

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

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
November 12, 2024

Meeting Minutes of the November 12, 2024 BOFC District #1

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

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 District 3 emailed regarding partnering across all of Bridgewater Fire Districts regarding mail-in ballots for upcoming election. Agreed to partner as in past years to share costs across the Township Fire Districts.

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

The meeting opened to the public at 8:11pm. Meeting closed to the public at 8:12pm.

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.

Mr. Rose read into record a letter received from the Rescue Squad regarding the sale of the decommissioned Chief Vehicle, 43-1. Mr. Kalafsky motioned that the Board pursue the sale of the vehicle to the Rescue Squad for \$1,500. Ms. Pinchiaroli seconded. Motion approved, with one abstaining.

Insurance: Mr. Rose reported that the Fire Department is putting together information requested by Mr. LeBlanc for a quote on the Critical Care policy. Mr. Rose reported that a claim will be looked into for hose that was damaged during the November 9th brush fire.

LOSAP: No report

Membership and Personnel: Chief Fernandes reported that a potential new junior member at Station #1.

Bridgewater Joint Board: No update

Radio Upgrade: Chief Fernandes reported that he exchanged emails with Sourcewell to evaluate their pricing vs. state contract pricing.

Trucks out of the District: No requests

New Development: Chief Fernandes reported that he met with architect for Long Road project, and was provided a new set of drawings. Chief notified the Fire Marshall regarding concerns about the driveway width and the radius of the approach on the driveway entrances on all four properties.

Vehicle Training: Chief Fernandes reported that Lieutenant Pinchiaroli and Engineer Machado received UTV on November 9th.

Vehicle Maintenance: Chief Fernandes reported that Rescue 43 requires a new turbo. Mr. Rose recommended that Chief Fernandes reach out to Ford regarding the issue.

Software Update – Chief Fernandes we are waiting on QED.

At 8:23pm, Mr. Rose made a motion to open the meeting to Mr. Barlow and Mr. Ross to discuss the new Truck and contract. Mr. Kalafsky seconded. Motion approved.

Truck Committee – Mr. Barlow presented the purchase agreement for the new Engine, as recommended by the Truck Committee. Multiple manufacturers were solicited, two vendors responded. One vendor withdrew from consideration. Peirce was the only vendor to submit a full proposal.

Mr. Rose motioned to accept the contract as written. The purchase agreement is for \$748,682.91, which is below the authorized amount by the public. Mr Kalafsky seconded. Motion approved unanimously via roll call vote.

The meeting was closed to Mr. Barlow and Mr. Hughes at 8:35pm. Mr Rose motioned, with Mr Kalafsky seconding. Motion carries.

Audit – Mr. Rose noted that the audit report was provided to our Legals. One is has requested a Word copy of the document; working on providing a format for publishing.

With The Star Ledger ceasing to publish print copies as of February 1, 2025, Mr. Rose is reaching out to Mr. Braslow for next steps in regards to publishing public notifications in daily print sources.

Jackets & ID's – Mr. Rose reported that Jackets have been ordered. Mr. Wright is working on ID's.

Budget – Mr. Rose reported that Chief Fernandes continues to explore compensation options. More to follow.

New Business:

Mr. Rosenberg discussed the issues that the server. Recommended that the tech committee review and include as a budget item in 2025.

Mr. Rose made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Kalafsky seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.