

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
June 13, 2023

Meeting Minutes of the June 13, 2023 BOFC District #1

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kalafsky at 8:04pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella, Chief Fernandes. Excused: Deputy Chief Bradley, Absent: Mr. Rosenberg. Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the May meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Cowley made a motion and Mrs. Zampella seconded the May 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 be approved. Approved.

Meeting opened to public at 8:10 pm. Public section closed at 8:11 pm

Correspondence: Notice from Ford that a steering damper can be replaced at no charge. The boat registration fee for \$12.00 is included on the registration renewal. Someone needs to go in person to MVC Explain we are a government agency, and the fee needs to be waived. Mr. Kalafsky will handle.

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

Old Business

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni emailed and reported in person. Five calls out of area as per protocol. Nineteen calls in district with Rig 3 responding to 16. Mr. Cowley motioned, and Mr. Rose seconded that we approve the report as presented. Approved.

Insurance- No Report

LOSAP: No Report. All good for this year.

Membership and Personnel: Rich Kroenengold's son Matt is a new member in training.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No Report.

Trucks out of the District: Request for Engine and Tanker unit for June 20th for tanker drill and Utility, Attack and Chief's car for June 25th Water Rescue at Round Valley. Approved

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training Ongoing

Vehicle Maintenance: Attack 43 is back. Mr. Rose reported that he and Mr. Rosenberg will get together to write the letter to Fire and Safety regarding the invoice.

Flood Issues- Mr. Rose is still chasing the V number.

Software Update – Mr. Rose sent the agreement to Mr. Braslow had 4 issues with the contract. The contract needed to be made with the Fire Commissioners, not the Fire Department. He also advised that as a municipal agency, any legal arguments need to be handled in NJ, not Texas. Under the tax code as a municipal agency, we are automatically qualified to be tax exempt. Certificate not needed. The last issue was the indemnifications clauses. Mr. Rosenberg and Mrs. Zampella reviewed, and they are standard boiler plate clauses. Mr. Rose made a motion and Mrs. Zampella seconded to accept the ESO agreement if it contains the changes that we request and the documentation we receive moving forward includes all the changes. Approved.

Mr. Cowley reminded the board that NJ is trying to develop a new information system NERIS (National Emergency Response Information System) and will eventually not use NFFRS. He wants to be sure that ESO will be adopting that system when it happens.

Truck Committee- Chief Fernandes reported that the subcommittee had a virtual meeting regarding the skid unit. Waiting for a number for the unit they requested.

Hazmat Incident Command -The Chief sent out a few more to the county.

New Business:

Mr. Cowley advised that he and the chief are preparing for the ISO rating inspection. The inspector wants to see a year worth of information. They will try to get all information to the inspector electronically and then they only need to spend a short time on site. Trying to schedule in June if possible before the Chief leaves for vacation.

Mr. Rose made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:31.