

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District #4 held a Regular Meeting on July 15, 2020. Dur to COVID-19, and restrictions on social distancing, the meeting was held in the engine room at 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 Vannoni (absent)      Commissioner McCann (here)  
Commissioner Grady (here)      Commissioner Stavola (here)  
Commissioner Jones (here)

Motion by Commissioner Grady, second by Commissioner Stavola to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 6/17/2020. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Stavola, second by Commissioner Grady to approve the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting on 6/10/2020.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Grady to sign a purchase order tonight with Fire & Safety for the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Pumper, base model VC07 under the HGAC program at a cost of \$703,675.24. Financing will be with US Bancorp for a term of 8 years at a rate of 1.7921%. Even though Fire District # 4 will be purchasing it is understood and has been properly documented that all costs will be equally shared by Gloucester Township Fire District # 2 and # 4. All in favor, motion carries.

### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Jones (yes)      Commissioner McCann (yes)  
Commissioner Grady (yes)      Commissioner Stavola (yes)

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Stavola to sign a purchase order tonight with Campbell Supply Company for the purchase of a Spartan Rescue Pumper under HGAC program at the cost of \$713,163.00. Financing will be with US Bancorp for a term of 8 years at a rate of 1.7921%. It is understood this purchase is done solely by Fire District # 4. All in favor, motion carries.

### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Jones (yes)      Commissioner McCann (yes)  
Commissioner Grady (yes)      Commissioner Stavola (yes)

Commissioner McCann added that Ed Miller from Pierce will be picking up the PO tonight, and the one for Campbell will be faxed this evening.

Commissioner Grady had nothing.

Commissioner Stavola reported that we will be contacted for an audit for our Workmen's Comp Insurance. Also, the down payment for the Workmen's Comp Insurance for the upcoming year has been made.

Commissioner Jones reported the parts for FM vehicle have come in. He also reported a letter from District # 2 has been sent to District # 1 and District # 3. Also, District # 6 has contacted him, and would like to meet with him.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

Attached.

There was a discussion concerning the notary, and if people must be in person for the notary to notarize a document. Solicitor Carlamere stated the person must be present.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Stavola to pay the July bills in the amount of \$ 70,311.53. All in favor, motion carries.

### **FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT**

None.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Attached.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None

### **CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

None

Motion by Commissioner Grady, second by Commissioner McCann to accept all reports as read.

Commissioner McCann reported he had been to a presentation concerning social media at District # 2. He stated a Social Media Policy is being created by District # 2 and District # 4. He wanted everyone to know, that things are not protected under the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment if the person is wearing a uniform. A discussion on the topic followed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing.

## **GOOD & WELFARE**

Commissioner Stavola spoke, and said he recently lost his father. He stated he received no acknowledgement from the Fire District or Blackwood Fire Company. He realizes the Fire District is not permitted to use taxpayer dollars to send flowers, but he was very upset that the Fire Company did not respond in his time of need, and the loss went unrecognized. He vowed that will never happen again, and he will personally take on that roll to make sure everyone who has lost someone will be recognized. He will have direct contact with the President.

Commissioner Grady stated the quarantine for traveling is for non- first responders. He also added, the fill in's for Engine 88 will be discontinued.

Motion by Commissioner Grady, second by Commissioner Stavola to modify the Engine 88 fill in program. All in favor.

## **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Jones (yes)

Commissioner McCann (yes)

Commissioner Grady (yes)

Commissioner Stavola (yes)

Commissioner Stavola said FF Stott is now recovering, according to his wife.

## **COMMENT'S FROM THE FLOOR**

FF Kemery started a conversation concerning the lack of response from District # 3. He knows District # 2 sent a letter, and asked if District # 4 will send one also. He went on to site the incident at Blackwood Animal Hospital, and stated District # 3 did not respond for 18 minutes., District # 1 did respond. He stated this has become a hazard, and he feels a though this is a deliberate action by District # 3' Chief.

There was a discussion by the Board concerning the issues.

Solicitor Carlamere recommended District # 4 send its own letter to District # 1 and District # 3.

Commissioner McCann stated he would compose a letter to each of the 2 Districts.

With nothing further to discuss.

Motion by Commissioner Grady, second by Commissioner Stavola to adjourn.

Dated: July 15, 2020

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Stavola, Secretary