

A Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday May 4, 2016 by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4. This meeting has been properly advertised according to the State of New Jersey Sunshine Laws.

ROLL CALL

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

Attendees: Local 3249 Shop Steward Reiss, FF W. Spain

Commissioner Simone reported that the fire rated doors have been installed at Station # 2. The generator at Station # 2 has been repaired it had a loose wire. He stated we are still waiting on an estimate from Merchantville Overhead Doors to see what it would be to have the doors installed correctly at Station # 2. Also, the estimate for the posts at Station # 2 is \$3800.00. He thinks that money may have to go to the door repair. He said he will install the 3 posts around the generator by the end of next week.

Commissioner Vannoni said he emailed President Miller and asked permission to re-do the office. He stated the money was in the budget, and he would at least like to start getting the walls painted, and maybe a wanes coating on the bottom.

Commissioner Coucoules started by saying he knows nothing about the new truck, and he did not know the color had been changed to white. He said Ladder 84 had all the major issues rectified, the Rescue had issues rectified and 842 all issues rectified, with the exception of the water gauges. The parts had to be ordered, and we take it when the parts are in. He said the truck will go to the body shop for repair from the accident. He will try to get in touch with Public Works, to see about doing repairs on the trucks. Ward replaced all the filters, and they should be good for 2-4 years.

Commissioner Stout said currently TD Bank is waving all the fees, but as of July they will start to charge us fees, some which may be waived if we maintain a certain balance in our accounts. We are currently waiting on proposals from PNC Bank, and Republic Bank and he said he will present them to the Board at the next Regular meeting. He said we are scheduled for the audit exit interview next Wednesday. After speaking with President Miller, the duty crew money @

\$15.00 per man will continue to be paid after the Boards \$3,000.00 runs out, and Blackwood Fire Company has assured us they will continue to pay.

Commissioner McCann stated that the Safety Committee has been established, and he asked the Board if there should be an associate member, but the Board felt as though 5 was sufficient for right now. He stated FF Reiss represents the Union on the committee and he will get with him to figure out dates that would be good for everyone. He also stated the Clerk will be present to take minutes, as that was a part of the recommendations.

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner Simone to go into closed session to discuss contractual issues. All in favor, motion carries.

Meeting called back to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Coucoules (here) Commissioner Stout (here)
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Commissioner Vannoni (here)

Commissioner Vannoni reported that modifications will be made to the existing contract and it will be discussed by the Board at the next regular meeting.

Local 3249 Shop Steward Reiss stated that he would provide the Board with a copy of the numbers he reported at the last meeting on the staffing issues with Fire District # 4 . He went on to discuss with the Board the problems with the staffing numbers and suggested to the Board that they think out of the box when it comes to addressing the problems. Again he stated that staffing is a real problem, and that the level of accountability, even with the volunteers needs to be addressed. He then went on and discussed consolidation, and what he sees as a plan for the future.

Commissioner Vannoni suggested to the Board that they pass a recommended consolidation resolution, similar to the one that was passed in Hamilton Township, showing that Fire District # 4 is willing to be a part of the consolidation of all Gloucester Township Fire Districts .

A discussion took place on the proposed resolution, and the Board was not in agreement that this is something they would like to enter into. It will be further discussed at the regular meeting.

With no further business to discuss.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner Simone to adjourn. All in favor, motion carries.

DATE: May 4, 2016

BY: _____
Michael Simone, Secretary