

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Workshop Meeting on March 2, 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 State of New Jersey Sunshine Laws.

**Commissioners:** D. Vannoni, J. Vannoni, J. McCann, M. Jones, M. Cristella

**Attendees:** FF Walsh, FF Kemery, Captain Reiss

1. The Board had a discussion concerning the auxiliary applications, and if the Board would receive those. The question came up, if the auxiliary members are covered by insurance.  
Discussion changed to if members going from a Jr. to Sr., level need to have a physical, and fill out a new application. It was stated Cadets go to their own doctor for a physical.
2. Commissioner J. Vannoni brought up the subject of plowing the parking lots for snow. He stated the Board was charged 10 hours of OT for the last storm, which he felt as though was excessive. He said the truck going home with the person plowing, should not be allowed. He asked who should be allowed to plow? Career staff only?  
Commissioner D. Vannoni said he thinks the on-duty career staff should plow, and that should be made the normal moving forward.  
Commissioner J. Vannoni said he will bring this subject up at the Joint OPS Meeting, and we should have a shared service for plowing. He noted, if no one from our District is working, then OT would have to be used.  
Commissioner Jones said he did not see 10 hours as being excessive, as there was wind, ice and snow.  
Commissioner D. Vannoni asked if the Board paid him 10 hours of OT, he could at least shovel the sidewalks.  
Commissioner J. Vannoni stated this needs to be put in writing, and some guidelines put in place.  
Commissioner Cristella asked if the Board should farm this work out, therefore the vendor takes the responsibility.
3. Commissioner J. Vannoni brought up the subject of physicals and pricing. He said he reached out to another vendor to do physicals, and he has not heard back from them.
4. Commissioner J. Vannoni would like to discuss LOASP in closed session.
5. Commissioner J. Vannoni said the camera policy would be a joint policy. He stated Chews has a Dash Cam Policy, and Bill Robb is looking into it for Engine 88.
6. Commissioner J. Vannoni said the reserve engine policy is moving forward.

Commissioner Jones asked if the Board is selling 842 at some point.

Commissioner J. Vannoni said that was his understanding.

Commissioner McCann stated we have guys that have no skills on the new squad, and now they have to learn the old Engine 88, which does not make it easy on the volunteers. He said this has always been a 2-engine company, and one new piece was to replace 2, not 3. He said there was never a discussion about that.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated 842 will be kept for a while. He also added he has an agreement with Dystric # 2 that 822 will stay here, so members can train on it.

Captain Reiss asked if they would be permitted to get rid of the old parts, from the old trucks. He also stated, KME went out of business, so getting them fixed may be more difficult.

Commissioner McCann asked if District # 4 can buy half of District #2 ladder.

7. The joint meeting with District # 6 has been put off until Chris Brown gets his contract.
8. The sale of the rescue is up to \$2100.00 on Gov Deals.  
The removal of the lettering and the seals has to be done, and Commissioner J. Vannoni will coordinate with the career staff to get that done.
9. Commissioner J. Vannoni will draw up the bill of sale, and have Solicitor Carlamere review it.
10. Commissioner Jones said the title and registration for Squad 84 was acquired today.  
The title will be sent directly from DMV to US Bancorp.  
Commissioner McCann stated US Bancorp is still waiting on the audit from 2020.
11. The assignments for 2022 need to be discussed. There was a discussion on the assignments for the Commissioners, and during the discussion Commissioner Cristella could possibly take on facilities and water.
12. Commissioner D. Vannoni said he is waiting on a proposal from Ryan to update the computers.  
Commissioner Jones asked if the shared computer could be looked at.
13. Commissioner McCann would like to institute a sign in sheet for the meetings, to take accurate attendance. There was a discussion on the timeframe of meeting attendance, to be given credit for the meeting.  
Commissioner J. Vannoni stated there has to be a timeline.

Commissioner McCann stated Blackwood Fire Company does not have a policy.  
Commissioner D. Vannoni stated a meeting room is coming.

14. There was a discussion on the new shirts Blackwood Fire Company would like to purchase, and members would pay for them.

Commissioner Jones said they would say GFTD#4.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated that Blackwood Fire Company should have discussed the shirts with the Board, and presented them to the Board prior.

There was a discussion concerning the shirts.

IAFF Local President Kemery brought up the uniform policy.

15. Commissioner D. Vannoni said there has been no response to the Dispute Resolution Letter.

Motion by Commissioner J. Vannoni, second by Commissioner McCann to pass a resolution to go into closed session to discuss Personnel. All in favor, motion carries.

**ROLL CALL: D. Vannoni (yes) J. Vannoni (yes) J. McCann (yes) M. Jones (yes) M. Cristella (yes)**

Meeting called back to order.

**ROLL CALL: D. Vannoni (here) J. Vannoni (here) J. McCann (here) M. Jones (here) M. Cristella (here)**

The LOSAP list matter will remain in closed session at this time.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATED: March 2, 2022

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Michael Jones

