

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
Dec. 12, 2023

Meeting Minutes of the December 12 2023, BOFC District #1

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:05 pm.

Present: Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Rose, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Kaufmann, and Chief Fernandes. Deputy Chief Bradley is absent. Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Rosenberg seconded that we approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mr. Kaufmann seconded the November bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Mr. Rose presented the Treasurers report. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion and Mr. Rosenberg seconded that the Treasurers report be approved. Approved.

Correspondence:

We received a warranty proposal from Polaris, passed to Chief Fernandez for review.

The meeting opened to the public at 8:08 pm. Public section closed at 8:09 pm

Chief's Report Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approve the November Chief's report as distributed in person at the meeting. Chief's report approved.

Old Business

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

Insurance- Received Check for Radio and have deposited.

LOSAP: No Report.

Membership and Personnel: No new personnel.

Bridgewater Joint Board: In terms of the radio update due to shift in frequencies, looking to understand the costs. Estimate of \$2.5MM in terms of costs to update the radio frequency for Bridgewater. Meeting was scheduled for 12/13 but has been postponed and is to be rescheduled. Long lead time on orders from Motorola on Radios, about 10 months now.

Trucks out of the District: Rescue 43 will be out next week going to Maltech for repairs.

New Development: Received plans for Long Road, about 17 acres straight up the hill.

Vehicle Training : Ongoing

Vehicle Maintenance: Rescue 43 next week.

Software Update – On Track, Deputy Chief Nick Bradley making progress.

Truck Committee – No Update.

ISO Inspection: Waiting to hear, maybe Q1 of 2024.

Attack 43: Mr. Rosenberg/Mr. Rose to work out a time to connect on this topic.

Equipment- Ongoing.

New Business:

Commissioner role to be replaced: To replace the open commissioner role vacated last month, two candidates were considered for the role. A vote was held and Mr. Bryan Bradley was voted in and sworn in.

2024-2025 Budget:

Question over whether we get Cars. Board members not eligible to receive health insurance. \$634,930.84, a decrease from 775K last year. January meeting is a public hearing for the budget and questions – it will need to be advertised. Mr. Kaufmann to make sure this is advertised via the Currier News.

Encumbered funds: \$60,218 represent funds ordered this year, but items not yet received. Items including but not limited to, ATV trailer, lettering, training:

Resolution: Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Kaufmann and Mr. Bradley voted to pass shifting the funds mentioned above to the following year.

Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Kalafsky that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:37