

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, N
October 8, 2024

Meeting Minutes of the October 8, 2024 BOFC District #1

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:04pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Bradley, Ms. Pinchiaroli, Chief Fernandes. Absent: Deputy Chief Bradley (military leave).

Motion was made to suspend the normal order of business at 8:05pm by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Kalafsky. Motion approved.

Motion was made to restore the normal order of business at 8:20pm by Mr. Kalafsky, seconded by Mr. Rose. Motion approved.

Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Rose presented the bills being paid this month. Mr. Kalafsky motioned the bills be paid as presented, and Ms. Pinchiaroli seconded. The bills have been approved as read.

Mr. Rose presented the Treasurers report. Mr. Kalafsky made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented, and Ms. Pinchiaroli seconded. Treasurer's report approved.

Correspondence: Mr. Rose reported that Registration for boat trailer and the Utility were received.

Notice from Bridgewater Township Office of Emergency Management for two upcoming trainings: 10/23 Lithium Battery Fires & Associated Hazards and 11/13 Drone Awareness. The 2025 Fire District Calendar was shared.

Chief's Report: Chief Fernandes emailed and presented in person. Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that the approve the August Chief's report as distributed. Chief's report approved.

The meeting opened to the public at 8:31pm. Meeting closed to the public at 8:32pm.

Old Business

Martinsville Rescue Squad: Mr. DiGiovanni emailed and reported in person. Mr. Rose motioned and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that the Rescue Squad report be approved as distributed. Motion approved.

Chief Fernandes reported the Kelly Blue Book and trade-in value for the old Chief vehicle requested by the Rescue Squad. Agreed to discount the trade-in value by 50% to \$3,000. Mr. DiGiovanni will report back to the Rescue Squad and return to the Board with their decision.

Insurance: Mr. LeBlanc met the Board. Presented a Critical Care policy, and will return with rates for consideration.

LOSAP: Received the final invoice for the three new members.

Membership and Personnel: Chief Fernandes reported that a potential new member reached out yesterday. Application sent to potential new member.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No update

Radio Upgrade: Chief Fernandes reported that they agreed to four new subpaths. Mr. Rose reported SourceWell provided a discount on the Motorola products. Chief Fernandes is in contact with SourceWell for the discounted radios.

Trucks out of the District: Chief Fernandes requested the UTV, Brush, Mini and Pick-up for the Hunt on October 19th in Far Hills. Rose motioned; Kalafsky seconded. Motion approved.

New Development: No Report

Vehicle Training: Chief Fernandes advised there is continued training with Marine 43 and UTV 43.

Vehicle Maintenance: Chief Fernandes reported that Rescue 43 is going out on October 27th for scheduled maintenance.

Software Update – Chief Fernandes reported Captain Kronegold is in touch with the County on the interface.

Truck Committee – Chief Fernandes reported that the committee received a final spec from Barlow.

Audit – Mr. Rose reported that we received the Audit results. There were no recommendations in the report.

Mr. Rose read Resolution 20224-11. Mr. Rose made motion to approve the audit with Mr. Kalafsky seconded. Roll Call Vote all approved.

Mr. Rose motioned to pay Mr. Jinks for Audit and Invoice. Mr. Kalafsky seconded. All approved.

Jackets & ID's – Jackets and ID's are in process.

New Business:

Budget: Received proposed 2025 budget from Chief Fernandes. Budget reflects costs for new Radios.

Discussion on an incentive structure for calls. Chief Fernandes to reach out to neighboring squads to learn what others are currently providing their members.

Preliminary budget to be discussed in next meeting.

Mr. Rose made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Kalafsky seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.