

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Workshop Meeting on March 3, 2021. This meeting was held via Zoom, due to Covid restrictions. This meeting has been properly advertised according to the State of New Jersey Sunshine Laws.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Vannoni (here) Commissioner Grady (here)
Commissioner McCann (here) Commissioner Jones (here)

Attendees: FM Urso, Chief Cipriano, FF Klingberg, FAM Prendergast, FF Woods, Mr. Keppen, Captain Reiss, FF Walsh

1. There was a discussion by the Board on the equipment ordered for the new Engine 88, and existing equipment that will be moved from existing apparatus. Also, it was noted by Captain Reiss, Administrator Robb inquired with FEMA concerning the Grant he wrote, without reaching out to him. He feels that put a target on Fire District # 4 back. Commissioner McCann asked if we can purchase prior to the Grant, and Captain Reiss said no, all invoices must be dated after the grant is awarded, you are not permitted to be reimbursed.
2. Commissioner McCann read an email the Clerk sent to Rick Bean, the insurance agent concerning BFC wanting to hold an event at the fire house with alcoholic beverages. Rick stated BFC would need to get in touch with him, as they would have to pay for a special rider on their policy to cover the event. Commissioner Grady and Commissioner Vannoni both did not support the idea, and said BFC should look into other venues.
3. The Co Op Plan was discussed, and the mask policy. It was determined that the plan needs to be dissolved, and a new policy for both career and volunteers should be put in place. Commissioner Grady asked the Chief to send all drafts of the policy to him, and he will review them. Commissioner Vannoni suggested putting signs on the doors that masks must be worn inside the building.
4. Chief Cipriano thanked Commissioner McCann, and everyone for all their efforts with the fire at the Howard Johnsons today.
5. Discussion on the meeting with District # 1 and # 3, and it was noted District # 1 was not invited. Commissioner McCann would like another meeting, but with the fire today, he thinks they should hold off. Commissioner Vannoni said he was told they were laughing at our offer. Commissioner Grady said the meeting was hijacked by District # 1. Commissioner Vannoni thinks they need to be told to get on Board or get out.

Chief Cipriano said District # 3 had 2 firefighters at the Howard Johnson fire, and District # 1 did nothing but complain.

There was more discussion on the topic, and Commissioner Jones stating he will not attend another meeting with them. Chief Cipriano suggested going to the Mayor. Commissioner Vannoni said the Mayor has made it clear, he wants nothing to do with it.

6. Commissioner Vannoni asked why Engine 88 did not lay in to the fire today. The Chief said they are looking into it. He said it may be because they are doing evacuations first. Commissioner Vannoni asked why do we have policies? He asked the Chief to look into it.
7. Commissioner Jones reported 7 out of 9 applications have been returned.
8. Commissioner Grady asked what are our options with having District # 6 fill in if needed. Commissioner Vannoni suggested a meeting between the Chiefs and Operations.
9. Commissioner Grady brought up the subject of a Battalion Chief, and sharing that with Chews. He said the Civil Service lists need to be combined to oversee all platoons. Commissioner Vannoni said he thought without consolidation, you could not combine the lists. Commissioner Grady said FF Kemery said you could. He said we need to move forward with this. There was a long discussion on the topic.
10. Commissioner Grady asked if inspections are being done. Commissioner Vannoni said Life Hazards are, but still using affidavits for smoke inspections. Commissioner Grady asked FM Urso if he was behind, and FM Urso said he is average on what has been done.
11. Commissioner Vannoni said Ryan, IT guy will be on vacation from March 1st thru March 5th.

With nothing further to discuss.

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

DATED: March 3, 2021

BY _____
Michael Jones, Secretary