

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

Martinsville Station # 1  
Martinsville, NJ  
Jan. 9th, 2024

**Meeting Minutes of the January 9th 2024, BOFC District #1**

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

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

**Correspondence:**

A warranty proposal was received in the mail from Polaris, Mr. Rose provided to Chief Fernandes for review.

The meeting opened to the public at 8:05 pm. With no one from the public wishing to speak. Public section closed at 8:06 pm

**Chief's Report:** No Chiefs report at this time, will be reviewed next month.

**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-** No Report.

**LOSAP:** Mr. Rose makes a motion to increase LOSAP payment for 2024 for the maximum allowable cost of living budget increase adjustment. Mr. Kalafsky seconded the motion, motion Passed.

**Membership and Personnel:** One Junior member need to meet with.

**Bridgewater Joint Board:**

Meeting Scheduled for Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss Radio purchase update.

**Trucks out of the District:** Rescue 43 Vehicle scheduled repairs from Valtech, and pickup is scheduled to be January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**New Development:** New development property at Long Road and Washington Valley Road is 17 acres, will be split into 4 lots. Additional details on the development proposal and site plan will be forthcoming.

**Vehicle Training:** Ongoing, had some trainings with newer members.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Rescue 43 has planned maintenance and headlights on engine 2 need to be repaired.

**Software Update** – Deputy Chief Nick Bradley making progress. Suites been built, admin access – need to input information then can start uploading files. There will be a training made available to the commissioner and the line officers.

**Truck Committee** – Chief Fernandes met on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, meet and greet with the company Rosenbauer William and received a drawing. Received higher end estimate capital number for the Engine - \$750K Capital to be on ballot for February. Chief Fernandes is confident the final cost will be at or below this.

**ISO Inspection:** ISO report expected in Q2 2024. Being worked on by Chief Fernandes.

**Attack 43:** Ongoing, no updates regarding disputed bill.

### **New Business:**

**Mission Statement:** There is a new requirement from the state: Each board has to have a mission statement of their responsibility moving forward. Our mission statement will be along the lines of: We operate to protect the interests of the taxpayers and residents of District #1 for fire protection services as set forth in Title 40a and any other applicable regulations. Mr. Rose to provide verbiage for posting on township website.

**2024 Budget:** Budget roll-over not to exceed 14% of prior year budget as in resolution: Roll-call passed unanimously in vote by all board members.

Floor opened to public about 2024 budget proposal: Mr. Rose read details he emailed out to the board of commissioners and chiefs. There were no questions on the budget.

Last month, \$634,930.84 was adopted by the board to be included, however we will need to also include \$155,000 of carry-over in accrued funds from 2023. The planned 2024 spend is adjusted to \$789,930.84. There is no impact to taxation for the accrued funding. The amount to be raised by Taxation is \$630,491.84.

Adoption Resolution of the budget: January 1 2024 – Dec. 31 2024. Mr. Rose made a motion to adopt the 2024 budget, Mr. Kalafsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose made a motion for Capital Item Question to purchase/replace Engine 4, not to exceed 750K to be added Capital to budget, Mr. Kalafsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kalafsky made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:31