

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
May 10, 2022

Meeting Minutes of the May 10, 2022 BOFC District #1

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:05 pm. Present: Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella, Chief Fernandes, Deputy Chief Bradley. Absent: Mr. Rose. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the April meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Cowley presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the April 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 April be approved. Approved. Mr. Kalafsky noted that the report includes the deposit from 1st quarter.

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

Correspondence: No Report

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni presented the April report that was also sent electronically. Mr. DiGiovanni reported that Rig 3 is in Long Branch for repairs from the accident. Will be out of service until repaired. Mr. Cowley made a motion and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that the report be approved. Approved.

Insurance- No Report

LOSAP: No Report

Membership and Personnel: Background checks done on the three members mentioned at the last meeting all joined and are responding to calls

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: Chief Fernandes requested 1 or 2 trucks for Brian Hagerty's funeral. Also, requesting trucks for the community event Career Day at the Municipal building on the 22nd.

New Development: Chief Fernandes advised the work is completed and 5 hydrants were installed for the development between Roger and Blossom.

Vehicle Training Training is ongoing.

Vehicle Maintenance: Brush truck out of service. It is being serviced at Fullerton and should be done in a day or two. The pickup also has issues. The check engine light came on and the controller for all the lights went

out. Will be looked at. Deputy Chief's car has a check engine light on also and will be going in for service. MR. Cowley reported that Fullerton advised they think the power steering pump is not circulating the fluid enough which is causing it to overheat. They thought it was the winch but since the winch is run by the power steering, they will try to isolate the problem. The remote control was also done on the Rescue.

Flood Issues – FEMA approved the document for the equipment and they will look at the donated labor.

Software Update – Deputy Chief Bradley presented an overview of the technology currently being used and the difficulties in coordinating the multiple systems. Proposed moving to Emergency Reporting operating system to make the reporting more efficient, integrated and use less man hours. Mr. Rosenberg asked if they looked into other companies that do the exact same thing. Chief Fernandes advised they want to go with Emergency Reporting because there are 4 surrounding departments that have been using it successfully. They can help with learning the system and they would also be integrated. Mr. Cowley advised that Emergency Reporting is tied to county dispatch which is a benefit. He does want to check with them about uploading current spreadsheets as opposed to adding everything individually. Mr. Fernandes reported that Liberty Corner was able to export from their current information into the ER system. Pricing was discussed. Mr. Cowley recommended we get updated pricing and have a conversation about uploading current info. If all answers satisfactory, we should proceed at next meeting. Mr. Rosenberg requested a comparison and other bids from the competition to show why Emergency Reporting is superior. Mr. Kalafsky advised 2 other companies were considered but they were inferior to ER. The board requested two other quotes with features of each plan to make an informed decision.

Truck Committee- No meeting this month. Chief Fernandes requested to set up a meeting for June.

Membership Steering Committee – Chief Fernandes reported that signs for recruitment were designed and will be printed and put in shop windows. The recruitment event is scheduled for the 22nd from 9:00 til 2:00. Pamphlets will be updated.

New Business:

Chief Fernandes and Mr. Cowley reported that the certificate of origin for the boar needs to be changed from the Martinsville Fire Dept to the Board of Fire Commissioners. Once issued, we will file for a universal title and register the boat. Mr. Kalafsky asked if there is an issue with insurance. Mrs. Zampella advised it can be added to the insurance with the hull vin number and basic boat information. He suggested we add to insurance. Will have Mr. Rose contact VFIS.

With no other new business, a motion to adjourn the May 10, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Rosenberg and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.