

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting on February 21, 2024. 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: Sambuco, Fire Official Urso, FF Klingberg, Solicitor Carlamere, FF O'Connor, FF Brogan, FF Wolf, IAFF Local President Kemery

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of 1.3.2024. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 1.17.24. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of 2.7.2024. All in favor, motion carries.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner McCann reported the Board had discussed LOSAP, and under old business we will pass a resolution confirming the payment for 2023.

Commissioner Cristella reported the old gear racks from BCR were placed on Gov Deals, and once the bid period is over, they will be sold, for approximately \$1200.00, and a bill of sale will be created as well as a removal from inventory resolution.

Commissioner Jones reported that under old business, a resolution for removal from inventory for 848, will be approved, as it has been sold.

Squad 88 was involved in a minor incident with the gate at Autum Ridge, Captain Procopio is in the process of getting quotes for the repair. He said he was asked if Autum Ridge would be willing to pay for the damages, since the entrance was blocked. He said he would speak to the FM after the meeting.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated all the career staff attended training for Tower Ladder 82, operational training, and in the near future, they will attend additional training to become qualified operators of the apparatus.

He noticed a few times, there were duty crews on, and they were training with the platoons, he feels some good things are happening.

He needs to go into closed session for (2) personal issues.

FF O'Connor completed FF2. On March 4th Chief Georgio will be in FD # 6 to make a presentation on the initial merger of Fire District # 4 and District # 6 in Cherry Hill. It will be a

question-and-answer presentation. It will be just District # 4 and District # 6, on March 4th at 7:00 PM.

Per Solicitor Carlamere, it does not have to be advertised, since it is a question-and answer session.

In the future, maybe April, we will be looking for a joint meeting between the (2) districts, District # 4 and District # 6.

Commissioner D. Vannoni asked if this will involve our shared service agreement, Squad 88 with District # 2?

Commissioner J, Vannoni said they were told upfront, Squad 88 and our shared service agreement with District #2 will remain, that is a deal breaker.

Commissioner D. Vannoni brought up the subject of having 2 shared service agreements, one with District # 2 and one with District # 5, which he feels will make things more complicated.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated Squad 88 is not going anywhere, but the other, with District # 5 has been brought up, and discussed. Nothing has been decided.

He went on to tell Commissioner McCann, that Chris Brown will be in touch with him to get some financial information.

Commissioner McCann acknowledged he knew you gave him his contact information, but he has not reached out asking to meet.

Commissioner D. Vannoni reported the un-official results of the election are as follows:

David Vannoni – 254

John Vannoni-248

Budget- Yes 183 No 53

The budget was approved.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: Attached

Fire Official Report: Attached

Captain's Report: None

FAM Report: None

Chief's Report: None

President's Report: None ** The president extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Blackwood Fire Company Banquet **

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to pay the February bills in the amount of \$74,823.38. 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:

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Cristella to pass a resolution for the 2023 LOSAP payment, as 20 members qualified, and the contribution will be \$2070.00, which is the maximum allowed by CPI, for a total of \$41,400.00. All in favor, motion carries.

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

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to pass a resolution to remove (8) Toughbook computers from inventory, that are no longer utilized. All in favor, motion carries.

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

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to pass a resolution to remove the 2008 Dodge Durango from inventory, since it has been sold for \$1,000.00. All in favor, motion carries.

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

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to remove (3) Thermal Imaging Cameras from inventory, as they are no longer utilized by the district. All in favor, motion carries.

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

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the Joint Administrative Policy of Squad 88 Administrative, Supervisors and Platoons. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Cristella to approve the Joint Administrative Policy on Shift Call Outs. All in favor, motion carries.

It was determined the (2) applications that were incomplete, but approved at the meeting last month, as still incomplete. Commissioner J. Vannoni said it will not happen again.

Commissioner D. Vannoni said a discussion at the Workshop concerning mandatory EMT for all the career staff, and since the Union President wants to present another option, he would

suggest the topic be tabled. Commissioner J. Vannoni said he has been working on spreadsheets, showing the costs for both the EMT /EMR classes, and continued education. The Board agreed, and it will be discussed again at the March Workshop.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Cristella to approve the application for Joseph Shaw, as the application is complete, with the standard 6-month probationary period. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McCann said he will plead with the secretary of the relief to accept the white form for this application.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner McCann to keep the organization of the Board of Fire Commissioners the same, with everyone maintaining their current responsibilities. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cristella to remove the old gear racks from inventory, and to allow Captain Reiss to sell the gear racks on Gov Deal, for the highest bidder. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner J. Vannoni said there is a change of uniform request out there for patches. The purpose is to make everyone look the same.

Commissioner D. Vannoni asked if we are now one district?

Commissioner J. Vannoni said we are not.

Commissioner D. Vannoni said he feels a though our employees should wear District # 4 on their sleeve, since we are not one fire district. He added he will be voting no.

There was a discussion on who will pay for it, at a cost of \$400.00. Since the change was not mandated by the district, the employees should pay for them, according to the contract. IAFF President Kemery said the contract also says the Board can also pay for them if they so choose. He added this is a morale issue, and said both districts' logos are on the patch.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cristella to approve the new patches, with the stipulation they are approved by District # 2. All in favor, (4) yes, (1) nay. Motion carries.

GOOD & WELFARE

Commissioner McCann stated at the Workshop meeting, Blackwood Fire Company brought in a representative from a Solar Company, who made a presentation to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cristella to pass a resolution to go into closed to discuss personnel issues. All in favor, motion carries.

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

Meeting call back to order.

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

Commissioner D. Vannoni stated the personnel matters discussed in closed session will remain closed at this time.

With the un-official election results, at this time Solicitor Carlamere will swear in the (2) Commissioners, David Vannoni and John Vannoni.

Solicitor Carlamere swore D. Vannoni and J. Vannoni in for the term of 3-years.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATED: February 21, 2024

SIGNED: _____
Michael Jones, Secretary