

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
November 8, 2022

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

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

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

Meeting opened to public at 8:13 pm. Public section closed at 8:14 pm

Correspondence: Mr. Rose received a letter from the Somerset County Clerk's Office dated October 27th advising the BOFC owes \$3,007.62 for the 2022 Fire Election costs. \$1827.21 for vote by mail packets plus the mailing cost of .73 for 1,617 mail-in voters. Mr. Rose advised that he thought we paid for the printing of the packets to the printer but needs to check with Mrs. Zampella. He suggested that the board approve the bill pending Mrs. Zampella doing an investigation when she returns. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded that the bill be approved pending investigation. Approved.

Recall notice for airbags in the Chief's vehicle given to the Chief.

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni presented the October report. Only 3 exceptions back-to-back. The crew went to a Martinsville call and other calls came in immediately when done. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr. Rose seconded that the Squad report be approved as submitted.

Insurance- Mr. Rose reported that the check received from VFIS on the Chief's car deer hit claim was \$1,035.00 less than the \$2475.00 approved by the board. Mr. Rose called VFIS and adjustor asked for paperwork to send the difference as the deductible is only \$500.00

LOSAP: The check from Lincoln National for the nonvested portion of Nick Grigoletti account received and deposited back into the BOFC account.

Membership and Personnel: Waiting to hear back from 2 potential members.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: None at this time

New Development: No report

Vehicle Training Training is ongoing.

Vehicle Maintenance: Linex should be calling to schedule appointment as soon as winch comes in. Mr. Cowley reported that the Attack Truck has finally been repaired. They replaced the wiring harness that was shorting out. Mr. Rosenberg reported his due diligence regarding a potential lemon law claim showed that we are outside the time frame for filing. The first incident was outside the time from the date we took delivery of vehicle.

Flood Issues – Mr. Rose reported that the state sent a W9 to be signed in order to get the check. Waiting for the check.

Software Update – Deputy Chief Bradley advised he was not available this month but looking to do something in December.

Truck Committee- Meeting to be scheduled soon.

Membership Steering Committee – Progress

Retired Equipment – Chief Fernandes turned over AED's to Lou and will give him the pads.

New Business:

Mr. Rose reported that the members have not had a LOSAP increase in 10 years. Mr. Braslow advised that dept is entitled to COLA increase for every year. The amount should be increased to \$2,100.00 per member. The budget includes \$60,000 so even with 20 members qualifying, the total paid is under budget. A resolution needs to be done with Schedule A attached using the COLA increases. Mr. Wright suggested the exact number is used rather than rounding up or down. Mr. Rosenberg requested something in writing from Mr. Braslow to be sure we are complying.

With no other new business, a motion to adjourn the November, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky and seconded by Mr. Cowley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.