

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

COMMISSIONERS: M. Cristella, J. Vannoni, M. Jones

Attendees: President Stott

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to approve the Workshop meeting minutes of 10.4.2023. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to approve the Budget Meeting minutes of 11.1.2023 and 11.8.2023. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 10.18.2023. All in favor, motion carries.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Jones reported hose testing will take place on Monday, and pump testing has been scheduled for November 30, 2023. The invoice for the 2022 gear order was not sent to the Clerk until recently, and therefore the gear order for 2022 is going to come out of the 2023 budget.

CLERK'S REPORT: Attached

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated that Commissioner D. Vannoni and Commissioner J. Vannoni will be running for Commissioners in 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to approve the November bill list in the amount of \$71,177.55. All in favor, motion carries.

FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT: Attached

CHIEFS REPORT: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Stott apologized for the office heat problem, and stated the system is old, and outdated, and it is difficult to get parts for repairs. He stated they will be purchasing a new heating system, and at this point they have one quote of under \$10,000.00. They will save \$100.00 by lowering the service plan price. Blackwood Fire Company will get (3) more bids.

He stated all the paperwork has been completed for the bond insurance, and has been submitted. He does not have a payment date at this time. As far as the Camden County Prosecutor is concerned,

Blackwood Fire Company is the victim, and they have not asked for any input from Blackwood Fire Company.

At the October Blackwood Fire Company meeting they voted to change the Bi-Laws for member percentages. In active firefighters now go off of a duty crew scale, and if you have questions you should speak to the Chief.

The contract for the lease for 2024 will be \$72,500.00 per year, which will be \$12,083.33 for 6 bi-monthly payments. The Board will pay all the insurance. Also, the Board will now be paying \$20,000.00 for the stipend duty crews. He wanted to know if the Board has planned for the same moving forward in the 2024 budget.

He asked if there were any changes to LOSAP in 2024, and Commissioner J. Vannoni stated there doesn't appear to be any at this time.

Commissioner J. Vannoni added that no decision has been made on the \$20,000.00 stipend for the duty crews.

Commissioner Jones added that no one from the operation side of things has come to any of our budget meetings. They have been told at several Blackwood Fire Company meetings of the Boards budget meetings. We can't budget for what we think.

Commissioner added we did not receive a Capatins report or a FAM report.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to accept the Joint Overtime Policy JAV-21-003. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni, to pass a resolution selling the Tower Ladder for the sum of \$17,400.00 to Zimmerman Farm Service, 180 School Road, Bethel, PA 19507, in as in condition. All in favor, motion carries.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Cristella-yes, Commissioner J. Vannoni-yes, Commissioner Jones-yes.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to adopt a resolution, putting Utility 848 on Gov Deals for not less than \$1,000.00. All in favor, motion carries.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Cristella-yes, Commissioner J. Vannoni-yes, Commissioner Jones-yes

Motion by Commissioner M. Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to pass a resolution to adopt the 2022 Audit. All in favor, motion carries.

ROLL CALL: M. Cristella-yes, J. Vannoni-yes, M. Jones-yes

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to adopt a resolution to sell (12) Air Packs and bottles to Mid-Atlantic Fire & Air for \$36,000.00 in store credit for future purchases with them. All in favor, motion carries.

ROLL CALL: M. Cristella-yes, J. Vannoni-yes, M. Jones-yes

GOOD & WELFARE:

Commissioner J. Vannoni spoke about the first meeting with the Recruitment and Retention Committee, and the meetings will be held every other Monday, and they will start moving forward with what needs to be done.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

President Stott said he submitted the quarterly reports to the Administrative Clerk.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATED: November 15, 2023

BY: _____
Michael Jones, Secretary