

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

Date: October 26, 2021

Meeting was called to order 7:02 PM.

Present were Anthony Abriola, Brian Ewan,  
Steve LaPorta, Justin Lilla, Jeff Pace,  
Chief Tony Habersham, Rita Shicunoff,  
Mark Dixon, Caleb Dixon, Tyler Tarquinio,  
Bridget Habersham, Mike Feaster, Jim Abba,  
And Josh Martinez.

Minutes were read. Any corrections None.

Motion to accept the minutes by Justin, seconded by Anthony.

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 Brian, seconded by Anthony.

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 listed below, seconded by Anthony.

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

Bayshore Truck Center \$1,274.01

Atlantic City Electric \$1,303.49

DiVal Safety Equip \$1,073.54

Aerial Testing \$1,275.00

April Rijo \$400.00

Buena Boro MUA \$136.25

Other invoices on the list need further clarification and are being looked into.

LOSAP: None

Correspondence:

- 1) Ken Barbagli emailed Kevin Chapman requesting 5 membership applications.
- 2) Public Safety Report 10/25/21 read at the borough meeting.
- 3) Arnold English picked up copies of Resolution 2021-015 & 2021-017 along with the meeting minutes from September 28, 2021.
- 4) Four OPRA requests from Rocco Tedesco – All being handled by Rich Braslow.
- 5) Two OPRA requests from Robert James

Discussion:

Chief's Report –

As of the date and time of this report the Minotola Fire Co. Sta. 11-2 has answered 124 calls for service for the 2021 calendar year. 9 of those incidents have taken place in the month of October 2021.

A breakdown of the October incidents to date is as follows:

6 Fire Alarm activations  
3 MVC's (motor vehicle crash)

Upcoming events for the Minotola Fire Co. sta. 11-2 are as follows.

On October 29, 2021 The Minotola Fire Co. will participate in "Trunk or Treat" festivities hosted by Cleary School PTO. from 6:30pm-7:30pm at Cleary School.

On October 30, 2021 the Minotola Fire Co. will hold our annual Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Sale which will be held at the Minotola Fire Co. located at 255 Wheat rd Minotola NJ 08341 from 11:00am-2:00pm. Tickets are \$12, each ticket gets you 2 hot roast beef sandwiches with potato chips. This is a drive thru event, As always your participation and support is always welcome.

Immediately following the Fundraiser the Minotola Fire Co. will perform our annual trick or treat drive through the borough with candy for the trick or treaters, and we will end the day at the EMS building for a Trunk or Treat event hosted by Buena EMS from 5pm-7pm

On November 7, 2021 there will be a TTF (Tender Task Force Drill) in Buena Boro taking place at Cleary School. The scope of this drill is for the task force to demonstrate the ability to successfully obtain, deliver, and maintain a constant, and sufficient flow of water for fire suppression services using natural and manmade resources without use of the Boroughs hydrant system. The drill will be conducted and monitored by a representative from the Atlantic County Fire Coordinators office and the results of this drill will be kept on file in the coordinators office in the event an ISO (Insurance Services Office) inspection requests this information. There may be some concern or worry by residents of Buena Boro as to what is going on since it has been quite a few years since this type of drill had been conducted in Buena Borough, but a drill is all it is. Attendees of this drill will also be served lunch at our station while a debriefing of the drill takes place.

On November 20,2021 the Minotola Fire Co. will be at the Ronald Martinelli Training Academy for required annual live fire training from 08:00am-12:00pm. During this time, the Minotola Fire Co. will be covered by members who have already completed this training, and extra support will be given by the East Vineland Fire Co. Sta. 12-2 and the Forest Grove Fire Co. Sta. 43-5 until the members who need to complete this training return to the district.

11-26 yearly service completed. 11-25 fuel transfer switch replace. Oil change on both the motor and the pump have been completed  
11-22 & 11-27 services are upcoming  
Quote for SCBA flow test submitted

## Public Portion

A motion was made by Anthony seconded by Justin to open the meeting to the public at 7:03pm. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor.

- 1) Kenneth Barbagli requested a membership application.
- 2) Leonard Smith President of the Landisville Fire Co would like a formal list of what is needed to be given to the commissioners in order for the Landisville membership to withdraw their LOSAP funds. He would like it mailed to PO Box 305, Landisville, NJ. He would also like a membership application. He handed Chairman LaPorta 4 pieces of mail. A comcast bill, a Daily Journal statement from the end of Sept, a Daily Journal statement from the end of Oct, and a Lincoln Financial statement.
- 3) Mark Dixon asked the commissioners if the stolen Landisville Fire Co files have been found and if not, he would like to know what course of action has been taken to find them. Commissioner Ewan stated that they know who has taken the files, but they are refusing to return them. Mark stated that legal action is being pursued.

A motion to close the public portion of the meeting was made by Anthony at 7:07pm, seconded by Justin. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor.

## Old Business –

- 1) Jeff ordered 2 new microphones for the portable radios.
- 2) The Bayshore report on the Mini Attack was read.

- 3) Jeff will call Martini about using combining the end of the year grant money to purchase a fast board.
- 4) Two JIF building requirements need to be done. Jeff will get a quote on the upstairs lights and Anthony will take care of getting a calculation weight load for the upstairs.
- 5) Steve contacted Mike Corbo, Director of the Atlantic County Fire Academy about donating truck 11-23 for fire training. Mike was very appreciative of the offer and will be bringing it up to his board. He feels the truck will be an asset to the program.

#### New Business --

- 1) State Fire Inspection results were read.

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 to be replaced, 3 sprinkler heads need to be inspected and is scheduled for Friday.

Station 11-2 Arbor Avenue: Extinguishers need to be tested, kitchen hood needs service, exit lighting & emergency lighting needs to be checked, the kitchen range needs to be moved under the hood or removed completely, the generator needs its annual testing.

- 2) The junior membership list was updated to reflect who is still at an eligible age. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Anthony to update the list. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes.

All in favor.

- 3) Landisville Fire Co ordered \$4,000.00 of hose from MES and did not inform them that they were shut down. There was a discussion, and it was decided that Justin will contact Bill Bates to discuss returning the hose.

- 4) On October 18<sup>th</sup>, the utilities at the Arbor Avenue property were shut off without the commissioner's knowledge or consent.

Comcast: A new account was opened today and according to Comcast whoever shut off the service is responsible for the previous bill.

Atlantic City Electric: A new account could not be opened until the previous bill was paid. An EFT was done today and service should be turned back on tomorrow.

South Jersey Gas: A new account was opened.

Verizon: The account can remain closed. A new account will not be opened at this time.

- 5) Mark Dixon submitted an updated gear list. There was discussion on donating the gear that cannot be used.
- 6) A motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Justin to accept the 2022 Commissioner meeting dates for publication.  
Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor.
- 7) Justin received approval to purchase \$80 of reducer to remove the lettering from the former Landisville trucks.
- 8) American Cleaning Service will be cleaning the Arbor Avenue building before the election.
- 9) A motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Brian to donate the the Landisville sign back to Tom Cervino. It will be placed back in the original building for historic purposes. A formal letter will be placed with the sign. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes, Justin Yes, Jeff Yes. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Justin, seconded by Anthony at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jeff Pace, Secretary/Treasurer