

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting on March 15, 2023. The meeting was held at Blackwood Fire Company, 14 W. Central Avenue, Blackwood, NJ 08012. This meeting has been properly advertised according to the State of New Jersey Sunshine Laws.

Commissioners: D. Vannoni, M. Cristella, J. Vannoni, M. Jones, J. McCann

Attendees: FF Klingberg, Chief Cipriano, Captain Reiss, FM Urso, IAFF President Kemery

The meeting was paused.

Solicitor Carlamere swore Commissioner McCann and Commissioner Jones in for their new 3-year terms.

Commissioner Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 15, 2023. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Vannoni, second by Commissioner Cristella to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of March 1, 2023. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Cristella reported the storage unit for Station # 2 has been ordered, and he will try to fit it into the fenced area.

Commissioner Jones reported he is still waiting on a price to repair the ladder. Commissioner D. Vannoni said maybe Campbells would buy it for parts.

Commissioner McCann had nothing to report.

Commissioner J. Vannoni said 842 is out for repair. He added the auto insurance renewal went up approximately \$2,000.00.

Reports:

Treasurers Report:

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to pay the March bills in the amount of \$113,766.02. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McCann explained to the Board that if they see an issue with their line its on the profit and loss sheet, to contact the Clerk or himself to get it resolved.

Commissioner McCann went on to read a portion of the audit to the Board. He asked the Board to bring the audit with them to the Workshop, so he can explain the audit further.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to adopt a resolution accepting the 2021 Audit provided by Bowman & Co. All in favor, motion carries.

ROLL CALL: D. Vannoni, M. Cristella, J. Vannoni, J. McCann, M. Jones

Fire Official Report: Attached

Chiefs Report: Attached

Presidents Report: Attached

Captains Report:

Captain Reiss reported he needs approval to apply for the Safer Grant which is due on Friday 3/17/23.

He just took his last training class, and is now qualified as a trainer. If any member needs to be pointed in the right direction, he is qualified to do so. He said he will put something formal together.

FAM Report: Attached

Chief Cipriano told the Board Fire District # 3 needs 15 spare SCBA bottles, as theirs are set to expire on 4/1/2023. The solicitor will send them a hold harmless letter, with a list of the bottle numbers attached.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Vannoni, to authorize the Chief to lend District # 3 (15) bottles, along with a hold harmless letter and attached bottle list. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cristella to accept all reports as read. All in favor, motion carries.

Old Business:

Commissioner D. Vannoni said he will send a letter for online training at Power DMS. He asked who should be put on the account, and the Chief said himself and Captain Reiss. Training is up and running.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann, to accept the application of Shane Hydman, going from a junior firefighter, to a regular firefighter, with the traditional 6-month probationary period. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to accept the application of Erick Paulson as a regular firefighter, with the traditional 6-month probationary period. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni approving Captain Reiss to apply for the 3-year Safer Grant. All in favor, motion carries.

Good & Welfare:

Commissioner McCann reported the Election Results:

Alvin: 201

Jones: 205

McCann: 231

Budget:

Yes – 252

No – 74

Comments from the Floor:

FF Klingberg asked the Board what their plan is for apparatus replacement.

Commissioner J. Vannoni replied that Commissioner McCann made a presentation concerning the financial plan for apparatus replacement. The Board continues to work on a replacement plan.

Commissioner Cristella stated the Board is looking into refurbishing 842, trying to save money, rather than purchasing a new piece of apparatus.

FF Klingberg asked if the Board is looking into signs on Blackwood Clementon Road, indicating a Fire House.

There was a discussion on if there ever were signs on Blackwood Clementon Road.

Captain Reiss stated regarding the current state of the Fire District and Fire Company, neither plans ahead. He went on to say the Board must plan further ahead, or he will not be doing another Grant, due to the lack of planning. He suggested a planning committee, for grants and apparatus. He also asked why so much money for the budget is spent at the end of the year. What is the reason for that?

Commissioner D. Vannoni replied that the thought is if an emergency comes up, there would be money left in the budget to accommodate it.

With no further business to discuss.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to adjourn. All in favor, motion carries.

DATED: March 15, 2023

BY: _____
Secretary Michael Jones

