

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
September 13, 2022

Meeting Minutes of the September 13, 2022 BOFC District #1

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:12 pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella, Chief Fernandes Absent: Deputy Chief Bradley. Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the August meeting. Minutes approved.

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

Meeting opened to public at 8:15 pm. Public section closed at 8:16 pm

Correspondence: Two registrations were given to the Deputy Chief. Mr. Rose read correspondence from the NJ Dept of Banking and Insurance regarding banking requirements for Unity Bank. The letter states Unity is bound by regulations that cover the BOFC for our funds.

Also read a letter from the Township of Bridgewater requesting the BOFC District #1 to sign purchase orders for penalties owed for 2021 and a portion of 2022. The township will issue checks once the purchase orders are received by our board.

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni presented the report and there were no exceptions this month. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Rose seconded that the Rescue Squad report be approved as submitted.

Insurance- Mr. Rose reported that a claim was filed with VFIS for the Chief's vehicle hit by a deer. The company called Mr. Rose for details. Suggested the Chief bring the vehicle for an estimate and submit to VFIS to settle the claim.

LOSAP: No Report

Membership and Personnel: . Anthony Wagar is a new member at Station 2. Talking to 2 other potential members.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: Two engines and support unit for Middlesex Training Academy in October. the pickup is requested for the Firemen's convention in Wildwood. Mrs. Zampella motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approved all requests for trucks out of district.

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training Training is ongoing.

Vehicle Maintenance: Attack 43 is back from All American. Fire and Safety is installed a switch and they are waiting for schematic from Ford. The other issue did not reoccur. A discussion occurred regarding the possibility of putting in a claim using the lemon law to get a vehicle that actually works. Mr. Rosenberg reminded the group that we should consider the applying for relief through the Lemon Law. Since Pierce purchased the chassis from Ford and then builds the unit, Mr. Rosenberg advised we should file against both companies via the lemon law. Brush Truck winch is still a problem. The officers are looking at replacement winch.

Flood Issues – No new report. Waiting for the check

Software Update – No report

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

Membership Steering Committee – The signs are working as the new members called as a result of the signs. Need to get out more.

Retired Equipment – Waiting to hear back from Kentucky department to see if they could use it. Chief Fernandes received a letter from a Bridgewater resident for equipment requested for the Dominican Republic. Mr. Cowley requested a full list to reach out one last time to Kentucky.

New Business:

Mr. Rose reported that the paperwork for new account at Unity Bank is ready to go, needs the commissioners to stop and sign paperwork before Saturday.

Chief Fernandes reported that they got prices for a trailer for the boat. The Chief requested the board approve using \$1,333.20 to purchase a trailer for the boat. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve up to \$1,400 to purchase the trailer. Approved. Mr. Cowley reminded the group, the registration information needs to be placed on the boat.

With no other new business, a motion to adjourn the September 13, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky and seconded by Mrs. Zampella. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.