

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

Regular Meeting on March 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 (P).

Also Present: Pete Chetwynd, Joey DeFillipis, Seamus O'Donnell (all 3 had to leave on a call)

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

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance -	\$ 336,747.44
We received	\$ 0
New Balance	\$ 329,950.20

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

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 John Marsigliano and 2nd by Jamie Brown. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

- Received proxy vote information from Lincoln which was handed to Chairman Brown.
- Received the 12/5/20 quarterly meeting minutes from the NJ State Association of Fire Districts.

Meeting Open to the Public: 7:35 p.m.

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Fire Chief's Report: Yes

- 12 calls for February with all entered into NIFRS and submitted to the state.
- Command vehicle working well.
- Order placed with Firefighter One for a chief shield and coat tag in January. Coat tag has been received, but not the shield.
- Air tests on cascade system was completed by Firefighter One.
- Hose and ladder testing scheduled for 5/18/21 (see invoice).
- Pump testing scheduled for 5/6/21 (see invoice).
- Fit testing will be scheduled for some time in June.
- We need to get non-ethanol tool fuel for pumps, chainsaws, etc. Jamie asked why stabilizer can't be used in regular fuel instead of tool fuel so that money can be saved. Given the Chief is on a call during this meeting, so this will be tabled to the April meeting.
- New CO meter in command vehicle stopped working. Since its under warranty it was picked up by New Jersey Fire Equipment.

- Pete needs a “chief” coat tag for his PPE. BOFC has no issue with this but it will need to be a budget expense from the fire company’s 2021 budget.

Chief Engineer's Report: Yes

- 21-5: Batteries on this engine are starting to become corroded, possibly need to be replaced soon. Rear TIC not working.
- 21-1: Saw is still at Central Jersey Nurseries being repaired. Foam tank indicator is not working, will have to be repaired.
- Utility 21: Truck check was not completed this month.
- Brush 21: Truck check was not completed this month.
- Utility and Brush not checked due to structure fire in Hillsborough this past Sunday interrupting the check.

Rescue Squad Chief's Report: No

- The rescue squad chief was not present so no report is available.

Old Business:

- Jamie spoke to Seagrave and we will send them specs from Pierce so they can work up a price comparison. 49 Fire is having a Seagrave built as well as some other NJ agencies if we would like to see one. Rep stated they use stainless steel instead of aluminum so they may come in higher on price.
- Debbie received updated specs from E-One to make it comparable to what Pierce quoted us. This quote just arrived today so Pete will need time to compare it.
- All reimbursement checks for 2020 have been sent out.
- Joe cannot locate the title for the 2007 Expedition and will get a replacement so we can hand over to the fire company.
- LOSAP: Numbers have been posted for 30 days and no one has filed any challenges so payment for 2020 can be made totaling \$22,000. Applications for Dan Follo and Keith Wharton were handed in and are included in the 2020 LOSAP payment.
- Revisited increasing the reimbursement program from \$4 to \$5 call because Commissioner Marsigliano was not present. Jamie Brown made a motion and Chris Ireland seconded for the increase. All members were unanimous.

New Business

- Debbie got a request from Absolute Fire to bring some of our business back to them. Joe brought maintenance bills from 2020 where we used Blaze Fire so we could compare expenditures. Jamie will review pricing to see if it is comparable or better.

Next scheduled business meeting is April 21, 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 John Marsigliano. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ireland, Secretary