

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Workshop Meeting on April 5, 2023. 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, M. Cristella, J. Vannoni, M. Jones, J. McCann

**ATTENDEES:** Captain Reiss, Chief Cipriano

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated FF Nogowski has not cleared probation. She has to do the full 6 months before she will become a regular firefighter.

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

**ROLL CALL:** D. Vannoni-yes, M. Cristella-yes, J. Vannoni-yes, M. Jones-yes, J. McCann-yes.

Meeting called back to order.

**ROLL CALL:** D. Vannoni-here, M. Cristella-here, J. Vannoni-here, M. Jones-here, J. McCann-here.

Commissioner D. Vannoni stated he and Commissioner Cristella met with members of Blackwood Fire Company to discuss the financial stability of the company. Under the rental agreement with them, they will provide bank statements, as well as a Treasurers report quarterly. Those reports will be signed by the President as well as the Vice President of Blackwood Fire Company. The Board will receive the quarterly.

Commissioner D. Vannoni said the Cascade is at Auto Images getting painted. There is a problem with the title, which still lists Sun Trust as the lean holder. Commissioner Paul from Lindenwold is working with Truist Bank, formally Sun Bank, to get a notified letter stating the lean has been paid off.

Commissioner J. Vannoni questioned the use of the Community Card.

Commissioner D. Vannoni said there is not a policy governing the community card, it is governed by the state, which lists what the card is permitted to be used for. He said our policy has been to only use it for things that do not accept vouchers. The list of things it may not be used for is travel, therefore they must use their personnel credit card and be reimbursed. Commissioner D. Vannoni added he does not think the card should be used for training, as when you register online, it gives you the option of using a voucher. Commissioner J. Vannoni said he will be more cognate, and will check out when the card is used for training.

There was further discussion on the cards, and possibly using PO's prior to using the card. Only 2 cards have been issued, one for David Vannoni and one for Wendy Fini.

Commissioner McCann said when the recent bank failures started, he was concerned about Republic Bank. The Administrative Clerk contacted Republic Bank, and found the government accounts are covered by GPDUA, and are insured for an unlimited amount.

Commissioner D. Vannoni said he received word from Civil Service that Clerk 2 Fini has been promoted to Administrative Clerk Fini. He requested a list from Civil Service, and once he receives the list, the Board will officially appoint her to Administrative Clerk, even though the Board has locally recognized her as the Administrative Clerk. This will make it official.

Commissioner Cristella asked if there was any movement on 842.

Commissioner J. Vannoni reported 842 is running, and he is still waiting on pricing to have it re-chassied.

Commissioner Jones reported the mechanic has reached out to Firefighter 1, and they have not gotten back to him.

There was a long discussion by the Board on what to do with both 842 and 844. Suggestions were to use 842 for parts, the ladder in particular. The idea of taking the pump off 844 and putting it on 842 will not work. Commissioner D. Vannoni brought up that Pierce has a new engine for under \$700,000.00. Commissioner J. Vannoni said if he can get 842 done for \$250,00.00 to \$300,000.00, look at how much that would save the district. Commissioner McCann asked what the time frame would be to get 842 re-done.

There was further discussion on the 2 pieces of apparatus.

Captain Reiss asked the Board if they have had enough yet. He said take that as you like.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATED: April 5, 2023

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