

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
May 9, 2023

Meeting Minutes of the May 9, 2023 BOFC District #1

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:00pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Cowley, Mrs. Zampella, 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 April meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Cowley made a motion and Mrs. Zampella seconded the April bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mr Cowley seconded that we approved the bills presented and pay the LOSAP amounts and the \$25,000 for the Rescue Squad this month. Approved. Mr. Rose presented the Treasurers report. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded that the Treasurers report be approved. Approved.

The meeting opened to public at 8:09 pm. Public section closed at 8:10 pm

Correspondence: 1 Boat Registration for the boat which included a fee that is not supposed to be charged. The boat was registered properly as a vehicle for the Fire Department, but the renewal is incorrect.

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

Old Business

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni emailed and reported in person. Two calls out of area as per protocol. Mr. Rose motioned, and Mr. Kalafsky motioned that we approve the report as presented. Approved. Mr. Kalafsky motioned, and Mr. Cowley seconded that we approve the change to the MRS agreement to use the Rig out of area on the highway when roads are snow covered.

Insurance- Mr. Rose reported that there is a claim pending for Rescue 43 from the hazmat incident. The adjustor will inspect, and company will advise of their findings.

LOSAP: Check to be issued this month. One check of \$33,462.00 will be sent with the invoice.

Membership and Personnel: Mr. Kalafsky asked about a member taken to the hospital. Chief Fernandes advised that the member was just exhausted but it had to be reported to VFIS because it was after midnight, so they considered it an overnight stay.

Bridgewater Joint Board: Mr. Rose advised he needs to give the board a list of current radios. He wants a list of the number of portables in high band, mobiles in high band and the station radios in ultra-high band. The list is to show the township what will need to be replaced if the radio bands are changed.

Trucks out of the District: Request for Rescue, Boat and Chief's vehicle for a water rescue training on Saturday at Round Valley. Mr. Kalafsky motioned, and Mr. Rose seconded we approved

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training Chief Fernandes reported that Jim Cowley is now qualified on the Attack.

Vehicle Maintenance: Waiting for Module for Attack. Mr. Cowley advised the attack is usable. It is only making noise because the communication between the module and the pump is not working properly. Mr. Rose advised that all the bills that were paid and are still due is a problem between Ford and Fire and Safety. Mr. Cowley advised that something was done because there was a short in the console. Pierce installed the equipment and is possibly responsible. Mr. Rosenberg advised that the chance of getting any money from them is slim. He will draft a letter that Martinsville with the reasons that the BOFC is not paying the \$7,000 bill.

Flood Issues- Mr. Rose is still chasing the V number. Even though we are in the old system, they will not proceed until we have a V number.

Software Update – Mr. Rose will send the agreement to Mr. Braslow.

Truck Committee- Chief Fernandes reported that the subcommittee met to discuss purchasing a skid. His recommendation is that we order the UTV now because it will take several months before it gets in. Mr. Rose asked to see the actual costs. Mr. Fernandes advised he is getting a quote this week. The Polaris is significantly less than the other unit. Mr. Kalafsky motioned and Mrs. Zampella seconded that we issue the 10% needed for downpayment for the Polaris and if there is a discount for a larger 50% deposit, we approve the 50%.

Computer- Mr. Cowley advised that he pulled the hard drive from the desktop as it is too old. Setting up the laptop for future use. He and Mr. Rose are cleaning out the office and have many documents that need to be shredded. Mrs Zampella offered to help get everything shredded. Mr. Cowley advised we need to check the website that dictates the documents that need to be retained by the Fire Department and we will shred the rest.

New Business:

The Chief advised that letters being sent to the DFS for Hazmat Incident command. As of now letter is being sent for the Chief, Deputy Chief, Jim Cowley and Lieutenant Santelli. They must have Awareness, Operations and know what they are doing.

The chief provided the obsolete equipment list. Mr. Rose will send the list to the company that sold the truck. He will put things together in lots and they can try to sell it. Mr. Kalafsky asked if there is any liability with the turnout gear as to the quality of it. Mr. Rose will check into all and report next month.

Chief Fernandes advised that when the hospital EMS responds to fire calls as the primary EMS, they do not provide water for the fire fighters. He is suggesting that the department purchase Yetti coolers and keep a few cases of water in them to bring to fires that are not covered by the Bridgewater EMS who bring water.

Approved

Mr. Kalafsky made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:49.