

A Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday July 6, 2016 by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District # 4. This meeting has been properly advertised according to the State of New Jersey Sunshine Laws.

ROLL CALL

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

Attendees: Local 3249 President K. Kemery, Local 3249 Shop Steward F. Reiss.

1. Discussion on the shared services with District # 2 which would up the staffing for both Districts to 24 hours a day for 6 days a week. Local 3249 Shop Steward Reiss made a presentation to the Board, and gave each Board member a pamphlet that explained the advantages of the shared services agreement. The Commissioners then spoke in length about the proposal, and suggested maybe a trial period would be the best way to go at first to see how things worked out. Also suggested was a meeting where Fire District # 2 Commissioners and Fire District # 4 Commissioners could the meet and discuss the pros and cons of the proposal.
2. Discussion on the new FM vehicle being kept at Fire Official Urso's house during the construction period. While all agreed, it was noted that the discussion should have been brought to the Board, prior to the decision being made, so all Commissioners could weigh in on the decision.
3. It was stated that Fire District # 5 is no longer interested in the old FM vehicle, but that GTEMS is. The Clerk will call Solicitor Carlamere tomorrow, and see how the sale needs to be handled.
4. Discussion on keeping all vehicle titles in one place. Currently, they are housed at Station # 2, with the exception of the Ladder, in which the title has not been found. One suggestion was having the safe that is currently in the Boards office, re-keyed, since no one is aware of the combination, and have all titles kept there.
5. Commissioner Stout spoke about a current program at Deborah in which firefighters can go and have a physical, and if they do not have insurance, they will not be required to pay. It is strictly to see if a firefighter is fit for duty. He also stated that they have a mobile unit that would come to the firehouse. While everyone agreed that our current program is working well.

6. Commissioner Vannoni stated he will be working on a drug and alcohol policy, and it was suggested to him that maybe he should look at Chews drug and alcohol policy so if the shared services does occur, the policies will be the same.

7. Commissioner McCann stated that the Safety Committee had a meeting and he informed the Board of what was discussed during the meeting. The next Safety Committee meeting will be held on July 27, 2016.

8. Commissioner McCann asked the Boards opinion about a volunteer who had a physical and was told he was not fit for duty, and he has to go to see a specialist, but does not have insurance to cover the cost. He asked if they thought the Board should pay for the specialist. It was agreed by the Board that it was not the Boards responsibility to do that. A suggestion by Local 3249 President Kemery that he should be directed to Deborah, and see what they will cover. All agreed that was a good suggestion.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, second by Commissioner McCann to pass a resolution to go into closed session to discuss contracts, grievances and memorandum of agreement.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Stout (yes) Commissioner McCann (yes)
Commissioner Vannoni (yes)

Meeting called back to order.

Commissioner Vannoni stated all things discussed in closed session will remain closed, as none of the items were resolved.

With no further business to discuss.

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

DATE: July 6, 2016

BY: _____
Michael Simone, Secretary

