

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
August, 2023

Meeting Minutes of the August 8, 2023 BOFC District #1

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:01pm. Present: Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Rose, 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 July meeting. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mr. Cowley seconded the July 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 be approved. Approved.

Correspondence: Mr Rose reported that we received a recall notice for the rescue truck.

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

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

Old Business

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni emailed and reported in person. Mr. Rose motioned, and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approved the Rescue Squad report. Approved

Insurance- Mr. Rose reported that Engine 2 had a slight accident, and a claim has been filed for the windshield.

LOSAP: No Report.

Membership and Personnel: No Report

Bridgewater Joint Board: There is a zoom call scheduled for August 23rd from 3:00 to 4:00 with the county management to discuss the change of radios to the 700 frequency. Chris Ireland is consolidating a list for the township.

Trucks out of the District: Request for Engine to attend the 4H fair on Friday. Mr. Rose motioned, and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approve. Approved.

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training A pump operations training is scheduled for October and November in house. Anyone who has not yet trained will attend.

Vehicle Maintenance: Rescue 43 is back in service. The main wire harness was damaged and kept it from starting. The harness was rubbing against the post and got worn.

Flood Issues- The treasury cleared the account and the check was supposedly issued. We should receive soon.

Software Update – Deputy Chief Bradley reported that the contract process is complete. Met with the implementation team. He advised it will take a lot of man hours to get everything set up. Mr. Kalafsky asked if ESO does the training. Mr. Bradley advised that the first call is scheduled for Thursday, and they will do all the training. Mr. Cowley advised the new system will be compatible with other organizations.

Truck Committee- Chief Fernandes reported they had a meeting regarding the skid unit. The line officers will meet with month to talk about Engine 4 replacement and then report to the commissioners.

Hazmat Incident Command - The dept. has been sending updates. Received 6 certifications back so far.

ISO Inspection – The Chief, Mr. Cowley and Albert met with the inspector. We will go from a 4 to a 3 because we have enough points. Paid departments are class 3.

Boat Registration- Done

New Business:

Mr. Rosenberg advised that Mrs. Zampella gave him her letter of resignation as she is moving out of Bridgewater.

Audit approved and signed by all Commissioners.

Chief Fernandes asked if the equipment can be removed from the conference room. Mr. Rose responded that it will be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Rose made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:27.