

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
January 12, 2021

Meeting Minutes of the January 12, 2021 BOFC District #1 Zoom Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:00 pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella, Chief Snook, Deputy Chief Fernandes. Mr. Rose and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the December meeting. Minutes approved.

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

Meeting opened to public at 8:04. Mr. Bob Albano from the Martinsville Rescue Squad updated the BOFC on the equipping of the new ambulance that will be put into service soon. Public section closed at 8:05.

Correspondence: None

Chief's Report Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve October Chief's report as distributed. Approved.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Lou DiGiovanni distributed the December usage report electronically and reported during the meeting. He advised that Rig 1 was returned to service on the 7th of January. Rig 3 was used for 13 in district calls and 16 out of district calls. The out of district calls were when Rig 1 was in for repair. Mr. Rose asked if Rig 1 is back in service and Lou reported yes. Lou also reported that 7 members recently completed a complete CEVO course and other members also retrained. Mr. Rose asked a question regarding HPPA compliance on the reports showing an address of call. The reports will be revised to show in district and out of district.

Lou reported that the squad is upgrading the computers at the squad and are retiring a server and computer that are owned by the commissioners. Does the commission want them? They are all outdated. Everyone agreed they should be sent to recycle with the hard drives changed.

LOSAP: No Report

Insurance: Mr. Rose reported that he took necessary steps with VFIS on the 2 minor accidents that occurred last year. VFIS asked that we report all incidents in a timely manner. Report the facts of the incident. The police report and estimates can follow.

Membership and Personnel: The chief advised that the suspended member is due to come back January 25th and 4 potential members are being interviewed. One is a junior and needs to start from the beginning, one is currently a Far Hills/Bedminster member and has completed Firefighter 1. Other two are over age 18 but will need to go through Firefighter 1. Mr. Rose reminded Chief that Firefighter 1 starts in February.

Bridgewater Joint Board: Mr. Rose reported he and Mr. Kalafsky provided good information for the article in the Breeze and the Patch. The article looks good and is informative.

Trucks out of the District: None requested.

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training Ongoing.

Vehicle Maintenance: Once checks come in, Engine 1 will be scheduled for repairs. Engine 2 is in for regular scheduled maintenance. Mr. Rose asked the chief about a bill from Napa Auto parts. He asked why oil changes were done in house as opposed to going to a Jiffy Lube. The Chief advised they thought they could save some money. The Board agreed that in the future, it should be done by an outside vendor so we have someone accountable in the event of a mistake. Mr. Rose asked for approval of the \$188.00 bill. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve the payment to

Gear Donation- Mr. Cowley reported that he reached out to departments in Louisiana and did not hear back so he suggested we look elsewhere. Mr. Rose suggested he try one more time.

New Pickup- Mr. Rose asked for clarification on the

Old Pickup -

New Business:

The meeting is opened again to the public at 8:28 for comments on the budget. With no one needing to speak, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:29.

The Budget- Mr. Rose presented the budget via email to be reviewed by the commissioners prior to the meeting. We discussed the budget. The budget is decreasing this year because we purchased the pickup truck this last year. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that we accept the budget as presented. Role call vote – Mr. Rose-Yes, Mr. Rosenberg-Yes, Mr. Cowley-Yes, Mr. Kalafsky-Yes, Mrs. Zampella-Yes.

Election – Mr. Rose reported that the election date is now Tuesday April 20, 2021.

With no other new business; a motion to adjourn the January, 2020 meeting was made by Mrs. Zampella and seconded by Mr. Cowley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.