

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting on January 19, 2022. 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:** J. Vannoni, M. Jones, J. McCann

**Attendees:** FF Klingberg, Captain Reiss, FM Urso, President Stott, 3249 President Kemery, FF Walsh, Solicitor Carlamere, Chief Cipriano, Solicitor Carlamere

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 11/17/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 12/15/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the meeting minutes of 12/8/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the Year End Meeting minutes of 12/29/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of 1/5/2022. All in favor, motion carries.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner McCann reported the LOSAP list has been posted for the 30-day period, however he has something he needs to discuss in closed session concerning personnel.

Commissioner Jones reported the high bid on the Durango was \$2500.00. All lettering and logos have been removed.

Commissioner McCann asked how payment will be made.

Commissioner Jones said he needs to find that out.

Commissioner Vannoni said he has something for closed session also. He also reported he felt the joint meeting with District # 2 was productive. He would like to make a new date for a future meeting.

**Correspondence:**

The Clerk reported the Board received a letter from US Bancorp, requesting the title for the new Squad 84. After a discussion, it was determined an appointment was to be made by FAM Prendergast with the DMV, to get that done.

**Clerks Report:**

Attached.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to use regular ballots for the Fire District Election. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to hire Isabelle Miller, and pay her \$150.00 to work the Fire District Election. All in favor, motion carries.

The Board discussed what part of the building the Election should be held, and it was decided the Commissioners Office would be the best location.

**Treasurers Report:**

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to pay the January bills in the amount of \$ 86,455.09. All in favor, motion carries.

The Clerk questioned Solicitor Carlamere how AQUA could raise the hydrant prices, going back to the last quarter of 2021, when the Fire District Budgets had been approved back in February 2021.

Solicitor Carlamere said the utilities get approval to raise rates thru the Utility Commission.

**Fire Official Report:**

Attached.

Commissioner Vannoni commended Fire Official Urso for passing along valuable information concerning the hazardous conditions of the church on Davistown Road.

**New Business:**

The Board discussed the upcoming Safer Grant which is 100% for 3 years with no match. The grant would be used for a new firefighter position. The Board discussed the pros and cons of applying for the grant, including a long discussion on the financial implications of hiring a new firefighter.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to give Captain Reiss permission to apply for the Safer Grant. All in favor, motion carries.

**Roll Call:** Commissioner J. Vannoni (yes), Commissioner McCann (yes), Commissioner Jones (yes).

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to pass a resolution to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel. All in favor, motion carries.

**Roll Call:** Commissioner J. Vannoni (yes), Commissioner McCann (yes), Commissioner Jones (yes)

Meeting called back to order.

**Roll Call:** Commissioner J. Vannoni (here), Commissioner McCann (here) Commissioner Jones (here)

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated all union issues discussed in closed session will remain closed. He reported the LOSAP issue discussed in closed session will be handles by the LOSAP Administrator, and remain closed.

**Comments from the Floor:**

IAFF Local 3249 President Kemery asked Commissioner J. Vannoni if the COVID reimbursement has been investigated.

Commissioner J. Vannoni replied it is being looked into, but at this point not sure the correct documentation has been done.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATED: January 19, 2022

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Jones, Secretary

