

The Workshop Meeting for the Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4 was held on May 6, 2015 in the office of the Board of Fire Commissioners. The meeting has been properly advertised according to the State of New Jersey Sunshine Law.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Coucoules (here)	Commissioner Stout (here)
Commissioner McCann (here)	Commissioner Simone (here)
Commissioner Vannoni (here)	

Attendees: Local 3249 Shop Steward F. Reiss, FF W. Spain

1. Commissioner Vannoni stated the Power DMS will be tabled for this year, and the reason being that E-Safety had been paid for its services for the year 2015.
2. Commissioner Vannoni said he would like to make some rules for future meetings. No hats, all cell phones would be turned off and the length of comments restricted to 5 minutes. He stated he would rather hold future meeting in the lounge but Commissioner McCann stated he did not think the lounge was conducive for meetings. Commissioner Vannoni said he thought it was more conducive since the Board would totally face the crowd, and he thought it would encourage more participation. He said he thinks restricting the comments from the floor to 5 minutes is not really accomplishing anything, since if that person wants to speak again, they may.
3. Commissioner Vannoni suggested that the Board consider having an Agenda for future meetings, and it was decided that it would start with the June meetings. The thought is it would cut the meeting times, and if it is not on the agenda, it cannot be discussed.
4. Commissioner Vannoni stated he would like for the Board to look into a Drug and Alcohol Policy from Cooper Hospital. He stated they would come in and address the Board and answer any questions the Board would have for them, plus help to write policies plus any counseling. He thought that he would schedule it for the end of the summer.
5. Commissioner Stout stated the new date for contract negotiations has not been established.
6. Commissioner Stout stated Blackwood Fire Company may need an extended lease to qualify for a mortgage. He said the financial institution may require the lease be locked

in for 2 1/2 years. He will let the Board know after he reviews the draft of the exended lease.

7. Commissioner Simone stated the flag pole at Station # 2 has been installed and the air hose line has been done. He went on to say Brian Dunlap will do a duty crew to get the gear racks in position. The plow and the snow blower will be stored at Public Works for the summer. He also stated a duty crew will touch up the paint on the back stairs.
8. Commissioner Stout asked Local 3249 Shop Steward F. Reiss if he could use another color when he makes up the schedule for the career staff. He said it is not legible. Local 3249 Shop Steward F. Reiss said he would.
9. Commissioner McCann brought up the subject of the empty rooms at Station # 2 . He said he does not want them to become junk rooms. He suggested they make one room a study room with a desk. The discussion also came up about getting a limited sprinkler system and it was stated that is up to the township inspector. Then the discussion came up about a new generator, since the one out there will only light the lights in the downstairs apparatus room. Commissioner Simone said he would work on getting quotes and we may need bids.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner Coucoules to pass a resolution to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. All in favor, motion carries.

Meeting called back to order.

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The personnel issues discussed during closed session will remained closed as all the issues discussed are ongoing.

10. Commissioner Vannoni said he sent a preliminary policy on Tobacco to the other Board members for their review.

11. The Labor Management meeting will take place either tomorrow at 3:30 or Friday at 3:00, Local 3249 Shop Steward F. Reiss will let the Board know which day FAM Jones will be available.

With no further business to discuss.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner Simone to adjourn. All in favor, motion carries.

DATED: May 6, 2015

BY: _____
Michael Simone, Secretary