

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting on 9/23/2020 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 Vannoni (here)    Commissioner McCann (here)  
Commissioner Grady (absent)    Commissioner Stavola (here)  
Commissioner Jones (here)

Attendees: Solicitor Carlamere, Captain Reiss, FAM Prendergast, FF Woods, Chief Cipriano, FF Walsh, FF Imielinski, FF Kemery

Motion by Commissioner Stavola, second by Commissioner Vannoni to approve the Regular meeting minutes of 8/9/2020. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Vannoni, second by Commissioner Stavola to approve the Workshop meeting minutes of 9/2/2020. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Vannoni, second by Commissioner Stavola to approve the Joint/Special meeting minutes of 9/23/2020. All in favor, motion carries.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

The Commissioners did not have anything to report at this time.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

None

## **CORROSPONDENCE**

None

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner, second by Commissioner Stavola to pay the bills in the amount of \$37,023.48. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Stavola to hold budget meeting on the following dates, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/28, 11/4 Saturday 11/7 at 10:00 AM 11/11. All in favor, motion carries.

## **FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT**

The Fire Official did not submit a report.

Commissioner Jones asked if inspections have begun, and Commissioner Vannoni replied they had.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Chief's report is attached, along with the draft of the Social Media Policy.

Solicitor Carlamere approved the Agreement for Fire Structures, with a few minor changes.

Chief Cipriano added that a speaker will be holding an information meeting on 10/10, and 10/24 to speak about consolidation.

Motion by Commissioner Vannoni, second by Commissioner Stavola to approve the agreement with the said changes. All in favor, motion carries.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None

## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Attached.

Captain Reiss stated the consolidation meetings should be open to the public, with no public comment, so the membership would be able to be present.

He went on to ask the Board to recognize the career staff as members of BFC, and there should be a Bi-Law change to reflect that change.

Motion by Vannoni, second by Stavola to recognize the GTFD4 career staff as full-time members of Blackwood Fire Company. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McCann stated he would comprise a letter to Blackwood Fire Company.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner McCann stated District # 3 would like to meet, District # 1 has not reached out yet.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Vannoni to hold a Special Meeting on 10/14/2020, at 6:00 to 9:00 PM for the vote concerning the AFG Grant and the diesel fuel exhaust system. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McCann spoke about the joint meeting.

Also, he added the approximate delivery dates for new Engine 88 is 5/2021, and Engine 842 8/2021.

Commissioner Jones spoke about the sale of the boat, motor and trailer. Only one bid was received, and it was far below the asking price for the motor.

Motion by Commissioner Stavola, second by Commissioner Vannoni to reject the bid. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Vannoni, second by Commissioner Stavola to re-advertise form the sale of the boat, motor and trailer. All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Jones said he has not had a response from calls and emails to District # 6.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Vannoni that he and Commissioner Grady will be talking to the IAFF Local 3249 concerning their contract on Saturday night. They will reach out to the Clerk in the near future.

Commissioner McCann reported that the spec sheet for a new Chiefs vehicle is \$65,000.00, and it would be no bid as it is a State Contract.

He suggested the Board discuss this matter at the next Workshop.

Commissioner Jones suggested that the sale of the Engine and the Rescue be discussed at the next Workshop.

Clerk Fini brought up that Dr. Schulte's and staff will be leaving Jefferson Health at the end of December. They will be moving .7 miles away from where they currently are.

Commissioner Vannoni said the police department is now with INSPERIA health that is directly across from the Township Hall. They have occupational capabilities. He suggested we look into that, as it would be much more convenient.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Vannoni to accept the Cadet application of Aden Smith, with the normal 6-month probationary period. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Vannoni, second by Commissioner Stavola to accept the Firefighter application for James Alvin, with normal 6-month probationary period. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Vannoni, second by Commissioner Stavola to accept the Cadet application of Michael Simone with the normal 6-month probationary period. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Vannoni, second by Commissioner Stavola to accept the Cadet application for Summer Genarie with the normal 6-month probationary period, and as long as the investigative committee comes back clean. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Vannoni to accept the Cadet application for Michael McGlockin, with the normal 6-month probationary period. All in favor, motion carries.

## **GOOD & WELFARE**

Commissioner McCann told the story of a previous Blackwood Firefighter who was in need of the Firemen's Retirement Home, and with John McCann's help, he was approved to begin residing there.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Chief Cipriano asked if maybe Walt Spain would be interested in going there.

Captain Reiss asked the Board to consider reducing the \$87,000.00 in rent it pays Blackwood Fire Company to lease the building, so that the Board may be able to hire a 5<sup>th</sup> firefighter, since it is the 2021 Budget process.

With nothing further to discuss.

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

DATED: September 23, 2020

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

