

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting on May 17, 2023. 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: M. Cristella, M. Jones, J. Vannoni, J. McCann

Attendees: Captain Reiss, IAFF Local President Kemery, FF Walsh, Chief Cipriano

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 4/19/2023 and the Workshop Meeting minutes of 5/3/2023. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner J. Vannoni brought up the \$5.00 per call stiped program. He will bring this up under old business.

He said he will request closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Commissioner Jones said the utility is back from the paint shop, and it is currently at Blackwood Clementon Road waiting for the sign shop to schedule it for striping. In the meantime, FAM Prendergast is mounting the equipment.

Commissioner Cristella reported that the painting at Blackwood Clementon Road is complete, and the storage container has also been painted. He is working on getting some prices on having the asphalt re-coated, and new striping.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated he wants to make sure everyone is aware, career and volunteer staff on following the chain of command. He sent an email out today, and the captains are to be the ones the career staff goes to for issues. The problem is on the split shift, with Captain Giambri, who at times seems to be overlooked. He just wanted to bring this up, so everyone is on the same page. There is some talk about adding some of this wording to the shared service agreement.

Reports:

Clerk's Report: None

Treasurers Report:

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to approve and pay the bills for May in the amount of \$40,138.03. All in favor, motion carries.

He reminded the Commissioners about reviewing the profit and loss report.

He added Vince Passarella, the new accountant is doing a fine job.

Fire Official Report: Attached

Chiefs Report: Attached

Captains Report: Attached

Presidents Report: None

Commissioner J. Vannoni added that after action reviews need to be discussed.

Commissioner McCann asked who is responsible for the reports?

Commissioner J. Vannoni said the Chief, but this will be brought up at the shared services meeting.

FAM Report: Attached

Commissioner J. Vannoni said everyone needs to be trained on the Cascade.

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

After a discussion on how to advertise the Engine 842, and the Tower Ladder, it was decided by the Board that Chief Cipriano will advertise both on GOV DEALS.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to have Chief Cipriano advertise Engine 842 for \$10,000.00 on GOV DEALS for the required period of time. All in favor, motion carries.

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

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to have Chief Cipriano advertise the Tower Ladder for \$10,000.00 on GOV DEALS for 30 days. All in favor, motion carries.

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

Commissioner J. Vannoni discussed the contract for Blackwood Fire Company. He said the document states exactly what the Board is expecting from Blackwood Fire Company, and also needs to be clear what is expected on both sides. He said the Chief is working with the Active Force Committee to come up with ideas that could improve Blackwood Fire Company. He went on to speak about the \$5.00 per call stipend program. The General Order states, only members who meet the requirements will be paid the stipend. Members who respond to calls, and staff apparatus. SCBA qualification for interior firefighter. Minimum of 1-year active membership to Blackwood Fire Company. Probationary members and Juniors are excluded. Duty crews' members qualify for the program.

The Board discussed if the 1st Quarter of 2023 stipend list that was provided by the Chief would be paid.

Solicitor Carlamere recommended that a new list needs to be provided, which follows the General Order.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated a new list will be provided.

Commissioner Cristella stated Nick Miller will go from a Cadet to a Junior firefighter.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner M. Jones to accept the application of Zachary Pham, with the 6-month probationary period. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner J. Vannoni discussed the Lexipol platform, which creates policies and is being discussed at the shared service level. He thinks it is a wonderful tool.

Commissioner J. Vannoni discussed a new training platform. Currently we are using E-Safety. This new platform is geared toward emergency services, where as E-Safety was more industrial. The new platform conforms to POSHA NJ. The cost is \$7.00 more per member than E-Safety.

Commissioner McCann asked when the contract for E-Safety expires. He said we get involved with one system, and then something else comes along, and we go with that. Prior to the first contract expiring.

Commissioner Vannoni said it expires 12.31.2023. This is not occurring with this system. He is just presenting it, and more information will follow.

GOOD & WELFARE: None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

IAFF Local 3249 President Kemery asked if any Local 3249 personnel will be discussed in closed session.

Commissioner Vannoni said no.

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

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

Meeting called back to order.

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

Commissioner Cristella said the topics discussed in closed session will remain closed at this time.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATED: May 17, 2023

BY: _____
Michael Jones, Secretary