

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
January 10, 2023

Meeting Minutes of the January 10, 2023 BOFC District #1

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:10 pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella, Chief Fernandes, Deputy Chief Bradley. Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the December meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded the December bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Mr. Rose presented the Treasurers report. Mr. Cowley asked if all old checks from Capital One account have been cleared so the account can be closed. Mr. Rose advised that there is still money in that account and he will close it within the next two months. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded that the Treasurers report for December be approved. Approved.

Meeting opened to public at 8:18 pm. Public section closed at 8:19 pm

Correspondence: Mr. Rose advised we received a recall notice for the Attack Truck. Ford does not yet have the parts and they will inform when they come available. Two chief's cars registration renewals received and completed.

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

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni presented the December report electronically. Mr. Rose asked Mrs. Zampella why there are no 95 calls on the report. Mrs. Zampella advised there were no exceptions involving 95 coverage as there are more calls during the 6 am to 6 pm shift and 95 coverage runs 6 pm to 6 am.

Insurance- No report

LOSAP: Mr. Rose advised that the budget includes enough to cover the increase once the correct amount is determined. He is not getting clear answers regarding the regulations. Some information states the CPI is to be used and other information refers to COLA increases. The advice from Mr. Braslow is to check with the auditor as he may have a clearer understanding of the approved amount.

Membership and Personnel: No Report

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report

Trucks out of the District: None at this time

New Development: Mr. Rose inquired about the proposed development of 8 small homes that are to be built off Chimney Rock . The chief and deputy chief advised they have not yet received plans. Mr. Rose suggested the line officers check with the town to be sure they propose adequate hydrants before the project begins.

Bridge over 78 on Somerville Road will be closed- Chief Fernandes advised Martinsville will be dispatched for calls on the south side of 78 to help cover until reopened.

Chief Fernandes also advised Martinsville Fire will be dispatched as auto aid dispatch for smoke and fire 6 am til 6 pm.

Vehicle Training Training is ongoing.

Vehicle Maintenance: The bills need to be gathered for the Attack 43.

Flood Issues- All data up to date. Waiting for the check.

Software Update – Deputy Chief reported there is an escalation clause approx. 3-5% annually. There will be no cost increase for additional features. Mr. Kalafsky asked again about mapping. This company purchased Rover that has the hydrant information. The chief advised that the preplanning information will be there.

Truck Committee- Meeting to be scheduled in next two weeks.

Membership Steering Committee – Progress

Retired Equipment – Chief Fernandes will get a list together with Mr. Koerner.

Budget- Mr. Rose reported that our budget has been conditionally approved because the state wants a formal notice from the township that the commissioner’s salaries were reviewed. Mr. Rose asked if there were any questions from the public. With no questions about the budget, Mr. Rose motioned, and Mr. Kalasky seconded that the conditional budget be approved. Role call vote taken and approved by all commissioners.

New Business:

Mrs. Zampella read the Resolution 23-01, Adoption of Temporary budget for 2023. A roll call vote was taken. Unanimously passed.

Mr. Rose motioned, and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we put a capital line in the budget for approval of 2 command vehicles up to \$155,000. Unanimously approved. With no other new business, a motion to adjourn the January 10, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Kalafsky and seconded by Mrs. Zampella. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.