

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting on July 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 New Jersey State Sunshine Laws.

Commissioner: D. Vannoni, M. Cristella, J. Vannoni, M. Jones, J. McCann

Attendees: Solicitor Carlamere, IAFF Local President Kemery, Chief Cipriano

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of 7/6/2022. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Jones reported the tower ladder is currently at Buds, and it will be going to Campbells on Monday.

He thanked Commissioner Cristella for handling the emblem issue on the Chiefs vehicle.

Commissioner J. Vannoni discussed the following:

1. Condolences to Captain Reiss, on the sudden passing of his brother.
2. AM Trust is the new workmen's comp carrier. The other choice was the State plan, which is much more expensive. The information for the new carrier has been sent out, and the Chief, or Commissioner Vannoni must be notified if an injury occurs. The Clerk can also be notified if it is within her working hours.
3. He has been notified, though not confirmed, there is going to be a 24% increase in healthcare costs for 2023. We need to consider that for our 2023 budget.
4. We received 300 COVID tests form Camden County Health Department, and they are being distributed. They expire in February.
5. The 2nd Leadership/Supervisory Class was well received, and was an excellent class.
6. FF Tonelli is stepping down to an associate member.
7. The Chief sent out an article on response to fires, and ironically, I have a complaint about one of our firefighters, and how they were responding, which I will bring up in closed session.

Commissioner Cristella stated Be Safe was out at BCR, and replaced the sensor. Hopefully this will fix the issue.

Commissioner D. Vannoni asked if the Board can discontinue firefighters using blue lights. He suggested the Bord, or Blackwood Fire Company stop issuing permits for blue lights.

Solicitor Carlamere will look into it.

There was a discussion on the use of blue lights.

Clerks Report: Attached

Treasurers Report:

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to pay the July bills in the amount of \$100,536.41. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McCann spoke about the profit and loss sheet, and if there are issues in your areas, speak to him or the Clerk.

Fire Official Report: Attached

First Due, there are issues with the fire inspections on the site. The forms are not available.

Commissioner Jones asked if the trailer can be checked, prior to the Fire Official ordering new products for Fire Prevention month.

No reports from FAM, President or Captain.

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

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to pay the Chief his stipend, \$5,000.00 in one lump sum. Next year the stipend will be paid on a monthly basis. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner D. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to fuel Squad 88, starting in August, at GTPW. Fire District # 4 will bill Fire District # 2 for ½ of the cost. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Cristella to go with AM Trust as the new workmen's comp carrier. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner J. Vannoni suggested getting rid of the old treadmill, and getting used equipment from Voorhees. No paperwork will be involved.

New Business:

Commissioner J. Vannoni reported that this is the first meeting since Commissioner D. Vannoni's email, and the appointment of K. Young has not happened as of this meeting.

Commissioner D. Vannoni stated he heard District # 2 held a Special Meeting.

Commissioner J. Vannoni said he did not know the results of that meeting, but he and Commissioner Jones are meeting with Commissioner Genzel and Evans tomorrow night.

Commissioner J. Vannoni would like to meet with 2 Commissioners from District # 2 on a monthly basis, to try to push things along at the Commissioner level, not the operations level.

Commissioner D. Vannoni said he will get numbers from District # 3, and will push that forward. He is no longer interested in tableting things, waiting for them to get off the pot.

Commissioner D. Vannoni would like to see one supervisor over Squad 88, and joint LEA's between the 2 Districts. If it is one person to oversee Squad 88, and another person to oversee the Fire prevention offices, that is fine with him.

Commissioner J. Vannoni said the rummers are that District # 4 wants nothing to do with District # 2, and we are ready to pull out.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner D. Vannoni to support the dual role of Fire Official/Battalion Chief, to streamline the Fire Official Office, and to investigate one Battalion Chief and one Fire Official, as well as inclusion of other LEA'S. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner D. Vannoni wanted it noted that the Union does not support the hiring of K. Young, as it is a part of the bargaining unit work, and it is a part time employee taking the place of a full-time employee.

Good & Welfare: None

Comments from the Floor:

Chief Cirpiano wanted to know the cost of the treadmill that broke.
Commissioner Vannoni said it was just what we paid for it; he believes was \$1500.00.

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: 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.

All items discussed in closed session will remain closed at this time.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATED: July 20, 2022

BY: _____
Michael Jones, Secretary

