

The Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on April 20, 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: D. Vannoni, M. Cristella, J. Vannoni, M. Jones, J McCann- absent**

**Attendees: Chief Cipriano, FF O Connor, Captain Giambri, FF Brogan, Captain Reiss, IAFF Local President Kemery**

Motion by M. Jones, second by M. Cristella to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for 2/16/2022. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by M. Jones, second by M. Cristella to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 3/6/2022. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by M. Jones, second by M. Cristella to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of 4/6/2022. All in favor, motion carries.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

J. Vannoni had the following:

1. Interstate Mobile – he is looking into the cost, and what they have available for the employees.
2. Personnel Order- Joint Policy for compensation.
3. Still no response on joint meeting.
4. Brown from District # 6- joint meeting progressing.  
He met with Evans & Genzal from District # 2 on unilateral decisions. A policy will be put in place to prevent each District from making individual decisions on personnel promotions etc.
5. Haz-Mat 8 is out of service.

M. Cristella said President Stott had sent him emails concerning a few things about the building.

M. Jones said Squad 84 is out of service for a few days.

D. Vannoni had noting to report.

**CLERKS REPORT – Attached.**

#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Motion by M. Jones, second by J. Vannoni to pay the April Bills in the amount of \$54,460.07. All in favor, motion carries.

**FIRE OFFICIALS REPORT -Attached**

**CHIEFS REPORT – Attached**

Chief explained why Squad 84 is out of service.

J. Vannoni reminded him to check on the training and make sure members are aware.

Chief said Tahoe is a week out, and there was a discussion on the Tahoe.

He said Mall Chevy will deliver it here.

He asked if 848 can remain as a errand vehicle. Discussion on that topic.

Discussion on who responds to Haz Mat calls. Chief is looking into it.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT – None**

**CAPTAINS REPORT – Attached**

**FAM REPORT-** reported by Commissioner Jones who said monthly checks have been done.

J. Vannoni had a discussion on the stripping of the Chiefs vehicle. He said he will not sign off on the vehicle until it is complete.

There was a discussion between D. Vannoni and J. Vannoni on not accepting or accepting the vehicle until the computer, and all other items are received.

Motion by M. Jones, second by M. Cristella to accept all reports as read.

**ROLL CALL:** D. Vannoni – Yes, M. Cristella – Yes, J. Vannoni – No, M. Jones – Yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

J. Vannoni reported after meeting with Kirk LaBlanc from Benchmark Insurance, he has the following to report:

1. Active Firefighters are the only people covered by Workmen's Comp. Other members will be covered by the VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy.

He went on to say, the Board will only keep the firefighter files going forward, all others will be turned over to Blackwood Fire Company.

Motion by M. Jones, second by M. Cristella to adopt a resolution to approve the sale of the rescue, for \$35,000.00. All in favor, motion carries.

**ROLL CALL:** D. Vannoni- Yes, M. Cristella-Yes, J. Vannoni-Yes, M. Jones- Yes.

Motion by M. Jones, second by M. Cristella to adopt a resolution to accept the 2020 Audit as provided by Bowman & Company. All in favor, motion carries.

**ROLL CALL:** D. Vannoni - Yes, M. Cristella- Yes, J. Vannoni-Yes, M. Jones-Yes.

J. Vannoni spoke about inventory, and surplus equipment. He stated he does not want anything given away at this time, including equipment or tools from the rescue. He went on to say equipment from the rescue has disappeared. The hammer drill is missing. He would like to file a police report, as well as have the cameras reviewed.

J. Vannoni stated ISO is coming tomorrow.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

J. Vannoni discussed the Inter-Local Agreement concerning using Engine 88 as the reserve piece for both fire districts.

J. Vannoni informed the Board concerning the damage to Squad 88. He stated the cost of the repair should be split 50/50 between both Districts.

D. Vannoni agreed that it should be split 50/50 between the fire districts.

M. Jones discussed the stripping package for the new Chiefs vehicle.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cristella to approve the stripping package for the Chiefs vehicle. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Cristella, second by Commissioner Jones to approve a maintenance contract to Lawson & Company for maintenance on the compressor. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Cristella, second by Commissioner Jones to award the landscaping contract to MD's Landscaping for the year 2022. All in favor, motion carries.

#### **GOOD & WELFARE**

J. Vannoni stated the Board of Fire Commissioners need to be concerned that Blackwood Fire Company is not following procedures, or policies, and that is a backlash on operations. The Chief is in charge of operations. He said a document will be forthcoming.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Captain Reiss stated that the after-action report on the fire at Hawthorne showed there were 2 Chiefs, 3 Chiefs vehicles and none responded to the fire. It was a handicap to not have a command vehicle on the fire scene. He suggested the old command vehicle should be made available to respond, and he hopes the Board would consider that moving forward.

J. Vannoni said that is not going to happen.

There was a discussion concerning the command vehicles. J. Vannoni stated they need to tone companies until a command vehicle arrives, or add a command company.

IAFF Local 3249 President Kemery stated that previously the Chiefs vehicle was here for use. He said the vehicle needs to be here when needed.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Cristella to raise the insurance on the tower ladder. All in favor, motion carries.

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

**ROLL CALL:** D. Vannoni – Yes, M. Cristella – Yes, J. Vannoni -Yes, M. Jones -Yes

Meeting called back to order.

D. Vannoni stated 2 matters had been discussed during closed session.

The matter of the data breach investigation resulted in the Board agreeing to 1 year of credit monitoring by Life Lock not to exceed \$90.00 per person.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cristella to approve Life Lock to the members affected by the data breach not to exceed \$90.00 per person. All in favor, motion carries.

The second matter discussed will remain in closed session.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATED: April 20, 2022

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

