

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

Martinsville Station # 1  
Martinsville, NJ  
March 14, 2023

**Meeting Minutes of the March 14, 2023 BOFC District #1**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:03pm. Present: Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky -via zoom: Doris Zampella Other members are escorting a deceased member from the airport and will join meeting when they return. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve the minutes that were distributed electronically from the February meeting. Minutes approved.

The meeting opened to the public at 8:04 PM. Public section closed at 8:05 pm.

Mr. Kalafsky motioned, and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the regular order of the meeting be suspended to install two commissioners. Jim Kalafsky and Mrs. Zampella read their oaths of office and were sworn in by Mr. Rosenberg. Mr. Kalafsky motioned, and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the regular order of the meeting be resumed. Resumed.

**Chief's Report** Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we approve the February Chief's report as distributed with one correction. Chief's report approved.

**Martinsville Rescue Squad:** Mr. DiGiovanni presented the February report electronically and in person. Mr. Kalafsky motioned, and Mrs. Zampella seconded the motion to approve the Rescue Squad Report.

**Insurance-** No report

**LOSAP:** No report

**Bridgewater Joint Board:** No Report

Mr. Rosenberg asked for a motion to table the meeting until the other two commissioners return. Mr. Kalafsky motioned, and Mrs. Zampella seconded that the positions of the commissioners remain the same for the reorganization. Mr. Kalafsky motioned to recess the meeting until the other two commissioners return. The meeting was tabled at 8:17. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion to resume the meeting at 8:27 with Mr. Rose and Mr. Cowley present while Mrs. Zampella had to leave. Meeting resumed.

Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded the February bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Mr. Kalafsky motioned that the normal order of business be suspended. The meeting was suspended, and Mr. Cowley read his oath of office and was installed by Mr. Rosenberg.

Mr. Rose motioned, and Mr. Cowley seconded that everyone remains in their current positions. Mr. Kalafsky motioned that the normal order of business be restored. Regular order of business resumed.

Correspondence: Mr. Rose received a check in the amount of \$6,878.00 which covers the 2021 and 2022 state allotment for the district. Mr. Rose presented the Treasurers report. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded that the Treasurers report for February be approved. Approved.

### **Old Business:**

**Membership and Personnel:** The Chief reported that the member Matt Smith who was mentioned last month joined.

**Trucks out of the District:** Entire fleet requested for Friday funeral. Mr. Rose motioned, and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve request. Approved.

**New Development:** No Report

**Vehicle Training** Training is ongoing.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Engine 1 currently out of service. Apparently, the engine is not getting hot enough. Can be used if dire need but prefer to keep it out of service.

**Flood Issues-** Mr. Rose received an email from the state that advised us we need a V number to have everything processed. He called and was told there was a link for help. Mr. Rose emailed them requesting a V number and has not yet heard back.

**Software Update** – Mr. Kalafsky reviewed the contract for the ESO and the contract needs to be changed from the Fire Department to the Fire Commissioners. Mr. Rosenberg and Mrs. Zampella are comfortable to move on to the next step and have them present a substantive written plan or contract. Mr. Rose and Mr. Cowley agreed. Mr. Rosenberg wants to have the contract reviewed by Mr. Braslow once it is received.

**Truck Committee-** Chief Fernandes, Deputy Chief Bradley and Chief Engineer Kern met with the new Pierce Rep and started the process.

**Computer-** Mr. Cowley reported the cost to solve the computer issues will be around \$200.00. Mr. Rose motioned that the \$200.00 be approved.

**Election-** Mr. Rose requested the hours for the poll workers be submitted by the Chief so that they can be paid for their time. Mr. Rose motioned, and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we pay the poll workers \$25.00 for their time. Approved.

### **New Business:**

Resolutions for 2023 that were introduced by Mrs. Zampella were read by Mr. Rose. Role Call vote taken for each resolution and unanimously approved.

Chief Fernandes advised they are waiting for a revised proposal for the side-by-side purchase from the approved state dealer. Mr. Rose suggested he send an email before the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting so it can be presented at the meeting for approval.

With no other new business, Mr. Rose motioned, and Mr. Kalafsky seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:48.