

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Bridgewater, New Jersey
Fire District #2**

Regular Meeting on May 13, 2024

This meeting was advertised and called to order in accordance with the "Open Act Sunshine Law."

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Debra Brown.

Salute to the flag.

Roll Call of Board: Debbie (P), Chris (L), Jamie (P), Joe (P), John (P).

- Chris had a required event for his primary employer. BOFC was aware he was arriving late as a result. John Marsigliano took minutes until Chris arrived.

Also Present: Paul Gacek, Jeff Taylor, Phil Langon, Charlie Gill

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to all board members. Minutes accepted as emailed. Motion to accept made by John Marsigliano and seconded by Jamie Brown.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance -	\$ 237,549.63
We received	\$ 113,421.59 but not deposited for 1st quarter appropriations
New Balance	\$ 197,902.21

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jamie Brown and seconded by John Marsigliano.

Bills: Were read and reviewed by board members to be paid by treasurer Joe Langon.

A motion to pay the bills was made by John Marsigliano and 2nd by Jamie Brown. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

- Lincoln Financial sent a notice for a special meeting for their shareholders in July where a vote will take place. Material on voting was given to Debbie.
- Updated graphics were received in our email for our new engine.

Meeting Open to the Public: 7:34 p.m.

Meeting Closed to the Public: 7:35 p.m.

Fire Chief's Report: Yes

- We had 19 calls in the month of April. All have been entered in ESO and sent the NFIRS.
- Annual fit testing is scheduled for June 11th.
- Pump testing has been completed and all passed.
- Hose and ladder testing is scheduled tomorrow May 14th.

- Holmatro rescue tools serviced. One unit was taken for repair and returned. Holmatro no longer makes parts for these tools. Will investigate replacements for next year. Maybe battery powered.
- New clear flexible hard suction has replaced the old hard suction on Engine 1(151).
- Thank you for getting gas scanner code for the Brush truck.
- The Chief handed in 3 POs that shared costs between budget lines. The money is available in the lines and the POs were unanimously approved by the BOFC: (1) Vizz II MPLS, 14" rotary rescue saw with diamond blade, portable scene light, Bullard black lightweight helmet; (2) Fire Dex custom turnout gear coats and pants, Fire Eagle 10.5 and 12W boots; (3) 7 truck accountability tag collector.

Chief Engineer's Report: Yes

- Squad 21, Engine 21-5, and Engine 21-1 have all been pump tested and passed.
- There are no issues to report for Utility 21 or Brush 21.
- FF1 has ordered parts for a malfunctioning air compressor control.

Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes

- 37 calls for April.
- The command vehicle will need an oil change soon. Alan & Son Car Care mentioned the possibility of needing shocks at the last oil change so Jeff will keep us updated.

Old Business:

- Radio Update: There are recent grants available by Senator Kean and the Assistance to Firefighters. The town has offered to use their grant consultant to write the applications for the BOFCs and we have also requested assistance from Kean's office to do the same.
- Chris did look into tire maintenance programs more deeply. They are geared toward monitoring how many miles truckers travel, tread and vehicle inspections based on the mileage, etc. Not focused on replacing tires every 7 years. Chris recommends we start budgeting for 1 truck replacement per year as a permanent line in the budget. We currently have 6 vehicles plus a boat trailer.
- Charlie is working with ESO to complete the CAD integration. FF Joey DeFillipis works for county communications and is trying to assist with getting it to work.
- No update on the security system upgrade at this time.
- The 2023 LOSAP program is complete and payment has been made.
- The 2023 reimbursement program is complete and checks have been dispersed.
- The gasoline key was obtained for the brush truck.
- The BOFC has received an updated graphic drawings for the new engine.

New Business

- The accountant has all of our material for the 2023 audit.

Next scheduled business meeting is June 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Being there is no other business to bring before the board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Marsigliano and 2nd by Jamie Brown. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ireland, Secretary