

Buena Borough Fire District # 2
Board of Fire Commissioners
Monthly Meeting

Date: November 9, 2021

Meeting was called to order 7:00 PM.

Present were Anthony Abriola, Brian Ewan,
Steve LaPorta, Justin Lilla, Jeff Pace,
Chief Tony Habersham, Rita Shicunoff,
Mark Dixon, Bridget Habersham, Jim Abba,
And Joe Drogo.

Minutes were read. Any corrections Yes.

It was requested by Commissioner Abriola to refer to
the former Landisville Fire Co building as Station 11-2 Arbor Ave
property and the Minotola Fire Co building as Station 11-2 Wheat Road
property.

Motion to accept the minutes after the changes made by Brian,
seconded by Justin. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes,
Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor.

Station 11-2 Wheat Road Property Bills were read. Any corrections None.

Motion to pay bills by Justin, seconded by Brian.

Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes,
Jeff Yes. All in favor.

Station 11-2 Arbor Avenue Property Bills were read.

Brian made a motion to pay the bills with the exceptions listed below,
seconded by Anthony.

Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes,
Jeff Yes. All in favor.

Richland General Store \$63.93

Inspira \$600.00

Gloucester County Fire Academy \$835.00

Commercial Sound & Security \$359.40

LOSAP was reviewed & discussed. Any corrections None
A motion was made to accept the LOSAP report by Jeff, seconded by Brian.
Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes.
All in favor.

Correspondence:

1) NJ Fire Association Meeting Minutes 3rd Qtr. 2021.

Discussion:

Chief's Report –

For the 2021 calendar year the Minotola fire Co. has 130 calls for service

11 incidents in October

1 drill

6 work details

2 vehicle maintained

The yearly maintenance services for 11-26 were completed with no issues found

The yearly maintenance services for 11-22 were started yesterday and as soon as that unit is complete, they will start 11-27

Thank you to everyone who participated in whatever capacity this past Saturday for the tender Task Force drill, it was a huge success. The goal of the drill was met 20 minutes into the evolution. The tenders were able to keep up with 2 ladder trucks flowing just over 1000 gallons of water a minute. They estimated that Task force B could definitely handle 2 ladders flowing their max rate of 2000 gallons a minute simultaneously if necessary.

All Atlantic County Fire Chief's attended County wide Chief's training which focused on PEOSH and the Division of Health and Safety mandates on

certifications and facial hair. We do not have an issue in either of these areas as all of our FF's are FF1 certified, and all of our current officers exceed the DFS certifications for their positions.

Fire Companies in Ocean County are currently having a hard time with fines levied to both the stations and its members who were found to have violated the PEOSH and DHS facial hair directive. These fines are reported to be in the thousands of dollars per violation per individual to the Station of which the firefighter found to be in violation is a member of and in excess of \$1000 to the fire fighter.

Officers were removed from their positions who did not meet Division of Fire Safety requirements for their position or have the annual required training. The same went for firefighters who were not certified or found to have the required yearly training.

SCBA Flow testing will take place this month.

November 7, 2021, will be live burn training (those who do not attend can attend the second live burn training not yet scheduled,

December 7, 2021, will be our AED/CPR refresher which ALL MEMBERS must attend

11-20 needs a new exhaust system, a quote will be provided to the commission as soon as it is sent to me.

I will be out of the area tomorrow from about 18:30-22:30 attending the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association meeting in Linwood NJ.

a new "VEHICLE MAINTENANCE" option for classifying that function has been added to infoshare on Sunday, so that they do not have to be entered as work details in the future.

A "MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT" incident type will also be added so that they do not have to be entered as "OTHER" in the system. Once we get that the

4 MVC's we have had this year and the 2 we had last year will be converted from "other" to "Motor Vehicle Accident".

Vineland's Christmas Parade is Nov 27th at 4:00pm.

The live burn is November 20th at 7:30.

Truck 11-25 will be at the American Legion Nov 13th for a flag ceremony

The float for the BRHS homecoming game may need to be pulled. Details are being worked on now.

Public Portion

A motion was made by Anthony seconded by Brian to open the meeting to the public at 7:05pm. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor.

- 1) Joe Drogo (248 Lorraine Avenue, Buena) stated that he was pleased that the fire district's election was moved to the General Election in November. He let the commissioners know that the annual dinner will be held on February 5th. He informed the commissioners that the membership would like to revise their membership classifications in their bylaws. They would like to keep the honorary member classification. Joe handed out copies of the draft to the commissioners. The commissioners will discuss the revisions at their next work session.
- 2) Paul Lucchesi Jr. (310 Forest Grove Road, Vineland) It was reported to the NJ Division of Community Affairs on July 14, 2021, that a full inventory and analysis of District #1 equipment would be done to determine its compatibility and viability with District #2 equipment and operations – this will follow within 90 days of the Fire Districts dissolution. Ninety days would have been October 27, 2021. In order to be totally transparent our community should understand where this issue stands. The documentation should be made accessible for public review. He requested that the commissioners work with the Borough of Buena

Relief Association #503 to adopt a universal platform to acknowledge qualifying members that have passed away. He specially would like a medallion marker placed at the member's grave. He feels that the past has been built on the members that are gone and the pride and reputation must be carried on.

A motion to close the public portion of the meeting was made by Anthony at 7:20pm, seconded by Jeff. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor.

Old Business –

- 1) Steve reported that our attorney advised holding off on giving Landisville Fire Co members applications to join the Minotola Fire Co since there is legal action pending. Steve advised the individuals who requested an application in private after the last meeting.
- 2) Bill Martini approved using both properties grant money combined to purchase a FAST board.
- 3) Fire Inspection Update: Station 11-2 Wheat Road: lock on the double glass doors is facing the wrong way and needs to be turn around, the kitchen hood needs an extension, 3 sprinkler heads were inspected.
- 4) Fire Inspection Update: Station 11-2 Arbor Avenue: Extinguishers were tested, kitchen hood system was red tagged and needs modifications and Jeff is getting quotes, exit lighting & emergency lighting was inspected, the generator had its annual testing, the roof truss signs were hung.
- 5) Jeff is still working on the procurement card. He will ask Bill Martini to take over and handle the matter. A motion was made by Anthony and seconded by Brian. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes.

- 6) Steve has not heard back from Mike Corbo, Director of the Atlantic County Fire Academy about the offer to donate truck 11-23 for fire training.
- 7) The generator at the Arbor Ave property was serviced this year but Cervino suggested that it be serviced again after running for 7 straight days.
- 8) Justin spoke to Bill Bates from MES about the hose Landisville ordered before the dissolution. The hose cannot be returned because it is already stenciled. The commissioners discussed donating the rubber hose.
- 9) Steve completed the list of missing items from the Arbor Avenue property that need to be returned. He will be mailing it to Lenny Smith as requested.
- 10) Steve will be sending Robert James the December 2020 LOSAP report as request.
- 11) Jeff reported one new mic is here but is waiting for the other one.
- 12) The lights upstairs need to be replaced. Jeff got a quote of \$441.00 from United Electric.
- 13) Load calculations are being worked on.
- 14) The vehicle titles and tags from the Arbor Avenue property have changed over. Copies are in the office and the originals need to be put in the safety deposit box.
- 15) The Arbor Avenue property deed is in the process of being changed over and should be finished by the end of November.
- 16) Jeff will be taking pictures of the Arbor Avenue trucks for appraisal by Brindlee.

New Business --

- 1) Application #4 Josh Cooper and #7 John Cooper were presented to the commissioners. A motion was made by Anthony and seconded by Brian to approve the applications. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor.
- 2) The censor on the gas meter is not working. It needs to be calibrated every year.
- 3) The JIF check list for November was done by Mark Dixon.
- 4) A Building Use form was received for the veteran's dinner this weekend. A motion was made by Brian and seconded by Anthony to approve the use of the building. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor.
- 5) A general Work Session will be scheduled for November 18th at 7:00pm. Rita will advertise.
- 6) A motion was made by Anthony and seconded by Justin to approve the 2022 Budget and send it to Martini & Martini for processing. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor.
- 7) A motion was made by Anthony and seconded by Jeff to apply Resolution #2021-019 to tonight's meeting. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor.
The resolution reads:
Pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (1) et seq.), the open portion of the November 9th Commissioners Meeting was closed at 8:20 pm so that the Commissioners could discuss matters that were deemed privileged.

A Motion to re-open the meeting was made by Justin, seconded by Brian.
Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor. The meeting was reopened at 8:50pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Justin, seconded by Brian at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted _____.
Jeff Pace, Secretary/Treasurer