

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting on September 8, 2021. This 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.

ROLL CALL

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

Attendees: Chief Cipriano, FF Klingberg, Solicitor Carlamere, Local 3249 President K. Kemery, Captain Reiss,

Motion by Commissioner M. Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to amend the agenda for the meeting for Solicitor Carlamere to give advice on the selling of fire apparatus. All in favor, motion carries.

There was a discussion between the Board and Solicitor Carlamere on the selling of apparatus. It was stated by Solicitor Carlamere that bids must go out to sell, if the asking price will be above the \$7500.00 threshold. He suggested making a minimum bid value, for the bid process. He was asked if it was sold to a nonprofit, did it still have to go out for bids. He will research that information.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated he did not want to jump into this, and would like to research it. His feeling is he would like the Board to get as much as possible from the sale of the apparatus. Commissioner McCann agreed.

Solicitor Carlamere then said if it is advertised without a minimum bid, the Board would then have the right to reject all bids, which may work better.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner McCann to advertise on Gov Deals, Courier Post, social media as well as Facebook Marketplace for not less than 30 days, with a date to submit all bids. All in favor, motion carries.

The Chief said he would get a spec sheet for the apparatus.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to approve the meeting minutes of 7/7/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner McCann to approve the meeting minutes of 9/1/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the meeting minutes of 7/21/2021. All in favor, motion carries.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Vannoni reported the following:

1. The volunteer MOA with District # 6 has been signed and approved with the Workmen's Comp now the responsibility of District # 6.
2. Time Off Issues: He has discussed with the captains the new time off policy along with the joint OPS Committee. The minimum staffing has always been a strong standard, with the minimum set at 3. Approved time off will keep that minimum staffing of 3.

Commissioner D. Vannoni stated he thinks all training should go through the captains.

3. Repository Protection is being worked on.
4. Cooperative Training is also being worked on.
5. FF Crowley is no longer a firefighter.
6. Administrator Robb has sent out an addendum to the shared service Reserve Engine 88. End of the deprecation charge as of June 30, 2021. Wording needs to be amended- to say it is equally owned by both districts.

The question was raised, as far as when it is sold, does District # 4 get a portion of the sale.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to table a vote on the addendum until it is re-written. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner McCann making it mandatory that all purchases must have a signed purchase order prior to ordering. Nothing will be purchased without an approved purchase order. All in favor, motion carries.

7. Commissioner J. Vannoni discussed Management Training.
8. Commissioner J. Vannoni reminded the Board that the retirement for Captain Adamotis is 9/17/2021.
9. The 9/11 ceremony will be Saturday 9/11 at 8:00 AM at Chews.
10. The Social Media Policy and Digital Imaging policy is on E-Safety as the operational policy addresses it.

Commissioner D. Vannoni said he does not want any personal cameras on the fire scenes.

Commissioner J. Vannoni said the Board needs to follow the chain of command, and give the Chief time to get the policies/directives adopted.

11. Commissioner J. Vannoni said the training management program he is looking to do has come highly recommended from other Fire Districts.
12. Commissioner J. Vannoni said on the captain's test, Administrator Robb has been working with the representative from Civil Service. Local 3249 President Kemery has been trying to get information on making one list for both District # 2 and District # 4.
13. Commissioner J. Vannoni said he feels the need to hold a Joint Commissioner Meeting with District #2.

Commissioner McCann added he thinks both District need a financial group.

14. Commissioner J. Vannoni stated a career firefighter applied for a collage reimbursement of \$1200.00. The career firefighter obtained his degree in criminal justice, which is a relatable subject.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner McCann to make Criminal Justice a relatable field for the collage reimbursement program, now and going forward. All in favor, motion carries.

15. The Board discussed the Power DMS System, the pros and cons. The Board decided to go with the DMS System at a cost of 60 members @ \$4013.00 per year.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to get Power DMS, the system that has all policies, directives and operational guidelines. All in favor, motion carries.

TREASURERS REPORT

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to pay the September bills in the amount of \$19,696.42. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Jones to hold 2022 Budget Meetings on 9/22, 10/13,10/27 at 7:00 PM, and Saturday 10/30 at 2:00 PM. All in favor, motion carries.

FIRE OFFICIALS REPORT

None.

CHIEFS REPORT

Attached.

The Chief added that 2 firefighters have been removed, Crowley and Giorla.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

None.

CAPTAINS REPORT

Captain Reiss reported that it is not looking good for the hose grant at this time.

Commissioner D. Vannoni thanked Commissioner J. Vannoni and Local 3249 President Kemery for getting a Chief (Frank Reiss) to step in in the absence of Chief Cipriano and Assistant Chief Coucoulas.

Commissioner Jones stated there is a need for a Chiefs Vehicle. He said the doors are leaking, and the dash lights come on.

Commissioner McCann asked what the Board would do if the vehicle broke down tomorrow? Also, where is the \$70,000.00 coming from?

Special Election was discussed by the Board.

Commissioner Jones stated an all-wheel drive vehicle does not need a Special Election.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to hold a Special Election on October 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM All in favor, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

FF Klingberg suggested they look into a used vehicle.

Commissioner D Vannoni said that was not an option, since a state contract has no bid.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Back in session.

ROLL CALL

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

The personnel issued discussed during closed session will remain closed at this time.

Discussion by the Board on combining the Captains Test with District # 2, and postponing the Civil Service Test for District # 4 for one year.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner McCann to notify Civil Service to postpone the Captains Civil Service Test for the year 2021 to 2022. All in favor, motion

carries.

Motion by Commissioner D. Vannoni, second by Commissioner Jones to purchase Power DMS for 3 years. All in favor, motion carries.

With no further business to discuss.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to adjourn. All in favor, carries.

DATED: September 8, 2021

BY: _____
Michael Jones, Secretary