

waS The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District #4 held a Regular Meeting on February 20, 2019 in he office of the Board of Fire Commissioners, 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 M. Jones (here)
Commissioner J. McCann (here)

Commissioner R. Jones (here)
Commissioner Stout (here)

Prior to the Regular Meeting there was a swearing in ceremony for FF J. Brogan, and FF R. Lindell.

Attendees: Solicitor Carlamere, others not known

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner McCann to approve the Regular Meeting minutes Of 1/16/2019. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner M. Jones, second by Commissioner Stout to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of 2/6/2019. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner R. Jones, second by Commissioner M. Jones to approve the Special Meeting minutes of 1/16/2019. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner M. Jones to approve the Year End Meeting minutes of 12/27/2019. All in favor, motion carries.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Stout had nothing to report.

Commissioner McCann reported there was an injury to the staff on 2/17/2019, while on a fire location at Millbridge Apartments. He was taken to the hospital for evaluation, and Administrative Clerk Fini made all insurance contacts on Monday 2/18/2019. The insurance carrier was inquiring about light duty this morning. If an Operations decision has already been made on that great, if not that will need to be discussed. He proceeded to ask Solicitor Carlamere if the injury and light duty could be discussed in closed session.

Solicitor Carlamere said they could.

Commissioner McCann proceeded to say the Administrative Clerk had given the Board the information on the LOSAP contribution for 2018 at the Workshop, however he can not find it.

He thought last years figure was \$1709.00. We had 27 members qualify for LOSAP, and 21 of those had responded to calls. 5 were associate members, and 1 was a firefighter from another District, who could not respond on District # 4 apparatus. Also, it was reported we recovers \$32,000.00 this year form dormmate accounts, and those members were notified and given the opportunity to return and chose not to.

Commissioner R. Jones reported the ladder will be going out of service next month to have the generator installed, and a new light tower.

He also reported Blackwood Fire Company had 2 transfers. John Vannoni stepped down to Associate Member, and Michael Coucoules came back up to a regular firefighter.

He has a few things for closed session.

Commissioner M. Jones reported that at the Workshop we brought up the sprinkler system at Station # 2, that Pete has spearheaded and he thanks him for all he has done so far.

He said he has number back for the sprinkler contractor and the plumbing contractor.

Sprinkler Contractor was ARK Protective Systems \$12,066.00, and they had one company who was not interested, and another company who failed to quote.

Plumbing Contractor quotes were Black Horse Pike Plumbing \$14,439.94, George Cutler, \$14,000.00 and another company who failed to quote.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner R. Jones to approve ARK Protective Systems quote of \$12,066.00 for the sprinkler system at Station # 2. All in favor, motion carries.

Solicitor Carlamere said the procurement statute was served, as 2 other companies failed to quote.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Stout, to approve the George Cutler quote for plumbing work at Station # 2 in the amount of \$14,000.00. All in favor, motion carries.

Solicitor Carlamere said once again the procurement statute was served and the Board is accepting the lowest bid.

The quote for the sheet rock will have to go out to bid, as it is over the \$17,500.00 threshold.

Commissioner McCann asked Commissioner Jones if the specs from the architect were ready to go.

Fire Official Urso said yes, the architect has drawn up the plans and the specs for the contractors.

Solicitor Carlamere said to authorize the clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids for the contract price, and contract work per the specifications.

Commissioner McCann asked what Commissioner M. Jones's preference on a return date.

Commissioner M. Jones said it would be March 13th they would be in by, open on March 15th and then we could approve them on March 20th.

Motion by Commissioner M. Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to have the bids in by 4:00 PM on March 13, 2019 to be opened on March 15, 2019, and awarded at the March 20, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner M. Jones went on to say the majority of the lights in the Station # 2 engine room were changed as the LED lights that were in there from before started to flicker and dim and we could no longer get the bulbs, so they were replaced. He thanked FAM Prendergast and FF Woods for completing that task.

Commissioner Vannoni had nothing to report at this time.

CORROSPONDENCE

None

CLERK'S REPORT

Attached.

Commissioner Vannoni read some of the Clerk's Report, and the 4th item will be discussed in closed session.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner M. Jones to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$38,138.94. All in favor, motion carries.

Note: Voucher # is being paid to Fire District # 2.

Commissioner Stout reminded everyone about the profit and loss, and suggested they keep an eye on their line items.

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT

Attached

CHIEF'S REPORT

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Attached

Commissioner Vannoni stated the Fire Company has submitted a new lease, and he would like to discuss that in closed session.

The Board stated that storing the flowers at Station # 2 should not be a problem, but if the construction begins out there, they may have to revisit the topic.

President Sambucco wanted to express his sincere thanks to Commissioner Stout for all the help he has given Blackwood Fire Company over the years, and wished him the best going forward.

A round of applause for Commissioner Stout.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Captain Reiss stated he gave his report at the swearing in ceremony earlier this evening.

Commissioner Vannoni thanked him for all his efforts with the Safer Grants, which has allowed the Board to accomplish what they have.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner R. Jones, second by Commissioner M. Jones to adopt the Cadet Program. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Vannoni asked that a policy review be put in place, and after 3 months the Board will revisit it. The Board can look at it, and make sure no changes need to be made.

Commissioner McCann wanted to confirm that members of both sexes will be represented, both on the review portion as well as the supervisory position. That was confirmed by Commissioner R. Jones.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Stout to pass a resolution to adopt the three (3) new policies for the Engine 88 Program.

Commissioner R. Jones wanted to make sure that the policies were in line with the IAFF contract, and would not cause issues.

Commissioner Vannoni said they were in line with the IAFF contract.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner M. Jones (yes) Commissioner R. Jones (yes)
Commissioner McCann (yes) Commissioner Stout (yes)
Commissioner Vannoni (yes)

Commissioner McCann said Captain Reiss always does a great job giving us stats on the Engine 88 Program, and he was wondering if he could give us the stats on how many times Engine 88 responds in District 1, 2, 3, 4.

Captain Reiss said he has those, and he will have to forward them to the Board.

Commissioner McCann said it would be helpful to know if it responds to District # 2, 5 times a month and District # 4 100 a month.

Captain Reiss said some of your fellow Board members have those stats.

Commissioner McCann brought up the topic of LOSAP and how much of a contribution the Board should make for each qualifying member. A discussion on the topic took place.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner R. Jones to acknowledge a Junior member will receive a LOSAP contribution this year. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner M. Jones, second by Commissioner R. Jones to allow the Board to make the maximum contribution for LOSAP to the qualifying members. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McCann brought up the topic of Operational policies of District # 2 and District # 4, more specifically the correct gear to be worn on a fire scene. He brought up helmets, and instances that have happened in the past when helmets were not worn.

Commissioner R. Jones said per OSHA, a driver is not supposed to wear a helmet.

Commissioner Vannoni stated it will be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner M. Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to approve the new lease from Cannon for a new copier for the office. The new cost will be an additional .37 cents per month. All in favor, motion carries.

The Chiefs Report will be given now, since the Chief was not present when all other reports were given.

CHIEFS REPORT

There was a working fire last night in an apartment in Huntingdon Mews. Everything operated flawlessly. Engine 88 crew was here, as it was drill night. Truck hit the street in a matter of seconds, line was dropped. It was a flawless operation, and the Chief was very happy.

GOOD AND WELFARE

The Solicitor swore in the two (2) new Commissioners, John McCann, to an un-expired one-year term and John Grady, to a 3-year term. Their positions will begin the first Tuesday in March.

Commissioner Vannoni thanked Commissioner Stout for his years of dedicated service to the Board, and wished him well in the future. He said he will be sorely missed around budget time.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

FF Kemery thanked the Board for adopting the guidelines for the Cadet Program. He will forward the policy to the Chairman, and whoever is the appointing authority, the name will need to be inserted, and a policy number assigned. The applications for the Cadet Program were released, and he will be taking up the GTPD's offer for the Juvenile Protection Program. At next months meeting, when the Board has applications before them, the Juvenile Protection Program will be done.

Commissioner McCann asked if all the camera's in the building are working, or is that a work in progress.

President Sambucco said head Trustee is investigating with Tapco Security Systems to see if we can get the system re-wired as it is a residential system, and has interference from lights, and internet, so we are getting a price on having it re-wired. They are also getting a price on a new system. He said they are working with Commissioner M. Jones, and when they get the quotes, they will confer with him on the best way possible to get it resolved. The additional camera they want to add is by the ice machine, facing the lounge area. Then all aspects of the building will be covered. He wants that to be in place April 1, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner M. Jones, second by Commissioner R. Jones to pass a resolution to go into closed session to discuss contracts, and personnel issues. All in favor, motion carries.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner M. Jones (yes) Commissioner R. Jones (yes)
Commissioner McCann (yes) Commissioner Stout (yes)
Commissioner Vannoni (yes)

Meeting called back to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner M. Jones (here) Commissioner R. Jones (here)
Commissioner McCann (here) Commissioner Stout (here)
Commissioner Vannoni (here)

Commissioner Vannoni reported that during closed session they discussed several items that will remain in closed session, as they are ongoing.

One item discussed , the lease for Blackwood Fire Company.

Motion by Commissioner R. Jones, second by Commissioner Stout to sign a new three (3) year lease with Blackwood Fire Company for the same amount as currently being paid. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner R. Jones has an application for an Associate Member, James Fratta, everything is completed.

Motion by Commissioner R. Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to accept the Associate application of James Fratta, with the 6-month probationary period. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McCann reported that Commissioner R. Jones found Jr. Firefighter Dunlap lost one year of service with the relief association, because his physical as a Jr. was not accepted by the Relief Association, and he had to have a new physical done. It is something that falls through the cracks.

Commissioner R. Jones said he suggested that when a junior member becomes a regular member, they should have to fill out a new application, and they didn't want to do that.

With no further business to discuss.

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

Good luck to Commissioner Stout.....see you on the river !

DATED : February 20, 2019

BY: _____
Ernest R. Jones, Secretary