

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
February 9, 2021

Meeting Minutes of the February 9, 2021 BOFC District #1 Zoom Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:07 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 January meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the Treasurer's report to be approved. Report approved. Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Cowley motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the bills be approved as read. Bills approved.

Meeting opened to public at 8:11. Public section closed at 8:12.

Correspondence: None

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Lou DiGiovanni distributed the January usage report electronically and reported during the meeting. He advised Rig 3 was used for 7 in district calls and 8 out of district calls. Several were because of the storm. Rig #3 was the only 4 wheel drive vehicle MRS had and it was the safest vehicle. MRS was the only squad in service for the two days of the storm.

LOSAP: Received the spreadsheet from Chief and will review and send to Lincoln. They then send the formal spreadsheet with invoice to be sent once budget approved at April meeting.

Insurance: No report

Membership and Personnel: One new member for Station #1 joined February 8th. Chief will send information to Mrs. Zampella for our records. The chief advised that the suspended member returned to service January 25th.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: None requested.

New Development: Nothing new

Vehicle Training Ongoing training on the mini pumper

Vehicle Maintenance: Engine #2 came back from routine repairs.

Gear Donation- Mr. Cowley reported Louisiana did not get back to him so we should go in another direction. Mr. Rose suggested we check in with them one last time.

New Pickup- Pickup is at Lines and Letters for lettering. Once graphics are done, it will be sent to vendor for the equipment installation.

Old Pickup – Mr. Rose advised he has the VIN # and will provide information to Rich Braslow so he can prepare the bid paperwork authorization to be distributed by the board.

The Budget- The second pass was sent to the state and we are waiting for final approval.

Election – Mr. Rose reported the election date will be Tuesday April 20, 2021. The governor's Facebook page had a post that the April elections will be in person elections. Bill inquired with Rich Braslow to find out if it is official. Mr. Rose advised we need to be sure we have a safe election. We will discuss the best way to handle with single use pens, distancing in line, protection for volunteers at table, etc.

Vaccinations- Many in the department have been vaccinated and no reported issues.

New Business:

Lou Digiovanni reported that MRS had difficulty during the storm getting to some calls because of the unplowed roads. A rig actually got stuck on a call and they had to have two vehicles help push it out. Advised that MRS will be putting together SOPS specifically for situations like the heavy snow storm and asked if we could include the fire department as a source of help during those calls if needed. Commissioners agreed it is a good idea.

With no other new business; a motion to adjourn the February, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.