

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
April 11, 2023

Meeting Minutes of the April 11, 2023 BOFC District #1

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

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

The meeting opened to the public at 8:10pm. Doug Wright, Fire Department Treasurer addressed the board and asked for financial assistance for the 100th Anniversary event to be held in the town in August. The Commissioners could not financially pay for the event as the budget is already set and approved by the voters but could purchase an ad for an ad journal. Public section closed at 8:12 pm

Correspondence: Two vehicle registrations came in.

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

Old Business

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni presented the March report electronically and in person. There were 9 calls in Martinsville but Rig 3 was not always used. Mr. Rose Motioned and Mr. Cowley seconded the motion to approve the Rescue Squad Report. Approved.

Insurance- No report

LOSAP: Mr. Rose presented a resolution to approve the compensation for eligible members in the amount of \$1936.00 which is the maximum allowable in the state of NJ. Mrs. Zampella seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The four commissioners voted Yes. Approved. Mrs. Zampella motioned for approval for the 17 members that qualified for a total of \$32,912.00 plus the \$25.00 service fee for all active members.

Membership and Personnel: Chief made a correction to the name listed in the minutes. The member's name is Max, not Matt.

Bridgewater Joint Board: Mr. Rose reported that he attended the Joint Board meeting. In the meeting, a discussion that the county wants to go to 700 frequency. Chris Ireland is getting prices for the districts to purchase new radios for the conversion to present to the county for financing. He asked all squads to provide inventory of radios that need to be replaced. The primary reason for the county to do this has been changed because they were concerned about some radio stations from Philly area were going to be near the 500

frequency. That plan was scrapped so there is no need for the 700 but some fire departments already purchased 700 equipment. The Chief reported that it gets brought up at Chief's meeting but then gets dropped. Will update if changes.

Trucks out of the District: None

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training A few of the new members were training in pumping, hose, etc.

Vehicle Maintenance: Waiting for module for the attack. Engine 4 is partly in service. The Chief is trying to replicate an issue but has not been able to. Most likely will go back for service. Mr. Kalafsky asked about the cost of the radiator. The repair person advised Engine 4 radiator it is difficult to find so it is taking more time.

Flood Issues- Mr. Rose provided update on the V number required by the state. Mr. Rose completed the form and then got a number, but it was not a V number. He spoke to someone at the state that advised he completed the wrong form. Sent him to the right form. Mr. Rose mailed the request to the state and has not heard back yet.

Software Update – The Terms and Conditions were emailed, and Mr. Rose will send to Braslow for review. Once he approves, we can move forward at the next meeting.

Truck Committee- The Chief reported that Ledgewood is saying that Polaris does not provide skid units. Polaris referred us to Ledgewood as a Polaris dealer. You could build the unit on the Polaris site. Sent a quote for side by side without the pump. The Chief will call Polaris. Mr. Rose spoke to Jake at another Co-op group and found out that there may be some savings with this group on future purchases. Everyone we do business with has contracts with this group. Sourcewell is located in Minnesota. Mr. Rose got set up with them and we will check with them for future purchases.

Will schedule an Engine 4 replacement meeting this month.

New Business:

Computer- Mr. Cowley reported that he is working on the Laptop and we need to have office installed. Office 365 requires a credit card so the Commissioners cannot purchase direct from them. Mr. Rose advised he has a connection at SHI who can get us a subscription for Office 365. He will set it up and have them provide a voucher and we can pay them by check.

The Chief advised that Daidone Electric donated a computer. Took the hard drive from station 2 and set up the computer. All access is set up.

With no other new business, Mr. Rose motioned, and Mrs. Zampella seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:42..