

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting on June 16, 2021. The meeting took place 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.

## **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Jones (here)    Commissioner McCann (here)  
Commissioner D. Vannoni (here)    Commissioner J. Vannoni (here)

Attendees: Chief Cipriano, FF Klingberg, Solicitor Carlamere, FF Kemery, FF Walsh

Commissioner Jones reported the plimo-vent system at Station # 2 is complete. The cost was \$39,841.09, and we received a grant of \$36219.09, so the total cost to the district was \$3622.00. He thanked Captain Reiss for seeing this project thru.

He has ordered 3 new chain saws. Also, new cameras have been installed at Blackwood Clementon Road.

Also, he has contacted Arthur Door, as the large bay door Blackwood Clementon Road needs to be re-done. He is getting an estimate to have the work done.

842 is currently at Buds, and they are having an issue getting the parts.

Commissioner McCann reported that Squad 88 will be picked up tomorrow, and will be brought back to Station # 1, where it will stay until after the OPS Meeting, when it will be moved to Station # 2.

Commissioner J. Vannoni reported that we have received a new quote on our Workmen's Comp Insurance, and 7710 Insurance had the best price. The broker would be Nottingham Insurance, which is also the same company District # 2 currently has.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner McCann to pass a Resolution making 7710 Insurance, Nottingham Insurance as the new insurance broker. All in favor, motion carries.

## **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Jones (yes)    Commissioner McCann (yes)  
Commissioner D. Vannoni (yes)    Commissioner J. Vannoni (yes)

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated there is a voucher for a treadmill that was purchased prior to him taking office. He wanted everyone to know, a purchase order must be filled out and approved, prior to anything being ordered. He will not sign for any purchases that do not follow that procedure.

Also, he will make sure the Board stays informed on such topics as the overtime policy, the shared service with District # 6. He wants everyone to be on board and informed.

The OPS Meeting minutes will be sent to the Board once they are complete.

He has asked the Chief for the driver training policy.

Stripping for the new Squad will be discussed tomorrow night at the OPS Meeting.

Factory training will be conducted, and overtime has been approved for the career staff to complete that training.

Hose has been ordered.

Haz Mat he has no answers on that at this time. He asked the Chief who responded to the call in Voorhees?

The Chief replied Engine 88 responded.

Commissioner D. Vannoni had nothing at this time.

## **CORROSPONDENCE**

One letter of interest has been received for the Commissioner position that is open.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to pay the bills for June in the amount of \$26,585.85. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner J. Vannoni questioned the voucher for \$9980.00 for cameras.

Commissioner Jones said that voucher is for new cameras at Station # 2, because the original cameras were not working properly.

The check District # 4 received for the interest on the Peapack Gladstone Account, \$494.66 will be split with Fire District # 2. A check will be sent to them for \$247.33.

## **FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT**

None

## **CHIEFS REPORT**

Attached.

The Chief reported 4 Jr. Firefighter will be signed up for FF one.

The boat, trailer, motor was sold for \$2200.00.

The joint COVID Policy has gone back and forth with District # 2, and he will bring it up at the OPS Meeting.

Commissioner Vannoni asked why the Board is not mandating vaccines. He feels employees should be required to be vaccinated. The legal rights of doing that were discussed.

Solicitor Carlamere said he will look into the legal end of it, and he will get back to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner D. Vannoni, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to pass a resolution to amend the COVID Policy for Fire District # 4 to be if any member, visitor or employee has not

received the vaccine, they must wear a mask, in all of Fire District # 4 buildings. Proof of the vaccine can be shown to the Clerk. The change in policy will be effective June 17, 2021 @ 12:00 Midnight.

## **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Jones (abstain)    Commissioner McCann (yes)  
Commissioner D. Vannoni (yes)    Commissioner J. Vannoni (yes)

Commissioner J. Vannoni and the Board had a discussion on the fill in program for District # 6. The insurance coverage, payroll and other items were discussed. It was decided that Chief Breezy needs to submit his requirements, and what District # 6 will cover in writing. Payroll to all eligible members will be done by District # 6.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner McCann to advertise a Special Meeting for Monday 6/21/2021 at 7:00 PM, to discuss and decide on the Fill in Program for District # 6. All in favor, motion carries.

Chief said the trailer tag for the boat trailer has been given to FAM Prendergast.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to accept the resignation letter of Commissioner Grady effective 5/25/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

The Board discussed re-organization, and it was decided that Commissioner J. Vannoni would be the Personnel Director, as well as to take Commissioner Grady's other responsibilities, as well as insurance. Commissioner McCann will take water. Commissioner D. Vannoni will be the back up for the OPS Meetings.

Motion by Commissioner D. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to accept the re-organization, as discussed. All in favor, motion carries.

Chief Cipriano said he applied for funds, to reimburse the fire company for the Mansfield Fire. The Board stated the funds should go back to the Fire District, as they pay for the apparatus, workmen's comp for the members.

Commissioner McCann would like to go to the final inspection of Squad 84, and Commissioner J. Vannoni said he would like to go also.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Vannoni said the joint Overtime Policy will be discussed at the OPS Meeting.

Commissioner McCann brought up that maybe the OPS Committee should also have a Financial Advisory Committee to deal with financial issues that arise with the Engine 88 Program. He said it was recommended by the Auditor.

Commissioner Vannoni said he would put it on the agenda for the OPS Meeting.

## **GOOD & WELFARE**

None.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

FF Klingberg questioned the insurance and the lettering on the fire prevention trailer.

FM Urso said the lettering will be done within the next few weeks.

FF Klingberg said he would like to be considered to fill the vacant Commissioner position.

He was told to send a letter of interest. By the close of business 7/6/2021.

The Board said a decision will be made at the July Regular Meeting.

FF Kemery stated the Board needs to stop thinking singerly, and he said by making amendment to the COVID Policy the Board is jumping the chain of command. He asked it to be rescinded.

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

## **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Jones (yes) Commissioner McCann (yes)  
Commissioner D. Vannoni (yes) Commissioner J. Vannoni (yes)

Personnel matter discussed in closed session will remain closed at this time.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATED: June 16, 2021

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Michel Jones