

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held a Workshop Meeting on April 6, 2022. This 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, J. McCann, M. Jones

ATTENDEES: FF Woods, FF O'Connor, Chief Cipriano, President Stott, Captain Reiss, FF Walsh, IAFF Local 3249 President Kemery

Motion by Commissioner McCann, second by Commissioner J. Vannoni to change the order of business, and have Betsy from Interstate Mobile speak to the Board. All in favor, motion carries.

Betsy Ciano from Interstate Mobile Care spoke to the Board about the services her company provides for physicals. Her company will come to the fire company to perform physicals for career, as well as volunteer members. There was a lengthy discussion on the subject, with Board members asking questions of concern. While Mobile Care provides the physicals, they do not provide follow up care. X-rays will be done by an outside vendor. Workmen's Comp employees would not be able to follow up Mobile Care. They follow NFPA guidelines. It was stated if the Board would change from Inspira to Interstate Mobile. It would not be until January. Commissioner J. Vannoni asked the Board to think about what was presented tonight, and this topic will be discussed going forward.

Commissioner McCann asked Commissioner D. Vannoni to have everyone at the meeting remove their hats.

Commissioner J. Vannoni spoke on the Personnel Order, which would give compensation to Captains for attending meetings. If the meeting is required it would be compensated at 1 ½ as overtime. If not required it would be comp time.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated their still has been no response from District # 2 on the joint meeting. He is still working on it.

Commissioner J. Vannoni suggested rather than going into arbitration on the Captain's position, the Boards could make it a policy going forward.

Commissioner Jones asked if the made a motion making Reiss the Chief, Urso the Captain, O'Connor the Fire Official would District # 2 have to accept that?

Commissioner J. Vannoni said yes, they would.

Commissioner J. Vannoni bought up the subject of the Joint OPS Meeting, and stated policies are on the way. Joint OPS is working.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated HAZ MAT has been disabled. There was a discussion concerning HAZ MAT.

IAFF Local 3249 President Kemery asked the Board who will now respond to HAZ MAT incidents? He suggested to the Board that they find out who will respond for us if there is a HAZ MAT incident.

Commissioner D. Vannoni said this subject needs to be discussed at the County Chiefs Meeting.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated Chief Cipriano needs to look into it.

Captain Reiss asked if he should take direction from the Chief. He asked for direction on responding to an incident where there is a HAZ MAT incident.

Commissioner D. Vannoni said he should respond in the capacity of a firefighter.

Commissioner McCann discussed the 2020 Audit, which was just received. At this point he stated we will not have an exit conference. The Board has been provided with the findings, for which there were none, and the auditor had 2 discussion topics.

Commissioner McCann asked if there is an inventory.

Commissioner J. Vannoni said he had a form when he was Chief.

There was a discussion concerning inventory.

The sale of the Rescue truck was discussed, and it was stated it would be sold to the highest bidder. The Board can accept or not accept the bid. Chief Cipriano said he has a price of \$35,000.00 and they can be here Monday with a check.

Commissioner D. Vannoni said Chief Cipriano will contact E-Safety.

Commissioner McCann reported he has heard many people state they have cheated on the lessons, as it takes time to go through 25 lessons.

Commissioner D. Vannoni replied it covers the Board.

Commissioner Jones stated the Squad is in service.

Commissioner J. Vannoni stated the insurance representative, Kirk LeBlanc has cancelled twice due to illness. He is currently scheduled to come in on Monday.

Commissioner Vannoni thanked the clerk for keeping up with emails and voice messages, even when she was out sick.

The Chief asked if equipment removed from the rescue could be given to the Fire Company, and in turn, they would donate it to Cradle of Liberty.

The Chief was told to take inventory of the equipment, and make a bill of sale.

Motion by Commissioner Cristella, second by Commissioner Jones to go into closed session to discuss Personnel. All in favor, motion carries.

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

Back from closed session.

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

Commissioner D. Vannoni stated there were 2 issues discussed in closed session. The first issue has been resolved. The second issue will remain closed, and has been turned over to Blackwood Fire Company for further investigation.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATED: April 6, 2022

BY: _____
Michael Jones, Secretary