

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
February 14, 2023

Meeting Minutes of the February 14, 2023 BOFC District #1

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:01pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella Absent: 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 January meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded the January 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 January be approved. Approved. Mr. Rose reported that Capital One interest for 10 months was \$1,086.33 and the Unity Bank for 2 ½ months was \$7,206.99. Unity Bank is doing a much better job.

Meeting opened to public at 8:08pm. Public section closed at 8:09pm

Correspondence: Registrations in for Chief and Deputy Chief cars. There was a recall on one of the trucks that was already taken care of. Also got a letter from Holmes and McDowell re insurance. Two vouchers received from Township. One is \$3439.00 for supplemental fire program for 2021 and \$3439.00 for 2022. The township will send the checks once they receive the vouchers. Mr. Rosenberg received a letter from the Dept of Commerce that the census is complete.

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni presented the January report electronically and in person. Mr. Rose Motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded the motion to approve the Rescue Squad Report.

Insurance- No report

LOSAP: Mrs. Zampella reported that the LOSAP forms from Lincoln Financial to be forwarded to the chief and the President so that they can scrub the list to determine who is eligible. Mr. Kalafsky asked what is done about the \$25.00 service fee. Mrs. Zampella advised that the Commissioners pay that fee for the members who are eligible or active. Mr. Rose issues 2 separate checks for the eligible deposit and the fee and the spreadsheet shows VFIS which members are paid for and which members get billed for that fee. Mr. Rose advised that he will propose the increase to the statutory limit at the next meeting by resolution.

Membership and Personnel: A Liberty Corner fireman contacted Martinsville about joining because he lives on the south side of the bridge repairs and can get to Martinsville for calls easier than getting to Liberty Corner while the bridge is closed.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: 5 vehicles requested for 3/13 to Middlesex Fire for a live burn. Mr. Kalafsky motioned, and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve the request for trucks out of district. Approved

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training Training is ongoing.

Vehicle Maintenance: Ongoing.

Flood Issues- Waiting for the check.

Software Update – Waiting for the contract. Mr. Cowley will check in with Deputy Chief Bradley.

Truck Committee- Meeting to be scheduled soon.

New Business:

Computer- Mr. Cowley reported that the back-up drive in the computer in the commissioners' office cannot engage. Also, the computer under the desk is not usable and no one knows what is on it. He is suggesting we purchase a new backup drive, get an external drive reader so that you can see the data. Mr. Rosenberg offered to take the drive and transfer the data to another drive. Mr. Rose advised the challenge is that the backup drive reader arm is broken so you cannot read it. Mr. Cowley will check into the costs to get it all done.

Election- Mrs. Zampella advised she received the list of all voters in district from the county via email. She will back up on USB stick and Mr. Cowley will print for election.

With no other new business, Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:21.