

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting on May 18, 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, J. McCann, M. Jones

Attendees: Chief Cipriano, Captain Reiss, FF O'Connor, IAFF President Kemery

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cristella to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 4/20/2022. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Cristella, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of 5/4/202. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Jones reported the new Chiefs vehicle is in service as of today.

Air bottles are being sent out in waves for hydro testing.

Commissioner J. Vannoni reported Greg Butler is currently attending Firefighter 1.

There was a closeout for the Safer Grant for O'Connor, he thanked Captain Reiss and Administrative Clerk Fini.

The Exhaust Vent Grant was also closed out, again thank you to Captain Reiss, and Administrative Clerk Fini.

FF Ricciardelli completed EVOC , and is continuing with his driver training.

FAM Prendergast, FF Woods and FF Ricciardelli completed Auto Extrication 2.

Live Burn training was coordinated by Captain Reiss and Chief Cipriano, multiple volunteers attended as well as 4 career staff.

The Workmen's Comp Insurance will be renewing, and he is waiting on the Chief for information to forward to the insurance broker.

Commissioner McCann had nothing.

Commissioner Cristella stated the compressor has been fixed.

There is a small leak in the roof at BCR, and it was fixed under the warranty from the roofer.

Clerks Report: Attached

Treasurers Report: Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to approve paying the May bills in the amount of \$128,310.28. All in favor, motion carries. In addition you have the profit and loss sheet, please review it and if there are any questions you can contact the Clerk.

Commissioner J. Vannoni said he spoke to Bill Robb, and we are now paying \$6.00 a gallon for fuel.

Commissioner Jones asked why they are paying as much as people are paying at the pump. He said normally, the fuel should be a little over \$1.00 less than the prices at the pump.

There was a discussion by the Board on why Squad 88 is not fueling up at GTPW. It will be brought up at the next OPS Meeting, since the fuel at GTPW is less expensive.

Fire Official Report: Attached

Chiefs Report: Attached

Also, new PPE Grant, he said the Board should apply.

The Chief and the Fire Official had a meeting at the outlets today. The outlets will be hosting a carnival mid-July.

Captains Report: Attached

FAM Report: Attached

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

Old Business:

Commissioner J. Vannoni said they are getting information on dash cameras. It has been a unanimous decision on getting the forward-facing cameras. No audio, and there are differences of opinions on the in-ward facing cameras.

Commissioner D. Vannoni asked why the Board would not do in-ward facing, it would remove any liability on the driver.

Commissioner J. Vannoni said he has no problem with in-ward facing.

Captain Reiss stated the equipment they plan on purchasing has all 3 options, so new equipment would not have to be purchased.

There was further discussion on the cameras, and it was decided a decision would be made at the joint OPS Meeting.

The discussion then turned to Squad 84, and it was stated by the Chief that piece of apparatus is already outfitted with cameras.

Commissioner wants something in writing from Campbells that they are in place and working.

Commissioner D. Vannoni voted for in-ward and out-ward facing cameras, and they should be on anytime the lights and sirens are on, and it is responding at emergency speed.

Commissioner J. Vannoni had the following:

- A. The Durango was taken out of commissioner, because it had deteriorated, and cannot respond to emergency calls. So, the use of it as a duty officers' truck is not to be considered. Commissioner Jones said correct. Commissioner J. Vannoni is opposed to it being used as an emergency vehicle. To be used as a run about, stores etc.
- B. County Haz-Mat is responding to Haz Mat calls in District 4.
- C. Hammer drill has been located.
- D. ISO audit completed. Thanked Chief, Captain Reiss, FAM and Fire Official Urso, for flow testing.
- E. Ladder testing is not being done properly, has to be done yearly.
- F. Officer development needs to be addressed. Training standards for the ISO is much more stringent, than it is for the State of New Jersey. He will discuss with the Chief.

D. Shared reserve Engine 88 policy. The board signed off on the price sharing addendum last month. There was a 4 to one vote, with Commissioner D. Vannoni voting against it. This is the policy; it is split 50/50. The question arose what if two pieces are out of service where does the reserve engine go? If Chews gets the reserve engine, the career staff will be housed at our station. We will always have an engine in both districts, ready for service.

Commissioner McCann had some comments, and questions on the resolution:

It is written in there that notice to terminate can be done in 90 days. If that were to happen, how would we manage to overcome the shortage of funds to pay Chews Landing portion of the payment. It states the district doing the terminating, will be liable for any fees, or penalties associated with the termination. That does not cover the truck payment. We would be out of luck.

Commissioner Cristella said that is water under the bridge, that should have been discussed and put in writing before the truck purchase was made.

There was a discussion on the topic, and it was decided that was a question for Solicitor Carlamere.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner McCann to adopt the policy for the Shared Reserve Engine. All in favor, except for Commissioner D. Vannoni, who voted no.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated he raised the insurance on the Tower Ladder.

Commissioner D. Vannoni raised the question about taking over the LEA's of District # 3. There was a long discussion concerning the topic. Commissioner McCann asked if this could be tabled until the Workshop.

Motion by Commissioner McCann. second by Commissioner Jones to table the discussion on District # 3 until the Workshop. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner D. Vannoni stated the County has paid for a new Cad Program. It will put 3 different systems into one. Iron Compass will no longer be needed, nor will ESP. No cost to us.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to switch to the new County system. All in favor, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated the cutters broke.

Commissioner Cristella stated the new door construction will begin soon. The cost of the renovation of the engine bay was discussed, along with the new meeting room.

Motion by Commissioner Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones, to allow the Chief to donate equipment to charity, with a list given to the Board to remove it from inventory. All in favor, motion carries.

GOOD & WELFARE

None.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner 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, J. McCann- yes.

Meeting called back to order.

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

Commissioner D. Vannoni stated several personnel topics were discussed. They will remain in closed session at this time.

Motion by Commissioner D. Vannoni, second by Commissioner M. Cristella to name Captain F. Reiss Deputy Chief.

Commissioner McCann asked if there was a plan in place to make this change.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni to table this discussion until the next meeting.
All in favor, motion carries.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATED: May 18, 2022

BY: _____
Secretary Michael Jones.