

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
August 9, 2022

Meeting Minutes of the August 9, 2022 BOFC District #1

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:08 pm. Present: Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella, Deputy Chief Bradley Absent: Mr. Rose, Chief Fernandes. Mr. Kalafsky requested the Brush 43 truck is kept on the agenda under Vehicle Maintenance in the meeting agenda until it is repaired. He made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded as amended that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the July meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Cowley presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mrs. Zampella seconded the June bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Mr. Cowley presented the Treasurers report. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the Treasurers report for July be approved. Approved.

Meeting opened to public at 8:18pm. Public section closed at 8:19 pm

Correspondence: Two registrations were given to the Deputy Chief.

Chief's Report Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve the July Chief's report as distributed. Chief's report approved.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: No report

Insurance- No Report

LOSAP: No Report

Membership and Personnel: . Deputy Chief Bradley reported that Anthony Zougras completed his probation. A new potential member from Long Hill Township inquired and is interested if he could have dual membership. Two others inquired but have not heard back from them.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: One Engine for 4H fair e at North Branch Park, August 20th -2 engines for Green Knoll's anniversary. 1 engine for a tanker drill in Warren. One unit for the Police Chief's retirement event. Mrs. Zampella motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approved all requests for trucks out of district.

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training Training ongoing.

Vehicle Maintenance: Attack 43 is out of service. Fire and Safety sent to All American Ford who reprogrammed the computer and installed a new computer module. They cannot replicate that issue so hoping it

is good to go. It is having the same issues. A discussion occurred regarding the possibility of putting in a claim using the lemon law to get a vehicle that actually works. Mr. Rosenberg suggested we approach it with the proper paperwork to see if the problem qualified it for Lemon law. Brush Truck winch is still a problem. The officers will review and make a decision of what should be done next.

Flood Issues – No new report. Waiting for the check

Software Update – Deputy Chief Bradley attended the online seminar. He forwarded the recorded version to the board for review.

Truck Committee- Committee to meet on the 18th at 7:00 p,

Membership Steering Committee – Had a group attend the National night out. Signs were distributed but there are still some that need to get out, hopefully on the main drag where they can be seen.

Station 2 Siren – Completed

New Business:

Mrs. Zampella read resolution number 22-10 that authorizes Mr. Rose as the primary signatory at an account being opened at Unity Bank. Role call vote taken. Motion passed by all commissioners in attendance.

Mr. Cowley reported that the Fire company has old equipment that is no longer needed. He suggested that there are packs, low band radios and other equipment that could be donated to the departments in Kentucky that were devastated by the floods. Everyone agreed that selling it will only bring in a few dollars but someone who could use it would benefit from the donation.

Audit was reviewed and signed by all present commissioners.

Deputy Chief Bradley requested that the Combi tool that was purchased be put on Engine 2. Mr. Cowley explained that it makes sense to put on Engine 2 because the rescue truck would need to be reconfigured as that is set up for all hydraulic tools. Mr. Rose was concerned that if put on Engine 2, it could be removed and put in the brush truck and then not returned. The commissioners had a discussion regarding the placement of the tool and agreed that the department should assign it to an engine and not have it floating around.

With no other new business, a motion to adjourn the August 9, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky and seconded by Mrs. Zampella. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.