

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 held an in-person Workshop Meeting on September 2, 2020. This meeting has been properly advertised according to the State of New Jersey Sunshine Laws.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

Attendees: Fire Official Urso, Captain Reiss, FAM Prendergast, FF Woods, FF Craig

1. Clerk Fini filled the Board in on her conversation with Melissa Ford from the Local Finance Board on how to handle the AFG Grant.
2. The joint meeting with Fire District # 2 is still in the discussion stage, with several dates being discussed. An Executive Session will be advertised as well. Commissioner Jones emailed the Mayors Office asking for permission to use their facilities. Commissioner Grady said the banquet hall at Chews can be used if needed.
3. Captain Reiss discussed the safety issues with Fire District # 3. He stated the Board can contact Tharp at the Division of Fire and Safety, and he does not believe the Board will be able to bill them for services. He suggested lodging a complaint with the Division of Fire Safety, or said you can deny service to District # 3 by the career staff, and just have the calls answered by the volunteers. He said that still does not address the problem.

Commissioner Grady asked if we should involve Rich Braslow.

Commissioner McCann stated Solicitor Carlamere was going to talk to him, so he suggested the Board to wait until they hear from Carlamere. He feels as though if the Board choses to attack District # 3 they will have to do it on their own, with an attorney. He went on to say that everyone must be very careful concerning social media, as the Board or the individual can be held responsible for their actions.

Commissioner McCann stated the Board will have to decide on Budget Workshop dates, and he will be in touch with Jeff Bowley on how to handle the truck purchase, and the Board will have to properly reserve funds. He said he will have Solicitor Carlamere at the Regular Meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Commissioner McCann asked the Board what they want to do with the letters for District # 1 and District # 3, and he would like to hear if District # 1 and District # 3 has any information they would like to relay to District # 4. He went on to say that not everyone has a high opinion of Engine 88.

It was decided the letters will go out with just Commissioner Jones signature.

Commissioner Grady stated that the Mayor meets quarterly with the Districts, and District # 3 doesn't show up, and District # 1 shows, but has nothing to say. He went on to say that all flyer mailings need to stop. He said District # 3 has not responded to District # 2.

Commissioner Grady asked how long does it take for the Board to take action on a Commissioner for not signing or showing up to meetings before something is done.

FF Kemery said the DCA told him in the past that the Board cannot take any action, as that person was voted in by the public. He went on to say as a taxpayer he has a problem paying Commissioners who do not show up for meetings.

Commissioner Grady stated the air conditioning issue on Engine 88 was a deficient mechanical issue, and they may be going after Runnemedede Refrigeration for the problem, since it came from a previous repair they made. District # 2 has asked for FAM Prendergast credentials and certifications.

Commissioner Stavola asked when the new truck comes in, and the current Engine 88 is the backup, will we still have to pay \$1200.00.

Commissioner Grady stated Administrator Robb would like to discuss that at the joint meeting.

Commissioner Jones has nothing to update on District # 6, and he has sent another email to them.

The Board discussed a new Chiefs Vehicle, and the question was raised to convert the FM Vehicle into a command vehicle. Commissioner Jones replied that is the FM Vehicle. Commissioner McCann suggested the FM use the other pick up truck, and turn the FM Vehicle into the command vehicle.

Commissioner Grady stated that a new command vehicle would probably cost \$50,000 to \$70,000 fully loaded.

With nothing further to discuss.

Motion by Commissioner Stavola, second by Commissioner Grady to adjourn.

Dated: September 2, 2020

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Robert Stavola