

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

**Regular Meeting on September 15, 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:** Jeff Taylor, Joey DeFillipis, Connor Rosseland, Seamus O'Donnell, Pete Chetwynd, Cesar Abella

**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 -	\$ 422,708.66
We received	\$ 0
New Balance	\$ 408,605.05

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

**Correspondence:**

- NJ State Association of Fire Districts June 5, 2021 Quarterly Meeting minutes have been received.

**Meeting Open to the Public:** 7:32 p.m.

**Meeting Closed to the Public:** 7:33 p.m.

**Fire Chief's Report: Yes**

- 26 calls for the month of August.
- All points for LOSAP have been updated and posted.
- Purchase orders 072121-FD1 and 081821-FD2 are complete.
- 2022 budget will be prepared by this weekend and shared with the board.
- Chief's vehicle and 21-5 suffered damage during the storm. Debbie has filed the report with VFIS and they will be sending an adjuster to evaluate the damage.
- The lighting issues on the command vehicle have been resolved with one part on order. Island Tech reports the work should be covered under warranty.
- A list of damaged and missing equipment from storm Ida have been submitted. Pete will send the BOFC information from FEMA that will allow reimbursement under their Category B. Pete is also waiting for their trash pumps to be serviced which may also fall under FEMA.

- Pete discussed difficulty they had during storm Ida in accessing residents in floodwater with the ambulance we currently have for water rescue. Pete has contacted NJ Forest Service and NJ State Police to see about acquiring a 5-ton military style cargo vehicle for free. This will allow the FD to drive up and get residents versus deploying the raft each time. Pete will keep the BOFC up to date on the progress to see if there are costs or if it is actually free.
- Pete submitted 2 new Pos which were reviewed and approved by the BOFC. He also requested to spend some of the savings from his 2021 budget on another trash pump and 2 lengths of hard suction. The BOFC was in agreement Pete should move forward with these additional purchases to benefit our residents.

**Chief Engineer's Report: Yes**

- Squad 21: TIC for the officer is not charging, might be a bad power cord.
- Engine 21-1: The inverter for the tablet may be on the way out, going to keep an eye on it.
- Command: Rear bumper was damaged from a backing accident, emergency lights are being repaired from flood water, and a headlight was replaced.

**Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes**

- 35 calls for the month of August.
- A flat tire from a screw was replaced with a plug from Alan & Sons Car Care.
- Submitted a PO for supplies from Moore Medical which was approved by the BOFC.
- Jeff requested the BOFC consider buying a power lift stretcher by adding a question to the budget for public approval or see if the BOFC can fund the purchase above the regular squad budget.

**Old Business:**

- The BOFC is still waiting for meeting attendance to complete the reimbursement program audit that we have been trying to do since June. Debbie requested meeting attendance forms get copied at the end of the business meeting with the original left in the BOFC's mailbox.
- New engine update: Pierce has updated our options list after meeting with our sales rep and provided a projected price. Pete is going to get the BOFC information about why we are replacing the old truck and a presentation will be made for the special spending meeting. Debbie will also contact Braslow, our attorney, to make sure we have all of the steps correct for scheduling a special election.
- Joe is waiting for a response from the plaque company for the command vehicle plaques.
- Debbie updated the board that she has gotten the beneficiary paperwork from LOSAP to Charlie Green's widow.
- Current membership rosters for the ladies' auxiliary and the fire department were faxed into VFIS today.

**New Business**

- None.

Next scheduled business meeting is Friday, 9/17 for the state fire commissioners meeting and then our next business meeting on October 20, 2021 (the BOFC will meet for a work session at 6:30 p.m.).

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Ireland, Secretary