

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
March 9, 2021

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

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:03 pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella, Chief Snook, Deputy Chief Fernandes. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the February meeting. Minutes approved.

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

Meeting opened to public at 8:07. Public section closed at 8:08.

Correspondence: Mr. Rose advised that the Takata airbag in the Chief's and Deputy Chief's cars may have an issue but the parts are not yet available. They will be in touch. Bill advised they should be careful until they can be repaired.

The VFIS newsletter is at the building and we received Mr. Braslow's Pay to Play Law certification.

The state association minutes provided information of interest. Attempting to change the regulations on training and duties for junior firefighters. Currently, junior firefighters before the age of 18 can attend the academy but cannot handle most equipment. The change will allow them to handle the equipment so they will have better training when they get out. Also, attempting to take capital purchases away from needing voter approval. Also trying to change the exempt fireman maximum age of entry. The assembly put the age at 57 and the senate put the age at 60. Along time before this is approved.

Mr. Rose also reported we received the annual census that Mr. Rosenberg needs to complete online.

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Lou DiGiovanni distributed the February usage report electronically and reported during the meeting. He advised Rig 3 was used for 7 in district calls and 16 out of district calls. Several were because of the storm. Again, Rig #3 was the only 4 wheel drive vehicle MRS had and it was the safest vehicle. Mr. Rose asked if there were any service issues with the Rig. Mr. DiGiovanni advised there were no service issues. He advised the side step was damaged due to high snow. It is being repaired.

LOSAP: Finalized the spreadsheet with all qualifying members with the Chief and emailed to our rep at Lincoln. Once the budget is approved at the April meeting, a check will be sent.

Insurance: No report

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 did not provide the proper information on fire district boundaries to the state and asked the joint board to help plot the territories for election purposes. Bill Rose along with other members of the Joint Board cleaned up and corrected the data and all four districts signed off on the corrected map.

Trucks out of the District: One truck requested to attend the funeral of the ex-chief of Country Hills. Mr. Mone requested the Ambulance be taken on the 20th to a boy scout event. Both requests approved.

New Development: Former Redwood Inn site is fully demolished and the new street will be called Ridgeview Terrace. The Chief reported there will be 3 hydrants on the street.

Vehicle Training Ongoing

Vehicle Maintenance: Engine #1 is out for service. All rigs getting routine maintenance.

Gear Donation- No report

New Pickup- Pickup is lettered and is now at the vendor for the equipment installation. Expect it to be done in 2 weeks.

Old Pickup – Mr. Rose advised it is progressing. Mr. Kalafsky asked about the salvage title. VFIS considers it a salvage vehicle but not a salvage title.

The Budget- Budget was approved and ready for election.

Election – Mr. Rose reminded everyone that the election date is Tuesday April 20, 2021. He also said he plans to buy a piece of Plexiglas and stands to place in front of volunteers to keep them safe and create a safe flow of traffic. Mrs. Zampella advised she has a few of them in her office and will be glad to loan the department two Plexiglas dividers from her office for the election.

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

New Business:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.