

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
October 11, 2022

Meeting Minutes of the October 11, 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 September meeting. Minutes approved.

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

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

Correspondence: Registration given to Mr. Cowley for the Utility Truck. We also received the Check from VFIS for the deer damage to the Chief's truck. Also received the 2 checks for penalties from the township.

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni presented the September report. He also explained that the squad did not use Rig 3 for several Martinsville calls. Mr. Rose asked about a call at his house that was answered by Bradley Gardens because MRS did not have a crew that night. The group discussed the difficulty fielding crews with the lack of members along with local squads closing down which puts additional demands. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Rose seconded that the Rescue Squad report be approved as submitted.

Insurance- Waiting for claim check for Chief's vehicle

LOSAP: Mrs. Zampella reported that Nick Grigoletti resigned and was not vested so a signed request was sent to Lincoln Financial to release those funds back to the Fire Commission.

Membership and Personnel: Talking to 2 other potential members.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: Requesting the mini, brush and utility for the Hunt. Also requesting two engines and support unit for Middlesex Training Academy in October. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approved all requests for trucks out of district.

New Development: The Chief reported that he received a report for the preliminary plans for the development of the 14 acre parcel on Washington Valley Road.

Vehicle Training Training is ongoing.

Vehicle Maintenance: Quote from Linex for \$2200 for a winch with steel cable, installed. Lead time for repair is 2 ½ weeks. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Rose seconded that \$2200 be approved to purchase the winch. Vehicle #2 is going in for repairs this month.

Flood Issues – No new report. Waiting for the check.

Software Update – Deputy Chief Bradley asked if commissioners had any questions on the presentation he emailed. He suggested we invite the representative to attend a meeting to answer any questions. Mr. Cowley will work with Deputy Chief to set up that meeting.

Truck Committee- Committee will meet October 18th at 7:00 pm

Membership Steering Committee – Progress

Retired Equipment – Chief Fernandes asked about AED's that are no longer up to date. Discussed all options as the pads cannot be used on new equipment and the AED's cannot be used for training. Mr. Cowley reported that we are waiting for the list of other equipment so we can reach out to see who may need it.

New Business:

Mr. Cowley advised that the organizers of The Hunt specifically asked that our department brings the Combi tool in case it is needed. He suggested that the members who will be attending take some time to train on using it as well as being familiar with the location it will be kept on the truck.

With no other new business, a motion to adjourn the October 11, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.