$4,720.
- Fire apparatus update: Debbie met John from Absolute Fire to get the E-One specs to match Pierce so we can compare vehicles accurately. Jamie will be setting up a meeting with Seagrave to also compare their engine to the Pierce specs.

New Business

- Discussed one-page chief engineers' report proposed by Chris I. Debbie does not remember seeing it so Chris will resend.
- Joe and Chris attended a virtual meeting regarding voting lines being drawn by GPS coordinates instead of street names. Final draft is in progress for fire districts to check and sign-off on. Kevin is the representative handling the maps and he can be reached for questions at 856-795-9595 ext. 1064.
- Voting this year will have to have safety guidelines. We will issue each person a pen so we do not need to worry about sanitation, extra signs will be hung regarding mandatory masks, temperatures will be taken, and social distancing will be marked.
- Debbie proposed we increase to the reimbursement program to \$5 per call. We will table this to the March meeting since John is not here and the board must unanimously agree.
- Shaun Woodruff informed Lincoln Financial he no longer volunteers. He was not vested so the money will return to the BOFC.
- Resolutions for the accountant/auditor will be Urban & Jinks for 2021, Richard Braslow as our attorney for 2021, and all vendors in 2020 that we spent over \$17,500 with.

Next scheduled business meeting is March 17, 2021.

Adjournment: Being there is no other business to bring before the board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jamie Brown and 2nd by Chris Ireland. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ireland, Secretary