

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

Regular Meeting on November 16, 2022

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 (P), Jamie (P), Joe (P), John (P).

Also Present: Joey DeFilippis, Jeff Taylor

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

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance -	\$ 237,492.14
We received	\$ 0
New Balance	\$ 194,178.44

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

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

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

Correspondence:

- Our attorney sent his annual memo on important budget and election dates. It is on the table for review. Elections are February 18, 2023. All petitions to run are due before 1/20/23.
- The 2023 fire company budget was returned signed by their line officers.

Meeting Open to the Public: 7:45 p.m.

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Fire Chief's Report: Yes

- Joey DeFilippis read a report supplied by the Chief.
- Call reports for last month were left in the fire commissioners' mailbox.
- The Chief requested an update on the water rescue/brush truck combination vehicle. The BOFC did contact the County Commissioners for financial assistance and their clerk confirmed that the information has been sent to their chairman for review.
- The Chief also asked if we had any update on whether the BOFC had 21-5 and 21-1 evaluated to see what engine would be better to sell when the new engine arrives. John will handle contacting the mechanic to come and evaluate the truck.

Chief Engineer's Report: Yes

- Squad 21: Cummins had a recall for the VGT Actuator and Cummins replaced it 11/9/22.
- Engine 21-5: Blow hard fan is not charging properly. Plugged into a firehouse outlet and it will not charge there either.
- Engine 21-1: Still waiting on a new charger to come in that is on backorder. Ordered 10/26/22 and they estimate it will arrive by 11/22/22.
- Utility 21: Airbag light is still on. The chief engineer will be taking care of this before the next meeting.
- Miscellaneous: Replaced the generator battery and put it on a trickle charger as well. It starts right away now. A service is recommended for an oil change.
- Some bay doors are not opening fully and the squad bay door clicker is not working. Request to have Overhead Door come and look at it all. The BOFC stated that this is a fire company issue.
- 35 extinguishers were tested through Approved Fire Protection with some taken out of service and replaced.

Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes

- There were 68 calls in October.
- The ambulance is running well.
- The command vehicle has had the front end lights and sirens replaced. The command box in the trunk broke free from the false floor in the trunk. Island Tech is putting together an estimate to replace the floor.

Old Business:

- We received a proposal for a bay rental lease from the fire company. The BOFC discussed and will move into closed session at the end to discuss the one year lease with a 2% lease increase.
- For a LOSAP change, we will need to do a 10-day notice of hearing for a public meeting to amend the LOSAP program. We will work on getting the verbiage for the ad from the attorney and advertise this for our December meeting.
- The new security camera system was installed. The vendor wanted the cameras to run for approximately a week before adding the firehouse account. Chris will get him the treasurer's email address because agreed to set up the firehouse's account.
- The call reimbursement program is updated through September.

New Business

- Chris discussed the issues with the wifi speed that Verizon pointed out when they were here updating our routers for the new security camera system. Verizon's free internet that we have now is only 13/2 for speed. A
- We purchased the new ESO software that is replacing Firehouse software. Frank has an initial training session set up on December 6, 2022 and the commissioners are invited to attend as well.
- The 2009 Ford Expedition is still on our VFIS auto policy. Debbie will advise the fire company that this should be on their own policy.

Next scheduled business meeting is Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ireland, Secretary