

***Bridgewater Fire District # 3  
Commissioners Meeting  
Monthly Minutes***

***Date: January 16, 2018***

***Call To Order* 7:01 PM**

***OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: by***

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***Pledge of Allegiance* Called for by Commissioner Smith**

***Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters***

<b><u><i>Roll Call</i></u></b>	<b><i>Comm. Carpiniello</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm Holtz</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm. Larson</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm Hudec</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm. Smith</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>

***Minutes* Previous Month's Submitted electronically to members**

***Motion to accept as presented Hudec***

***Seconded Holtz***

***All in favor***

***Treasurers Report: Submitted by Hudec***

***Motion to accept Holtz***

***Second by Larson***

***All in favor***

## **Emergency Services Reports**

***Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad***

***Lt. Jay Taylor reporting  
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***Country Hills Fire Department***

***Chief Doherty reporting  
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***Green Knoll Fire Department***

***Absent***

***North Branch Fire Department***

***Deputy Chief Michael Russoniello reporting  
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### **Old Business:**

***Retired tower ladder 116 was examined by Harbor Beach area fire department from Michigan. They were interest and offered \$50,000.00 if the ladder passed a UL test. Ladder failed the test due to delaminating on the torx box we will negotiate with Harbor Beach.***

***Comm Holtz will contact Harbor Beach to get a counter offer.***

***Comm. Doug Larson received eligibility lists for Country Hills and North Branch for LOSAP still awaiting Green Knoll's. The Chiefs were reminded to post copies for members to review in their respective firehouses for 30 days.***

***Commissioner notified public that the Fire District elections are Feb 16, 2019. 2pm- 9pm at City Hall. Comm Holtz to run the election.***

### **New Business:**

***Commissioner Smith announced he will not be seeking reelection this term.***

***Received 3 petition for nominating candidates for commissioner: Doug Larson, Conner Mallon, Mark Colantoni will be added to the ballot for the district election.***

*Comm Hudec will deposit a check in Mike Galay's LOSAP account for his 2019 eligibility. Once the funds have posted, Mike's wife may at her discretion withdraw all the funds in his account.*

*The budget was returned from the State and approved by DLGS .  
Motion by Comm Carpiniello to Adopt the budget resolution as presented to the state*

*Second: Holtz*

*Vote:*

*Comm. Carpiniello Yes*

*Comm Holtz Yes*

*Comm. Larson Yes*

*Comm Hudec Yes*

*Comm. Smith Yes*

*Resolution # 1-2019 read into record by Comm Smith*

*Open To Public:*

*Lee Taylor commended Comm Smith for all his service.*

*James Vitale also commended Comm Smith on his years of service*

*Closed to Public*

*By Chairman Smith*

*Motion to Adjourn*

*Motion By: Smith*

*Second By: Hudec*

*Meeting Adjourned: 7:36 PM*

*Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Carpiniello*

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<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	<b>Comm. Carpiniello</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm Holtz</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Larson</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm Hudec</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Smith</b>	<b>Present</b>

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**Motion to accept as presented Smith**

**Seconded Holtz**

**All in favor**

**Treasurers Report: Submitted by Hudec**

**Motion to accept Smith**

**Second by Larson**

**All in favor**

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***Green Knoll Fire Department***

***Chief Robert Resuta  
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***North Branch Fire Department***

***Deputy Chief Michael Russoniello reporting  
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### **Old Business:**

***Retired tower ladder 116 was purchased by Harbor Beach area fire department from Michigan. Sale price was \$20,000.00. Plates and insurance to be cancelled by Comm. Holtz.***

### **New Business:**

***Election results read by Comm Holtz. Budget passed. Conner Mallon and Doug Larson were elected to three year terms.***

***LOSAP discussed increase of \$25.00***

***Motion: by Holtz to increase LOSAP by \$25.00 to \$1075.00 annually for firefighter who qualify to be passed by resolution at next meeting.***

***Second: by Hudec***

***All in favor.***

***VFIS Beneficiary forms need to be updated by members.***

***Radio Report by Doug Rue: System needs maintenance to the UPS, Air conditioner at repeater location needs new, Radios need to be programmed. Total for all \$5000.00.***

***Motion by Holtz to authorize Doug Rue to spend \$5000.00 for said repairs***

***Second: Smith***

*All in Favor.*

*Plaque was presented to outgoing Comm Smith for his years of service.*

**Open To Public:**

*No one spoke*

**Closed to Public**

*By Chairman Smith*

**Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion By: Smith*

*Second By: Hudec*

*Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 PM*

*Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Carpiniello*

**Bridgewater Fire District # 3  
Commissioners Meeting**

**Monthly Minutes**

**Date: March 20, 2019**

**Call To Order 7:00 PM**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: by Vice Chair Larson**  
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**Pledge of Allegiance Called for by Vice Chair Larson**

**Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters**

<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	<b>Comm. Carpiniello</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Comm Holtz</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Larson</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm Hudec</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Mallon</b>	<b>Present</b>

**Nominations of Board Members: Tabled till April Meeting**

**Resolutions 2019**

- **1-2019 Authorizing Appointment of Auditor**
- **2-2019 Authorizing Regular Meeting Schedule**
- **3-2019 Designation of Official Newspaper**
- **4-2019 Authorizing Approval and Payment of Claims**
- **5-2019 Designating Surety Bond for Commissioners**
- **6-2019 Authorizing Appointment of Accountant**
- **7-2019 Authorizing Appointment of Attorney**
- **8-2019 Adoption of Cash Management Plan**
- **9-2019 LOSAP Increase**

*Motion to accept resolutions as read by Hudec*

*Second by: Mallon*

*Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Comm. Carpiniello</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Comm Holtz</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Comm. Larson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Comm Hudec</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Comm. Mallon</i>	<i>Yes</i>

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*Motion to accept as presented Hudec*

*Seconded Holtz*

*All in favor*

*Treasurers Report: Submitted by Hudec*

*Motion to accept Holtz*

*Second by Mallon*

*All in favor*

### *Emergency Services Reports*

*Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad Chief Jay Taylor reporting  
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*Country Hills Fire Department Asst Chief Jack Tsai reporting  
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*Green Knoll Fire Department Absent*

*North Branch Fire Department Deputy Chief Russonello  
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### *Old Business:*

*Losap discussed by Larson, Plainfield to test antenna as they will be paired on our frequency.*

### *New Business:*

*Holts discussed accidents with district vehicles and personal vehicles.  
Drives to follow up with insurance company to complete claim. Engine 34-1 minor accident in parking lot.*



*Board of elections billed Fire Districts this year for county personnel manning the election at county. Districts are setting up a meeting with the freeholders to discuss*

**Open To Public:**

*No one requested to speak*

**Closed to Public**

*By Vice Chairman Larson*

**Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion By: Hudec*

*Second By: Mallon*

*Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 pm*

*Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Mallon*

**Bridgewater Fire District # 3  
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**Date: April 17, 2019**

**Call To Order 7:00 PM**

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	<b>Comm Holtz</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Larson</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm Hudec</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Mallon</b>	<b>Present</b>

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**Motion to accept as presented Holtz**

**Seconded Hudec**

**All in favor**

**Treasurers Report: Submitted by Hudec**

**Motion to accept Holtz**

**Second by Mallon**

**All in favor**

**Emergency Services Reports**

***Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad***      ***Chief Jeff Taylor reporting***  
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***Country Hills Fire Department***      ***Chief Patrick Doherty***  
***Copy to file***

***Green Knoll Fire Department***      ***Absent***

***North Branch Fire Department***      ***Chief Russoniello***  
***Copy to file***

**Old Business:**

***Engine 49-8 letter was brought up by commissioner Larson.***

***Nominations:***

***Chairman: Carpiniello***  
***Nominated: Holtz***  
***Seconded: Mallon***  
***All in Favor***

***Vice Chairman: Larson***  
***Nominated: Hudec***  
***Seconded: Mallon***  
***All in Favor***

***Treasurer: Hudec***  
***Nominated: Holtz***  
***Seconded: Larson***  
***All in Favor***

***Secretary: Mallon***  
***Nominated: Holtz***  
***Seconded: Hudec***  
***All in Favor***

*County voting charges was brought up by commissioner Holtz. Under Title 19, they are requesting we pay the county workers. The county is requesting payment be made from District 3 to the individual election workers. Jeff Holtz recommendation is that instead of paying nine separate checks, the county receives one check which they can split themselves. According to the county, they had all employees in the office working, when in years past, the county only had about 3 employees working the election. Mr. Braslow's recommendation is that under no circumstance should the district pay the employees individually. Commissioner Holtz recommends that District 3 pays the county with one check, and allow the county to split the money amongst their workers. Commissioner Holtz also mentioned that the district ensures that we are following all standards and protocols for voting for all future elections.*

*Jeff Holtz made a motion to pay the full amount of the bill from the election board under the recommendation from the council.*

*Seconded by: Mallon*

*All in favor*

*Commissioner Larson brought up funding for LOSAP. All eligible members except one handed their paperwork in. Commissioner Hudec stated it is a \$50 charge to transfer the money. To be able to add this member to LOSAP at a later date it will charge the district an extra \$50.*

*Commissioner Larson brought up the audit. Commissioner Hudec mentioned everyone reviewed the audit and approves of it. Commissioner Hudec thanked Ms. Cook for her help with the audit.*

### *New Business:*

*Chief Jeff Taylor requested a new chiefs truck. District 2 currently owns the current truck. Chief Mike Russoniello brought up replacing engine 49-8. Chief stated due to the current condition of the truck, to prolong the life of the engine it is now responding second due. Repairs are no longer feasible. Chief Pat Doherty mentioned squad 24 is in the same boat as engine 49-8. Some parts on their apparatus needs to be replaced. After conducting inspection discovered the squad is no longer in good condition. Discussion purchasing replacements for both apparatus at the same time to save money. Doug Rue brought up the point that both Country Hills and North Branch have only received one piece of apparatus to Green Knoll's 10 pieces. He said that 15% of their money from the district goes to*

*repairing their district truck. Mr. Rue stated how their proposal for a new truck last year was considerably less than Green Knoll's proposal. He said that Country Hills requested \$10,000 towards a new chiefs truck was rejected, but we may entertain a request from Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad for a new chiefs truck. Commissioner Holtz requested both companies get together specs and a dollar amount to present to commissioners so the board knows where we stand with the ability to fund the new pieces of apparatus. Commissioner Larson mentioned the point that since the district does not have the funding to afford both pieces of apparatus, the commission board should look into the option of borrowing money to fund the apparatus. Doug Larson asked that commissioners Hudec and Mallon look into the process of borrowing money. Another point brought up was in order to borrow money, a special election will need to take place to approve borrowing. The commission board estimates the cost of two new engines could be over \$1.2 million. The chiefs of both Country Hills and North Branch will create specs for their new engines and present preliminary ideas and costs to the commission.*

*Commissioner Holtz brought up two minor motor vehicle accident with Green Knoll apparatus. One was with the engine, the other with the tanker. The information was given to the district. The driver and the chief will follow up with the insurance company. Pictures were not sent of the accident involving Green Knoll's tanker. Commissioner Larson mentioned the fact of having a spotter help back up the driver may prevent future accidents. This is something for the fire companies to consider.*

*Starting next month, Fire District 3 meetings will be held at Green Knoll Station One. Commissioner Holtz brought up the point that the Commissioners should not be setting up for the meeting themselves. He brought up the point of having someone set up the meeting room for the meetings. If no one is able to set up commissioner Holtz brought up the possibility of paying someone to set up the meeting for us.*

### **Open To Public:**

*Deputy Chief Russoniello brought up the fact that Branchburg is looking into having Branchburg DPW workers run calls into Branchburg to help with Branchburg calls. Deputy Chief Russoniello requested the Commissioners look into asking Bridgewater DPW workers if they would be willing to have any Firefighter I certified workers to help run Bridgewater fire calls. Deputy Chief Russoniello also requested the Commissioners look into recruiting to be able to help with manpower*

*issues. Commissioner Mallon and Holtz will write a letter to the other districts to see where they stand on the matter.*

**Closed to Public**

*By Vice Chairman Larson*

**Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion By: Hudec*

*Second By: Mallon*

*Meeting Adjourned: 8:12 pm*

*Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Mallon*

**Bridgewater Fire District # 3  
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**Monthly Minutes**

**Date: June 5, 2019**

**Call To Order 7:00 PM**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: by Chair Carpiniello**

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**Pledge of Allegiance Called for by Chair Carpiniello**

**Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters**

<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	<b>Comm. Carpiniello</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm Holtz</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Comm. Larson</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Comm Hudec</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Mallon</b>	<b>Present</b>

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Comm. Carpiniello</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Comm Holtz</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Comm. Larson</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Comm Hudec</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Comm. Mallon</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Minutes Tabled until regularly scheduled meeting later in the month.**

**Treasurers Report: Tabled until regularly scheduled meeting later in the month**

## Emergency Services Reports

*Tabled until the regularly scheduled meeting*

### Old Business:

*Tabled until the regularly scheduled meeting*

### New Business:

*Capital purchases is an issue with DCA. Two methods, 481484, meeting process states it's a meeting held on 10 days' notice, advertise in newspaper, put it in 5 public places in the district 10 days prior. That statute only works for cash transactions, not financing. It can now be 6-9 part of your regularly scheduled meeting. Second method is through financing, lease purchase 10 years term, bonds or notes (too costly, not productive), need to have a full referendum, special election, or regular election. Because of the referendum you have to have a resolution. In this election, essential notice requirements are resolution, establishing date of special election, and the purpose of the resolution. Also need a not to exceed number. If we purchase two trucks, it would appear as two questions on the ballot. Lease purchase means you have the option to purchase at the end for a dollar amount. Notice of election has to appear in one newspaper 6 weeks prior, 55 days prior, take the notice, and posted in 10 public places in the fire district 21 days before the election. Only need one more yes vote than a no vote. Another option is to secure financing bids. Application to the local finance board, located in Trenton. 6 Members of this board, they can approve or disapprove of the creation of any public entity. There is a deadline to get the application into the DCA. Mr. Braslow and a Commissioner or two will join in Trenton to appear before the finance board. You should be able to get a decision that day. You can create a resolution stated that the contract to the lowest financed bid can be given after positive findings from the DCA. If doing a co-op purchase, a form must be put in the paper to allow the public to comment.*



*Under the 481484 There is not mail in vote for cash transaction. Only need a 10 days' notice and advertise in the newspaper, and post in 5 public places in the district 10 days prior.*

*10 years is the maximum term for a lease purchase.*

*County improvement authority is one possible financing option, but it is not ideal. Somerset county may not have one to begin with.*

**Open To Public:**

*No one requested to speak*

**Closed to Public**

*By Chairman Carpiniello*

**Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion By: Hudec*

*Second By: Mallon*

*Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 pm*

*Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Mallon*

**Bridgewater Fire District # 3  
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**Date: June 19, 2019**

**Call To Order 7:00 PM**

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**Pledge of Allegiance Called for by Vice Chair Larson**

**Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters**

<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	<b>Comm. Carpiniello</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm Holtz</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Comm. Larson</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm Hudec</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Mallon</b>	<b>Present</b>

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**Motion to accept as presented Hudec**

**Seconded Larson**

**All in favor**

**Treasurers Report: Submitted by Hudec**

**Motion to accept Larson**

**Second by Mallon**

**All in favor**

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***North Branch Fire Department      Chief Russoniello  
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## **Old Business:**

***As per commissioner Hudec, Mr. Braslow has contacted Plainfield fire to let them know that they conduct a study on the new antenna that they want to put up. We request that the study is conducted by a third party.***

***As per Commissioner Carpiello, the commissioners met with Mr. Braslow regarding the purchasing of two engines. If we go forward with the lease, there will be a full election. There is the issue of mail in ballots. If we purchase straight out with our funds, it will be a regular election with no mail in votes (in person only) Commissioner Larson will be the "Lease Tsar". We are hoping to have the election sometime after September.***

## **New Business:**

***Commissioner Larson, brought up the possibility of using the training budget to put together live burns and other district training.***

***Commissioner Mallon brought up the possibility of purchasing a door prop.***

***Commissioner Hudec check \$159 each for 50 and \$98.50 each for 100. Chief 34 and Chief 24 are both interested. Chief 49 has opted out.***

*Motion from Commissioner Carpiniello to have Commissioner Hudec look into the ordering of the carbon monoxide clips.*

*Seconded by: Mallon*

*All in favor*

*Resolution #10-2019 was read regarding the audit for 2019.*

*Motion to accept resolution as read by Hudec*

*Second by: Mallon*

**Open To Public:**

*No one requested to speak*

**Closed to Public**

*By Chairman Carpiniello*

**Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion By: Hudec*

*Second By: Mallon*

*Meeting Adjourned: 7:24 pm*

*Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Mallon*

***Bridgewater Fire District # 3  
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***Monthly Minutes***

***Date: July 17, 2019***

**Call To Order 7:00 PM**

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	<b><i>Comm Holtz</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm. Larson</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm Hudec</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm. Mallon</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>

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***Motion to accept as presented Hudec***

***Seconded Holtz***

***All in favor***

**Treasurers Report: Submitted by Hudec**

***Motion to accept Larson***

***Second by Mallon***

**All in favor**

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***North Branch Fire Department***      ***Chief Russoniello***  
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## **Old Business:**

***As per Chief 34, he stated how the commissioners requested him to write a letter to Somerset County Communications stating to have squad 39 (BGRS) respond on all district 3 calls.***

***Deputy Chief 49 verbally states that he had four vendors come in. They are working on creating the specs. The prices are higher than they were supposed to be. Their prices may end up exceeding the not to exceed number that was initially stated. Commissioner Carpiniello stated how it may be beneficial to cut any additional add-ons to try and reduce the costs. Commissioner Larson asked if the truck meets the NFPA standard. Deputy 49 states that the truck is NFPA compliant.***

***Commissioner Carpiniello states the number we are working with is \$650,000. Commissioner Carpiniello asked if Deputy 49 could work with Seagrave to tighten the number.***

***Commissioner Holtz stated that he met with Jerry from the board of election. They are going to investigate the costs and what we need for the election. Somerset county clerks office has 1400 names that are entitled to an absentee ballot by state stature. We must send out absentee ballots to all of these individuals. The cost would be around \$1176.00 for the 1400 names. Counting the ballots is also an expense. Jerry gave an invoice of the cost for the whole***

*election including machines. Machines process is around \$5600. We are looking at \$4218 for the administrative costs to administer and count all the ballots. They will have to have staff there that Saturday. We are looking at around \$4000 for the special election. It takes the election board a week to 10 days to process their votes during the general election time. For that reason, Commissioner Holtz recommends we put the vote in November. More specifically November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at Green Knoll Station 1.*

*All commissioners are all in agreement to have the special election tentatively on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.*

*Commissioner Hudec stated that he was looking into the single gas meters for turnout gear and the Thermal imaging cameras. It would be Approximately 14,000 for 100 co gas meters as well as 6 Thermal imaging cameras. Breakdown would be 30 gas meters to each fire company and two TIC Cameras to each fire company. BGRS would get 10 additional clips.*

*Commissioner Carpiello makes a motion to have commissioner Hudec order the equipment.*

*Seconded by Holtz*

*All in favor*

### *New Business:*

*Commissioner Hudec stated that 24 makes sure that they are sure that all safety procedures are followed during their “Keg Wars” hose training. Commissioner Hudec will coordinate with the company to ensure safety.*

*Chief 49 states that Branchburg is trying to get the businesses involved to get more volunteer firefighters able to respond to calls. Commissioner Mallon will investigate how to get businesses involved to get their employees involved and offer incentives to the current volunteers.*

### *Open To Public:*

*No one requested to speak.*

### *Closed to Public*

***By Chairman Carpiniello***

***Motion to Adjourn***

***Meeting Adjourned: 7:51 pm***

***Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Mallon***

***Motion By: Hudec***

***Second By: Larson***



**Bridgewater Fire District # 3  
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**Monthly Minutes**

**Date: August 21, 2019**

**Call To Order 7:00 PM**

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**Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters**

<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	<b>Comm. Carpiello</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm Holtz</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Larson</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm Hudec</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Mallon</b>	<b>Present</b>

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**Motion to accept as presented Hudec**

**Seconded Holtz**

**All in favor**

**Treasurers Report: Submitted by Hudec**

**Motion to accept Larson**

**Second by Mallon**

**All in favor**

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## **Old Business:**

***As per Chief 34, he stated how the commissioners requested him to write a letter to Somerset County Communications stating to have squad 39 (BGRS) respond on all district 3 calls.***

***Deputy Chief 49 verbally states that he had four vendors come in. They are working on creating the specs. The prices are higher than they were supposed to be. Their prices may end up exceeding the not to exceed number that was initially stated. Commissioner Carpiniello stated how it may be beneficial to cut any additional add-ons to try and reduce the costs. Commissioner Larson asked if the truck meets the NFPA standard. Deputy 49 states that the truck is NFPA compliant.***

***Commissioner Carpiniello states the number we are working with is \$650,000. Commissioner Carpiniello asked if Deputy 49 could work with Seagrave to tighten the number.***

***Commissioner Holtz stated that he met with Jerry from the board of election. They are going to investigate the costs and what we need for the election. Somerset county clerks office has 1400 names that are entitled to an absentee ballot by state stature. We must send out absentee ballots to all of these individuals. The cost would be around \$1176.00 for the 1400 names. Counting the ballots is also an expense. Jerry gave an invoice of the cost for the whole***

*election including machines. Machines process is around \$5600. We are looking at \$4218 for the administrative costs to administer and count all the ballots. They will have to have staff there that Saturday. We are looking at around \$4000 for the special election. It takes the election board a week to 10 days to process their votes during the general election time. For that reason, Commissioner Holtz recommends we put the vote in November. More specifically November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at Green Knoll Station 1.*

*All commissioners are all in agreement to have the special election tentatively on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.*

*Commissioner Hudec stated that he was looking into the single gas meters for turnout gear and the Thermal imaging cameras. It would be Approximately 14,000 for 100 co gas meters as well as 6 Thermal imaging cameras. Breakdown would be 30 gas meters to each fire company and two TIC Cameras to each fire company. BGRS would get 10 additional clips.*

*Commissioner Carpiello makes a motion to have commissioner Hudec order the equipment.*

*Seconded by Holtz*

*All in favor*

### *New Business:*

*Commissioner Hudec stated that 24 makes sure that they are sure that all safety procedures are followed during their “Keg Wars” hose training. Commissioner Hudec will coordinate with the company to ensure safety.*

*Chief 49 states that Branchburg is trying to get the businesses involved to get more volunteer firefighters able to respond to calls. Commissioner Mallon will investigate how to get businesses involved to get their employees involved and offer incentives to the current volunteers.*

### *Open To Public:*

*No one requested to speak.*

### *Closed to Public*

***By Chairman Carpiello***

***Motion to Adjourn***

***Meeting Adjourned: 7:51 pm***

***Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Mallon***

***Motion By: Hudec***

***Second By: Larson***

***Bridgewater Fire District # 3  
Commissioners Meeting***

***Monthly Minutes***

***Date: September 18, 2019***

***Call To Order* 7:00 PM**

***OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: by Chair Carpiello***

***Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A.10:4-6. On January 8, 2019 proper notice was sent to the Courier News and filed with the Clerk at the Township of Bridgewater and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.***

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***Pledge of Allegiance* Called for by Chair Carpiello**

***Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters***

<b><u><i>Roll Call</i></u></b>	<b><i>Comm. Carpiello</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm Holtz</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm. Larson</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm Hudec</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm. Mallon</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>

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***Motion to accept as presented Hudec***

***Seconded Holtz***

***All in favor***

***Treasurers Report: Submitted by Hudec***

***Motion to accept Larson***

***Second by Mallon***

***All in favor***

## **Emergency Services Reports**

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### **Old Business:**

***Commissioner Holtz said that Commissioner Larson worked on getting the exact date of the election set.***

***According to Commissioner Larson we should be able to order the truck as early as February but most likely March.***

***Commissioner Hudec checked with Mr. Braslow on the Plainfield fire situation. He has not yet heard anything back from Plainfield regarding the radio testing.***

### **New Business:**

***Commissioner Mallon explained different options to be able to retain and recruit new members to get.***

***Commissioner Holtz explained that it may be beneficial to write an advertisement for the Breeze news paper to try and recruit and retain new members.***

***Commissioner Holtz and Commissioner Mallon will work on getting in contact with the Breeze and work on other recruitment opportunities.***

***Resolution #11-2019 was read aloud***

***Motion by: Hudec***

***Seconded by: Holtz***

***All in favor***

*Carpiniello: Yes*

*Holtz: Yes*

*Hudec: Yes*

*Larson: Yes*

*Mallon: Yes*

*Commissioner Larson will work with Commissioners Holtz and Mallon on getting the pre-election work completed.*

*Commissioner Holtz asked Chief 34 if there is anything on the Tanker that must be fixed. Chief 34 said there is cosmetic damage, but nothing that would put the truck out of service. Commissioner Holtz will move forward on putting a claim in on the Tanker.*

**Open To Public:**

*Ms. Cook stated would it be possible to have a survey at the career days to see what would drive them to volunteer.*

*No one requested to speak.*

**Closed to Public**

*By Chairman Carpiniello*

**Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion By: Hudec*

*Second By: Larson*

*Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 pm*

*Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Mallon*

**Bridgewater Fire District # 3  
Commissioners Meeting**

**Monthly Minutes**

**Date: October 16, 2019**

**Call To Order 7:00 PM**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: by Vice Chair Larson.**

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**Pledge of Allegiance Called for by Vice Chair Larson**

**Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters**

<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	<b>Comm. Carpiello</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Comm Holtz</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Larson</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm Hudec</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Comm. Mallon</b>	<b>Present</b>

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**Motion to accept as presented Hudec**

**Seconded Holtz**

**All in favor**

**Treasurers Report: Submitted by Hudec**

**Motion to accept Holtz**

**Second by Mallon**

**All in favor**



## **Emergency Services Reports**

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### **Old Business:**

***Commissioner Holtz stated everything is in order for the November 23<sup>rd</sup> election date. The cost of the election will be considerably more than expected and said before. We have over 2,000 mail in ballots in district 3 that need to go out. There is a possibility to count a couple hundred ballots. We will meet again post election to see the exact cost.***

***Commissioner Holtz also stated that he has finished a letter and ad to post in the local newspaper the BREEZE in order to help to retain and recruit volunteers.***

***Commissioner Holtz also stated that after talking to the township clerk, that as a Bridgewater township resident and volunteer, you can get certain township fees waived.***

***As per Commissioner Mallon, all public postings in the newspaper have been posted and the election has been publicized.***

***Commissioner Mallon also stated that he is in contact with the local high school to try and be able to recruit high school students to volunteer.***

***Commissioner Larson explained the next steps of the election. He stated that another ad must be posted in the newspaper, as well as posting in 10 public places.***

**New Business:**

*Commissioner Larson will move forward with getting the new LOSAP forms out to the chiefs for next month.*

*Commissioner Mallon will follow up with the township to make sure the township website is working and gets people to our website.*

**Open To Public:**

*Chief 24 asked about quickbooks Back in 2011, the commissioners purchased quickbooks, and is now outdated. He asked if the commissioners would spring for the updated quickbooks software.*

**Closed to Public**

*By Vice Chairman Larson*

**Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion By: Hudec*

*Second By: Mallon*

*Meeting Adjourned: 7:32 pm*

*Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Mallon*

***Bridgewater Fire District # 3  
Commissioners Meeting***

***Monthly Minutes***

***Date: November 20, 2019***

***Call To Order 7:00 PM***

***OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: by Chair Carpiello.***

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***Pledge of Allegiance Called for by Chair Carpiello***

***Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters***

<b><i><u>Roll Call</u></i></b>	<b><i>Comm. Carpiello</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm Holtz</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm. Larson</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm Hudec</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm. Mallon</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>

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***Motion to accept as presented Hudec***

***Seconded Holtz***

***All in favor***

***Treasurers Report: Submitted by Hudec***

***Motion to accept Holtz***

***Second by Mallon***

***All in favor***

## **Emergency Services Reports**

<b><i>Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad</i></b>	<b><i>Chief Absent</i></b>
<b><i>Country Hills Fire Department</i></b>	<b><i>Chief Patrick Doherty</i></b> <b><i>Copy to file</i></b>
<b><i>Green Knoll Fire Department</i></b>	<b><i>Chief Robert Resuta</i></b> <b><i>Copy to file</i></b>
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**New Business:**

*Commissioner Larson gave all the chiefs a list of members who have not been active who did not reach their losap points. If the chiefs believe there are members on there who are active, they should let commissioner Larson know so he can adjust accordingly.*

*Commissioner Hudec began to introduce the budget for 2020. One of the biggest changes is having a new item on the budget which will be the lease on the new engine. With the purchase of a new truck, the commissioners are asking all the district 3 companies to hold off on their 2% increase to insure that the district has enough funds to cover the payments.*

*Commissioner Carpiniello made a motion to adopt the budget*

*Second: Commissioner Mallon*

*All in Favor*

*Commissioner Hudec funded the LOSAP.*

**Open To Public:**

*No one requested to speak.*

**Closed to Public**

*By Chairman Carpiniello*

**Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion By: Hudec*

*Second By: Mallon*

*Meeting Adjourned: 7:33 pm*

*Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Mallon*

**Bridgewater Fire District # 3  
Commissioners Meeting**

***Monthly Minutes***

***Date: December 18, 2019***

**Call To Order 7:00 PM**

***OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: by Chair Carpiello .***

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**Pledge of Allegiance Called for by Chair Carpiello**

***Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters***

<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	<b><i>Comm. Carpiello</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm Holtz</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm. Larson</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm Hudec</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>
	<b><i>Comm. Mallon</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>

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***Motion to accept as presented Hudec***

***Seconded Holtz***

***All in favor***

**Treasurers Report: Submitted by Hudec**

***Motion to accept Holtz***

***Second by Mallon***

**All in favor**

## **Emergency Services Reports**

***Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad      Chief Jeff Taylor***

***Country Hills Fire Department      Chief Larry Bautista  
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***Green Knoll Fire Department      Chief Kevin Driscoll  
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***North Branch Fire Department      Chief Russoniello  
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## **Old Business:**

***Commissioner Carpiniello thanked 49 fire for their efforts to get the word out there about the special election.***

***According to Commissioner Holtz, election results were around 379 to 97 votes, 91 no votes came through the mail. 270 total mail ins. Commissioner Holtz is working on getting an exact dollar amount for the cost of the election. Commissioner Holtz also thanked 49 fire for their efforts.***

***Commissioner Larson stated that he has spoke to Mr. Braslow about the special election. Commissioner Larson and Holtz stated that the loan needs to go out to bid, with a maximum of \$650,000. The bids will come back with financing. Tentatively, the bidding will take place on the night of the next monthly meeting. Commissioner Larson will get a clarification with Mr. Braslow. One of the things we have to include in the documentation is the selling price of the old engine. We also need some demographics of the district, as well as the vote results, and the location of the flyers we posted.***

***Commissioner Carpiniello read Resolution #12-2019 “Authorizing Local Finance Board Application”.***

***Commissioner Carpiniello, - Yes***

***Commissioner Holtz, - Yes***

***Commissioner Larson, - Yes***

*Commissioner Hudec, - Yes  
Commissioner Mallon, - Yes*

*Commissioner Carpiniello read Resolution #13-2019 “ Authorizing Budget Transfers and/or Encumbrances Relative to 2019 Budget”.*

*Commissioner Carpiniello read Resolution #14-2019 “Adoption of Temporary Budget for 2020”.*

*Motion to accept both as read by Commissioner Carpiniello  
Seconded by Holtz  
All in favor*

**New Business:**

*Commissioner Holtz read a letter from the county regarding the mail in ballots*

*Commissioner Larson has LOSAP forms for new members to give out to the chiefs. Commissioner Larson stated that the consumer price index is allowing a \$5 increase to LOSAP.*

*Commissioner Mallon read a resignation letter from Commissioner Carpiniello effective December 31, 2019.*

*Commissioner Hudec announced that he will not be running for re-election at the end of this year.*

*Commissioner Holtz stated that if anyone currently at the meeting is thinking about running it could be beneficial to introduce themselves if they are thinking about running.*

**Open To Public:**

*Ex-Chief Doug Rue handed in a letter regarding the current status at CHFD and the actions taken regarding Squad 24. He reminded everyone that the Squad is 20 years old. In the month of November the Squad was out of service for a total of 10 days due to two operating issues. The current cost is looking at about \$681,700 due to price increase. Mr. Rue reminded everyone that the truck is a squad so it has extra equipment than an engine has.*



*Ex-Police Sargent, Scott Hobbs announced he is running for the open commission slot.*

*Mark Colintoni announced that he is running for the open commission slot.*

*Chief 34 asked if the commissioners are keeping up with the 5 year replacement plan for the incident command vehicles.*

**Closed to Public**  
**By Chairman Carpiniello**

**Motion to Adjourn**

***Motion By: Hudec***  
***Second By: Mallon***

***Meeting Adjourned: 7:47 pm***  
***Minutes Submitted By: Comm. Mallon***