

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
July 13, 2021

Meeting Minutes of the July 13, 2021 BOFC District #1

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:02 pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Cowley, Mr. Kalafsky, Mrs. Zampella, Chief Snook, Deputy Chief Fernandes. Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the June meeting with a date change. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that the Treasurer's report to be approved. Report approved. Mr. Rose reported that because of the late elections, the town did not issue checks until approved budget sent to them. We received both 1st and 2nd quarter checks this month and they have been deposited. Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Rose addressed a battery purchase and shipping costs to have it shipped to a members house. He reminded the group that the commissioners from a long time ago set a rule that all items ordered by department are to be delivered to the building, not someone's home. A discussion occurred regarding the best way to have items delivered or picked up from the UPS pickup site on Chimney Rock. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the bills be approved as read. Bills approved.

Meeting opened to public at 8:10. Public section closed at 8:11.

Correspondence: Mr. Rose advised he received an email from the NJ State Police looking for closure for funds received \$3,220.13 for Hurricane Sandy. He will go back and check where funds were spent and close out document.

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Lou DiGiovanni distributed the June usage report electronically and reported during the meeting. He advised Rig 3 was only used 1 time out of area within the guidelines of our protocol. There were 11 calls in area. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approve a check for \$25,000 to be issued to Martinsville Rescue this month for the cot lifting apparatus as stated in our approved budget. MRS will bring a rig to the Fire Dept to demonstrate the cot lifting apparatus and we will have a check presentation. Mr. Rose motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded we approve the MRS report as presented. Approved.

Insurance- No report

LOSAP: No Report

Membership and Personnel: No Report

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: Deputy Chief requested 1 rig to be taken to the Bound Brook Carnival if needed. Chief advised he didn't think needed as no one responded to possibly attend. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded to approve a rig if needed.

New Development: Chief reported that the Redwood Inn site is being cleared for roads. The Chief got the town to put in one hydrant at end of cul-de-sac and one at the beginning of the street.

Vehicle Training Ongoing. Deanna Weidele being trained by Captain Weidele

Vehicle Maintenance: None

New Pickup- Chief reported it is on its way to the building. The windshield recall repair needs to be scheduled.

Old Pickup –Mr. Rose will get moving on the sale of the old pickup now that the new one is in.

New Business:

Mr. Rose inquired about a bill he received for a company Emergency Reporting for \$3,735.00. He was told it was for a reporting system that replaces I Am Responding. He did not pay the bill as we have nothing about it. He asked if this system replaces I am Responding as we just spent quite a bit of money on that system. The Chief advised I am responding is still being used and is separate. This system takes the in house written reports and makes them paperless, incorporates the County CAD system in all the trucks, replaces the fire program system for NFIRS reports and automatically uploads everything on a monthly basis. Rich Kronengold reported that this bill is for the initial setup, importing reports, training on use and administration. Mr. Rose advised the recurring subscription is almost \$2500 annually vs \$900 for the current system. Mr. Cowley proposed he get together with the Chief to do an apples to apples comparison that can be presented to the board. Mr. Rose advised that this additional expense was not put in the approved budget for this year. He also advised that we are obligated to I Am Responding until 2025 with a five year contract. Mr. Kalafsky asked Lou from MRS if the squad could share with this software. Mr. DiGiovanni advised the squad uses I am responding and does not do NIFRS reports so this system not needed.

With no new business, a motion to adjourn the July 13, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.