

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
Feb. 13th, 2024

Meeting Minutes of the February 13th 2024, BOFC District #1

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:00 pm.

Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Kaufmann, Bryan Bradley, Chief Fernandes. Deputy Chief Bradley is not present. 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. Rosenberg made a motion and Mr. Kalafsky seconded the prior month bills be approved as read. Bills approved. Mr. Rose presented the Treasurers report. Mr. Rosenberg made a motion and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that the Treasurers report be approved. Approved.

Correspondence:

Mr. Rosenberg presented and email from Erik Goldberg – regarding FEMA assistance. Mr. Rose passed to Chief Fernandes for further review.

A Service reminder was received for the Martinsville Rescue Squad from Maple Crest Ford, it was noted by Mr. DiGiovanni that the service was just recently completed, by a different service provider.

The meeting opened to the public at 8:07 pm. With no one from the public wishing to speak.
Public section closed at 8:08 pm

Chief's Report: Chief Fernandez emailed the month's Chief's report during the meeting. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion to hold of on approving until the following month to allow time for review, Mr. Rose seconded and motion passed. Secretary/Clerck to receive and distribute moving forward:

Old Business

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni emailed the monthly report. He reported in person. Mr. Rose made a motion to approve, Mr. Kalafsky seconded. The Rescue Squad report was unanimously approved.

Insurance- No Report.

LOSAP: Mr. Rose made a motion to pass LOSAP funding to increase for eligible members by 6.9%, to a maximum of \$2,070 per eligible members for the allowable cost of living budget adjustment. Mr. Kalafsky seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Membership and Personnel: One Junior member need to meet with, Lukas Gabriel:

Bridgewater Joint Board: All discussion focused around Radio Upgrade included in topic below.

Radio Upgrade: This was discussed at the Joint Board, there is a firm date now, that as of the end of 2026, the current frequencies at 500 megahertz levels will be no longer be supported at that time. Radios will need to be replaced by then. Estimated cost to replace is 750K of funding, it is the boards responsibility to ensure securing of funding for this. Method of securing this funding TBD, could be taxes, grants, some other method or other methods TBD.

Trucks out of the District: There is an upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade the trucks will be used for. Chief Fernandez will send the board an email with the St. Patrick's Day usage, Mr. Kalafsy made a motion to accept this usage, Mr. Rose seconded and motion passed.

New Development: No Report.

Vehicle Training: Ongoing, there were trainings with newer members.

Vehicle Maintenance: Rescue 43 was looked at, will get that going shortly.

Software Update – Called on Cathy to help with the process for while Deputy Chief Bradley is out.

Truck Committee- Chief Fernandes is Waiting on drawings from William Bowers, expected by the end of the week. Chief Fernandez will be meeting with them in the next week.

Question was raised by Mr. Bradley as to whether Mike Barlow was approved to be a consultant on the project. It was determined he has been leveraged for this in the past and would be a good resource to leverage due to his experience in this area.

ISO Inspection: Chief Fernandes advised still waiting.

Attack 43: Disputed bill is being delt with, still to be resolved. One option could be to involve a lawyer if support is needed.

Budget: Mr. Rose advised after some back and forth, supporting documentation regarding our Policies and Regulations have been provided to the state, including the: the last Vendors paid more than \$17,500 put on the township website, Policies and Regulations, and resolutions from the past few years. After this was provided, the budget was been approved to be included for election from the State.

New Business:

Radio Upgrade: to be called out as a separate topic from Bridgewater Joint Board, which has been used for this area heavily recently. Radio Upgrade will be a new topic, and Bridgewater Joint Board will remain as a topic for other areas of discussion.

Mr. Rose made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:24

