

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

Martinsville Station # 1  
Martinsville, NJ  
December 10, 2024

**Meeting Minutes of the December 10, 2024 BOFC District #1**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberg at 8:06pm. Present: Mr. Rose, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Kalafsky, Ms. Pinchiaroli, Chief Fernades. Absent: Mr. Bradley and Deputy Chief Bradley (military leave).

Mr. Rose made a motion and Mr. Kalafsky seconded that we approve the minutes from November meeting. 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 we removed one Chief car from the insurance since it was sold to the Rescue Squad.

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

The meeting opened to the public at 8:15pm. Meeting closed to the public at 8:16pm.

**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 stated that we have the Hold Harmless and plates for the old Chief Car that was sold to the Rescue Squad.

**Insurance:** Mr. Rose reported that we have not received information (birthdays) from the Fire Department needed to provide a quote on the Critical Care policy.

**LOSAP:** No report

**Membership and Personnel:** Chief Fernandes reported that a potential new member, Edward Michta III, at Station 2.

**Bridgewater Joint Board:** No update

**Radio Upgrade:** Chief Fernandes reported Sourcewell indicated that they would review both their pricing and state bid before any orders are placed. Chief Fernandes also reported that the Radio Committee convened approximately 2 weeks ago. Two more regions were added than previously planned.

**Trucks out of the District:** No requests

**New Development:** No report.

**Vehicle Training:** Chief Fernandes reported that training is ongoing.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Chief Fernandes reported that the UTV is currently out for maintenance. Rescue 43 check engine light is back on. Will be pulled out of service once work can be executed. Engine 4 is going out for pump test.

**Software Update** – Chief Fernandes shared that QED provided access for ESO. In early testing, it is functioning as expected.

**Truck Committee** – Contract has been signed.

**Audit** – No report.

**Jackets & ID's** – No update regarding Jackets. Mr. Rose reported that he spoke with Mr. Wright regarding the ID's. Information for the ID's is to be provided to Mr. Wright.

**Budget** – Mr. Rose reported that the budget is reducing from \$789,930.84 in 2024 to \$650,323.19 in 2025. This is due to reduction in capital from purchasing the 2 new Command vehicles. Total CAPEX reduced by \$155,000 due to the purchase of the two new Command vehicles.

Fourteen firefighters qualified for 2024 Incentive Plan.

Chief Fernandes requested a working session prior to the January meeting regarding the Incentive Plan proposal.

Mr. Rose read into record Resolution 2024-12, Preliminary Budget Resolution, into record. Motion was approved via roll call vote.

**New Business:**

Ms. Pinchiaoroli read into record Resolution 2024-13, Compensation for the Board of Fire Commissioners. Motion was approved via roll call.

Mr. Rose shared that Mike Conrad, Sr, a long-standing member of the Fire Department passed away last week. The Fire Department provided honors on his behalf.

Chief Fernandes shared the results of the 2025 Fire Dept. Election. Chief Fernandes and Deputy Chief Bradley were both re-elected.

Mr. Rose made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.