

REGULAR MEETING JUNE 15, 2016

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Regular Meeting in the meeting room of Blackwood Fire Company on June 15, 2016. This meeting has been properly advertised according to the State of New Jersey Sunshine Laws.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Coucoules (absent)	Commissioner Stout (here)
Commissioner McCann (here)	Commissioner Simone (here)
Commissioner Vannoni (absent)	

Attendees: Local 3249 Shop Steward F. Reiss

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner Simone to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 18, 2016. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner Simone to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of June 1, 2016. All in favor, motion carries.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No reports from Chairman Vannoni or Operations Commissioner Coucoules.

Commissioner Simone reported that Chief Vannoni said he had contacted Merchantville Doors and said he had gotten a proposal from them on how to fix the doors at Station # 2 the proper way, but he stated he has not yet seen it. He said the Chief said it was in his mailbox, but it was not there. He said he is still waiting for Aqua concerning the water line at Station # 2. He said they are dragging their feet, as they have been contacted multiple times and we still have not heard anything. He said he still needs to install the poles around the generator.

Commissioner Stout stated they had a drill at Station # 2 last night, and he asked Commissioner Simone if the painting of the steps was a work in progress.

Commissioner Simone said they have not yet been painted, and he had forgotten completely about it. He also stated the doors and the poles at Station # 2 were part of the violations by the Fire Marshall, so he needs to get that done.

Commissioner McCann said so that is a code violation, so we want to make sure the poles get done so we can be in compliance. That needs to take priority.

Commissioner Stout stated that everyone has an audit report from Bowman, and he feels as though the most important thing is page 13, and it states, and this is the LOASP Audit that was were no discrepancies in the audit. In the Audit of the Board of Fire Commissioners, page 74, states everything was in compliance and there were no discrepancies. He stated he had an exit conference report, and every Board member was given one, he wanted to note page 2, where is shows our financial liabilities to the pension and the career people. He said that is the most important, and he went on to say there is a spread sheet that shows 2014 & 2015 which also shows pension payment. He feels as though the State is trying to put the pension burden on the Fire District's more, or as he should say pension deficiencies. That is all part of the audit now. He would like the Board members to read that page.

Commissioner Stout read the resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner Simone to pass a resolution confirming the receipt and reading of the 2015 Audit.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Stout (yes) Commissioner Simone (yes)
Commissioner McCann (yes)

Commissioner McCann thanked Treasurer Stout and the office staff for once again having a good audit, and stated that there were no discrepancies or finding reported.

CLERK'S REPORT

Commissioner Stout read the report:

1. All the required paperwork for Republic Bank has been taken to them, and the process is moving all well. We are currently waiting on account numbers and the changeover will begin. We will then find out the requirements to exit TD Bank.
2. Gloucester Township approved the shared services agreement on Monday night, and we will be receiving the written agreement, at which time it can be reviewed and signed.
3. Everything for the audit has been completed, the publication, copies of the audit was sent to the State of NJ as well as Gloucester Township and Bowman, and a copy has been placed in everyone's mailbox.

Commissioner McCann asked if it will be an issue if the paperwork for the shared services agreement is not signed until the next meeting.

Commissioner Stout said no, but we just want to make sure of what it states as far as hourly rate, etc. He went on to say the resolution for the shared services agreement was done at the last meeting, so maybe at the workshop we can sit down and discuss it.

Commissioner McCann asked that the Clerk put the shared services agreement on the Workshop agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stout reported that 2 checks he wants to make note:

1. The check to Winner Ford will be held until Pete is sure the truck has all the specifications he ordered.
2. The check for Sign Pros will not be issued until the lettering of the truck is complete.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner Simone to pay the regular bills in the amount of \$54,058.70. All in favor, motion carries.

Review your profit and loss and all you line items.

Commissioner Stout said we received an invoice for dues in the amount of \$300.00 for the NJ State Association of Fire Districts, that we will pay next month, and he wanted to make it clear that both he and Commissioner McCann attend the, meeting every year at the convention, and he feels as though the get a lot of good information from those meetings. He would like to continue the Board being in it.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner Simone to pay the dues for the NJ State Association of Fire Districts when we get a signed voucher. All in favor, motion carries.

FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT

None

CHIEF'S REPORT

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner Simone to accept all reports as written. All in favor, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner McCann the Safety Committee had its first meeting last Wednesday, and all 5 members of the committee were present. He said they committee decided that if there was a fire call they all would attend to the call. Each member discussed what they would like to see accomplished by the group. The then stated a few ideas was safety messages to all members, let the committee review all reported injuries, compare our injury records to other fire districts, and try to work to lower our workmen's comp premium, which is substantial. The next meeting date is July 27, 2016 at 7:00.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner McCann stated that the letter form the Local 3249 will be under new business. The letter from the Local 3249 that was received today, and a copy has been made available to everyone asks that Fire District # 2 and Fire District # 4 consider the shared services as far as career staff as to better our responses 24 hours a day. He recommended that the letter be put on the agenda for the next Workshop. Commissioner Mccann said he would like to see the 2 Fire Districts sit down and talk, if we are permitted to sit down and talk in a closed session as it does involve personnel. He would like to talk about the economics and the relationship of the districts in regard to this idea. Local 3249 Shop Steward Reiss said he would like to share some ideas with us once the meeting is complete.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Commissioner McCann said he will get a card for W. Spain and have everyone sign it.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

With no further business to discuss.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner Simone to adjourn.

DATED: June 15, 2016

BY: _____
Michael Simone, Secretary