



Board of Fire Commissioners - Fire District No. 1
120 Haddon Avenue, Westmont, New Jersey 08108

January 27, 2022

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, Township of Haddon, held their regular monthly meeting on the above date, in the meeting room of the Westmont Fire Company No. 1, 120 Haddon Avenue, Westmont, NJ. Chairman Henry E. Voigtsberger, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Voigtsberger called for a salute to the Flag of the United States.

Secretary Joseph P. Piscopio read the confirmation of the Sunshine Law, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, which requires that adequate notice of this meeting be provided. This has been done through Public Notice in the Retrospect newspaper, on the Board of Fire Commissioners website and by posting on a bulletin board in the Haddon Township Municipal building.

Commissioners answering roll call were Chairman Henry E. Voigtsberger, Jr., William G. Tessing III, Franklin P. Jackson 5th, William G. Tessing IV and Joseph P. Piscopio.

Guests for the evening: Chief Dan Devitt, FF/EMT Nate Maronski, FF/EMT Kyler Graeber, FF/EMT Alex Tessing, FF/EMT Ken Horner, and FF Kevin Wallace

The minutes for December 16, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger, seconded by Commissioner Tessing IV, was passed to accept the minutes as presented.

Committee Reports

Pagers: Nothing to report as per Chief Devitt.

Radios: Chief Devitt reported that we are awaiting a timeframe from Camden County Communications to come update the radios and radio identifiers.

Apparatus: Chief Devitt reported the following:

- Engine 1512 was repaired.
- Members of the apparatus committee went to Willingboro to look at their new Tower Ladder.

Fire School: Chief Devitt reported that:

- FF/EMT's Alex Tessing and Bill Tessing V started Fire Officer Level I at the Camden County Regional Emergency Services Training Center. Once that is completed, they will start Fire Officer Level II along with FF/EMT Nate Maronski and EMS Captain Bob Krupinski.
- Working on scheduling a date for the annual live burn drill.

Turnout Gear: Chief Devitt reported that the gloves and hoods came in. The suspenders that were shipped were incorrect and returned.

Equipment: Chief Devitt reported that all of the equipment ordered from Fire District No. 3 has been delivered and will be placed into service soon.

Insurance: Commissioner Jackson reported that we are up to speed. They have requested that an additional person to be assigned from each Fire District. The meetings usually run approximately three (3) hours and vary on the location.

Liaison to Township: Chief Devitt reported the following:

- The Chief has a meeting scheduled with the Equity Initiative via Zoom next week in regard to the Pride Week festivities.
- The Haddon Township Police Department wishes to have a Water/Ice Rescue Awareness class. He is waiting on dates from the police department for that training.
- The Haddon Township Police Department is up for CPR this August. They are working with our in-house CPR instructors to schedule training dates.

Communications: Commissioner Piscopio reported the following:

- FF/EMT Alex Tessing requested the following seven (7) vacation days: June 2-3 and June 6-10.
- FF/EMT Nate Maronski requested the following twelve (12) vacation days: April 15 and April 18-22. November 4 and November 7-11.

Benefit of Fire District:

- Commissioner Piscopio reported that the contracts from Fire District No. 3 have been returned, fully executed and the full amount of \$25,000 for 2022 has been paid to the Board.
- Commissioner Piscopio reported that the second part time EMT, Mic Mannion, began filling shifts two (2) weeks ago.
- Commissioner Jackson reported that Stephanie would be getting us additional information regarding budgeting for any potential overtime.

- Chief Devitt reported that three (3) additional applications for part time EMS were handed out and the Board will be notified upon them being returned.
- Chief Devitt asked for an official ruling if the part time employees of the Fire District, those who are qualified firefighters, are able to be utilized in a dual role capacity. Commissioner Piscopio will reach out to George Morris for a decision.

Deferred Business:

- Commissioner Jackson reported that DocuTrend made a proposal for a Canon Image Runner DX printer/copier/scanner at \$171 per month for sixty (60) months which includes 2,500 black and white pages and 300 color pages in the lease payment per month.
- Chairman Voigtsberger reported that the State of New Jersey got our budget back, but we haven't heard anything further.
- Commissioner Piscopio reported that he spoke to Rick at Henry Bean Insurance regarding the recommended driving age for members. It was explained that if a member, regardless of their age, was involved in an accident it would be covered but there could be a surcharge. It was then agreed upon by the Board to allow, at the discretion of the Chief, members to operate certain apparatus.
- Chief Devitt reported that he will bringing up to the Fire Company at their meeting that the IT infrastructure in the building is not up to par, from printing to Wi-Fi. Commissioner Jackson offered to advise his IT professional.
- Commissioner Piscopio inquired as to when it would be good for the Board to move to 112. Chairman Voigtsberger stated that the filing cabinets could be moved but preferred not to move everything until after the election.
- Commissioner Jackson reported that Charles Cunane (Station 15-2) was accepted to the Firemen's Home in Booton, NJ and would like to arrange to have 1559 to transport him.

New Business:

- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Jackson was passed to lease the Canon copier.
- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Jackson was passed to purchase swift water helmets, gloves and booties at a cost of \$1,500.
- Chairman Voigtsberger presented the following resolutions:
 - Resolution 2: Adoption of Temporary Budget for 2022. Proposed by Henry Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing III. The resolution passed following a unanimous roll call vote.

- Resolution 3: Members qualifying for 2021 LOSAP Credit. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing III. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.
- Resolution 4: Supplemental Fire Service Utilization Program. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing, III. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.
- Resolution 5: Designation of Bowman and Company of Voorhees, NJ to serve as Board Accountants. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing III. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.
- Resolution 6: Designation of 1st Colonial National Bank as the Boards financial institution. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing III. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.
- Resolution 7: Requiring 3 signatures is required on all checks issued by the Board. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing III. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.
- Resolution 8: Board Salaries for 2022. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing III. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.
- Resolution 9: Designation of Henry D. Bean & Sons as insurance provider for the Board. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5th. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.
- Resolution 10: Designation of AIM Occupational Health Services of Pennsauken as physicians for the Board. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing III. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.
- Resolution 11: Designation of EMS Medical Director Kenneth G. Lavelle. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5th. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.
- Resolution 12: Designation of George Morris of Parker McKay, P.A. as Attorney for the Board. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing III. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.
- Resolution 13: Insurance Coverage for Firefighters. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5th. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.

- Resolution 14: Chief of Department, Daniel Devitt. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing III. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Tessing III reported the following as of December 31, 2021:

- Money Market Account: \$754,883.13
- Checking (Payroll) Account: \$72,030.82
- Checking (Operating) Account: \$72,460.04

A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger, seconded by Commissioner Jackson was passed to accept the report as presented.

Bills: A motion was made by Chairman Voigtsberger, seconded by Commissioner Jackson was passed to pay the bills at the end of the month as they were received.

Chairman Voigtsberger announced that the election will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, from 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Chairman Voigtsberger announced that the next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Being there no further business, a motion by Chairman Voigtsberger, seconded by Commissioner Piscopio was passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Attested,

Joseph P. Piscopio, Secretary