

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting on October 20, 2021, at 7:00, 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.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Jones (here) Commissioner McCann (here)
Commissioner D. Vannoni (here) Commissioner J. Vannoni (here)

Attendees: Chief Cipriano, FF Klingberg, Resident Swack, Assistant Chief Coucoulas, Captain Reiss, Solicitor Carlamere, FF O'Connor, Local 3249 President Kemery

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of 8/4/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the Regular meeting minutes of 8/18/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 9/8/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the Budget meeting minutes of 10/22/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the Budget meeting minutes of 10/13/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Jones had nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner McCann had nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner J. Vannoni had the following:

1. The Rodger Management Training is scheduled for 11/6 & 11/7.
2. The backing policy cannot be adopted at this time, because District # 2 has not agreed. Both Chiefs agreed, but at the OPS Meeting it is now on hold.
3. Joint Commission Meeting is not scheduled at this time.
4. Local 3249 President has tried to assist in getting the captain's list combined.
5. Commissioner J. Vannoni wanted this to be a part of the public record, that District # 4 attempted to delay the captain's test to sync it with District # 2's test. District # 4 sent a request to Civil Service asking for a combined test, District # 2 voted 4-1 against combining the captain's test.

6. Commissioner J. Vannoni asked what will happen to the Fire Officials Office when District # 2's Fire Official retires. He said we should take advantage of this opportunity.
7. Shared Service for Engine 88- District # 2 will not sign off on District # 4 being a part owner of that apparatus.
8. Commissioner J. Vannoni stated he will push for consolidation. FF Carlin and Local 3249 President Kemery had a meeting with the mayor. He stated he will do what it takes to make consolidation happen.
9. He will follow up on joint committee meeting with District # 2.

Motion by Commissioner D. Vannoni, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to pass a Resolution to support Consolidation. All in favor, motion carries.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner J. Vannoni (yes) Commissioner D. Vannoni (yes)
 Commissioner Jones (yes) Commissioner McCann (abstain)

10. Cooper Hospital Employee Assistance Program. He gave details of the program which provides support to employees and volunteers who are in the need of counseling.
11. The ad for the sale of 841 will run until 11/2/2021.
12. Cooperative training has been improving.
13. Commissioner D. Vannoni is still working on the digital imaging policy.
14. The Workmen's Comp Audit has been completed, and it cost us an additional \$5923.00 due to the increase in salaries.
15. The VFIS Audit had 2 driver training issues, that will be resolved.
16. There was a discussion on the backing policy, which Commissioner J. Vannoni strongly supports.

COOROSPONDENCE

None

CLERKS REPORT

Attached.

TREASURERS REPORT

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to pay the bills in the amount of 90,469.74. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to pass a resolution, that if Gov Deals does not come through, to sell it to 911 Fund for \$10,000.00. All in favor, motion carries.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner J. Vannoni (yes) Commissioner D. Vannoni (yes)
Commissioner McCann (yes) Commissioner Jones (yes)

There was a discussion by the Board in assisting the Fire Company with turning the small bay into a meeting room. Commissioner D. Vannoni suggested they have a representative at the next budget meeting.

There is a Special Meeting for the Chiefs Vehicle on November 4, 2021, and the advertisement and posting reads not to exceed \$60,000.00.

CAPTAINS REPORT

Captain Reiss reported the following:

1. Runs for Squad 88, 91 this month 800 Year to date.
2. He is trying to get copies of the AQUA Maps.
3. There was a discussion on the state of EMS in Gloucester Township. It was stated there is a lack of professionalism, and this is taking a toll on the firefighters.

Commissioner D. Vannoni stated a letter should be sent to the mayor, how this situation is an extra burden on the residents as well as the fire department.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner McCann for the Chairman to compile, and send a letter to mayor and council concerning the EMS issue.

4. Training has improved, but certain communications are not being received.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated you will not see a change until the district # 2 Board changes, and certain Commissioners leave.

5. On October 19, 2021, Station 83 was toned for an alarm system at Station 83, and there was no response from 83.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner McCann to adopt the Overtime policy. All in favor, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to pass a resolution that states the compensation for Commissioners, and will be sent to the Township Clerk upon adoption. All in favor, motion carries.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner D. Vannoni (yes) Commissioner J. Vannoni (yes)
Commissioner McCann (yes) Commissioner Jones (yes)

The Board had a discussion on the Fire District Elections, and the advantage of holding November elections.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

FF Klingberg stated are inspections now being done?

Commissioner Vannoni said all life hazards will be done by 12/30/2021.

FF Klingberg said he felt the rescue should be sold for more than \$25,000.00.

FF Klingberg wanted to know why we are not on District # 3 boxes.

Commissioner D. Vannoni stated we are not in control of who they put on their boxes. He suggested FF Klingberg go to District # 3 and tell them.

Commissioner D. Vannoni stated smoke inspections will be discussed in closed session.

Captain Reiss stated he is in support of consolidation, and he applauds the Board for the Cooper Employee Assistance Program.

Motion by Commissioner D. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to go into closed session to discuss personnel. All in favor, motion carries.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner D. Vannoni (yes) Commissioner J. Vannoni (yes)
Commissioner M. Jones (yes) Commissioner McCann (yes)

Back in session

ROLL CALL

Commissioner D. Vannoni (here) Commissioner J. Vannoni (here)
Commissioner Jones (here) Commissioner McCann (here)

The personnel issue discussed in closed session will remain closed at this time.

With nothing further to discuss.

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

DATED: October 12, 2021

BY: _____
Secretary, Michael Jones