

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
March 8, 2022

Meeting Minutes of the March 8, 2022 BOFC District #1

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:00 pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella, Chief Fernandes, Deputy Chief Bradley. Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the February meeting. Minutes approved. Mr. Rose motioned that we suspend the normal order of the meeting for the reorganization. Mr. Rosenberg was sworn in as he was re-elected. Mr. Rose motioned, and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that the officers remain in the offices they held the previous year. Approved.

Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky motioned, and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the January bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Mr. Rose requested approval of checks for all Fire Personnel who worked the election get paid \$25.00 per hour. He listed the workers and the amounts they should receive. Mr. Kalafsky motioned, and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve the checks for those members. Approved. Mr. Kalafsky motioned that going forward we pay the tellers who work the election \$25.00 per hour. Mr. Cowley suggested we amend that motion to read an appropriate fee as we don't know what the future will bring. Approved. Mr. Rose presented the Treasurers report. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the Treasurers report for February be approved. Approved.

Meeting opened to public at 8:09 pm. Public section closed at 8:10 pm

Correspondence: Mr. Rose received extended warranty notice for the Rescue and Attack. Warranty given to the Chief.

Chief's Report Mr. Kalafsky made one correction that the structure fire on Foothill Rd was Finderne, not North Branch. Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approve February Chief's report as distributed. Chief's report approved.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni presented the February report that was also sent electronically. Nothing to report. Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded that the report be approved. Approved.

Insurance- No Report

LOSAP: Mrs. Zampella reported that we will be approving the LOSAP list next month.

Membership and Personnel: Chief Fernandes reported that they are working on 3 potential new members. Doing background checks now. Chief requested to meet with some of the board on April 12th regarding recruitment prior to their executive board meeting.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: Trucks requested to attend the Somerville St. Patrick's Day Parade on the 13th Engine 1, 11, car 1 and 2 on the 14th for live burn at Middlesex County Fire Academy.

New Development: Chief Fernandes advised that the Fire Official reached out to advise that someone was pulling a permit for building between Roger and Blossom. He is going to have 4 hydrants added since he road will be open with water main going in.

Vehicle Training Ongoing.

Vehicle Maintenance: The truck is currently at Maplecrest Ford for the issues that were discussed. Airbags were replaced.

Flood Issues – Mr. Rose reported still going back and forth with FEMA to finalize payment.

Software Update – No report

Truck Committee- Will be having another meeting for the UTV, reported the price is already increased. Chief requested a committee to work on truck replacement. Looking to replace Engine 4. Requested 2 commissioners sit on the committee.

Budget – State approved a week before the election. Mrs. Zampella reported that our budget and election results were uploaded to the state site and copy was sent to the township so that the tax payment

New Business:

Mrs. Zampella read the following resolutions for 2022: 01-Attorney Appointment, #2-Regular meeting schedule, #3-Payment of Claims, #4-Commissioners' Surety Bonding, #5-Accountant Appointment, #6-Official Newspapers, #7-Cash Management Plan, #8-Auditor Appointment, Role call vote was taken for each resolution and they were all approved unanimously. The resolutions will be scanned and uploaded to the Township website and the appropriate notices will be sent to the local newspapers.

With no new business, a motion to adjourn the March 8, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Cowley.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.