

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

Martinsville Station # 1  
Martinsville, NJ  
April 13, 2021

**Meeting Minutes of the April 13, 2021 BOFC District #1 Zoom Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:0 pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella, Chief Snook, Deputy Chief Fernandes. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the March meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Kalafsky asked about the money in the bank and Mr. Rose confirmed it is in a money market account, no CDs. Discussion about insurability of money in bank. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved. Report approved. Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Cowley asked about a chunk of paint missing on the passenger door on Rig 1. Mr. Rose advised it was being repaired. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that the bills be approved as read. Bills approved.

Meeting opened to public at 8:05. Public section closed at 8:06.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence.

**Chief's Report** Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approve March Chief's report as distributed. Mr. Rose asked the Chief what the Bridgewater Fire Official was doing regarding the 7 visits to the Sikh Temple last month. The Chief advised that they are getting fined for all visits because they did not rectify the problem. Once the town gets copies of reports, they will address the problem. Chief's report approved.

**Old Business:**

**Martinsville Rescue Squad:** Lou DiGiovanni distributed the March usage report electronically and reported during the meeting. He advised Rig 3 was used for 10 in district calls and 7 out of district calls. The good news is our Ford Transit Rig 2 is now operational. Needs to be inspected by the Council and then it will get put into service which will further reduce the usage of Rig 3 out of area. Mr. Rose asked why two of our calls were Bound Brook structure fires. Lou explained we were in chain for mutual aid for the Bound Brook squad because the RWJ crew that covers was out on another call. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded we approved the MRS report as presented. Approved.

**Insurance-** No report

**LOSAP:** Final spreadsheet with qualified members and contributions and fees calculated emailed to Board. Mrs. Zampella reported that the annual contribution is \$28,800.00 and the fees are \$700.00. She explained that any names who are no longer members pay their own fees but members who did not qualify for a contribution but are active have the annual fee paid by the BOFC. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that the \$28,800 and \$700 are approved to send. Approved.

**Membership and Personnel:** The Chief will send the paperwork on the new member to Mrs. Zampella for registration for LOSAP.

**Bridgewater Joint Board:** The County Election board advised that next Tuesday's election will not have final numbers until the 26<sup>th</sup> of April because of all the mail in ballots that were sent. They will provide preliminary results the night of the election and then do a second count and provide the final on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Trucks out of the District:** All trucks requested to attend the funeral of Bob Forsythe. The Chief got full coverage for the district from 8 am til 4 pm. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky motioned to approve. Approved. Deputy Chief Fernandes requested the truck to attend the live burn on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Middlesex. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded the truck to attend live burn. Approved

**New Development:** No changes. Began tear down of Redwood Inn for new development.

**Vehicle Training** Ongoing

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Engine 1 is back and no issues.

**Gear Donation-** Mr. Rose advised he just found out about a Sussex County Fire Company that organized a gear donation for firefighters in Alabama hit by tornado. He will contact him and offer to donate our gear if they do a second run to Alabama.

**New Pickup-** All equipment in from manufacturer and should all be installed by end of week.

**Old Pickup –** Mr. Rose identified a municipal auction site and he checked on title as per last months discussion and we have a new title not salvage.

**The Budget-** Ready for the voters

**Election –** Mr. Rose and Mrs. Zampella will set up the area for safe voting. Mr. Rose reminded the Chief that we are in need of poll volunteers. Chief working but will try to come after 3 and he will remind members.

**Vaccinations-** Discussion about the recent J&J vaccine side effects. Most members already vaccinated.

### ***New Business:***

With no new business; a motion to adjourn the April, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mrs. Zampella.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.