



# BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

FIRE DISTRICT No. 1

October 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, 112 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, William G. Tessing IV, Joseph P. Piscopio and David B. Wallace.

Guests for the evening: Chief Dan Devitt, AC John Young, FF/EMT Nate Maronski, FF/EMT Alex Tessing, FF/EMT Kyler Graeber, Captain Frank Jackson 5<sup>th</sup>.

The minutes for the September 22, 2022, 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:** Nothing to report as per Chief Devitt.

**Apparatus:** Chief Devitt reported the following:

- Engine 15, 2006 Seagrave, is back in service
- Annual pump testing was completed by Bud's Auto. All passed.

**Fire School:** Nothing to report as per Chief Devitt.

**Turnout Gear:** Chief Devitt reported that he would like to sit down with Chairman Voigtsberger to see what is available in the current budget to possibly purchase and additional five (5) sets by the end of the year and prior to the price increases.

**Equipment:** Chief Devitt reported that we received a quote for twenty (20) new SCBA cylinders which will be addressed under new business.

**Insurance:** Captain Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> reported that the Board will need to take a look at the Group Life Policy.

**Liaison to Township:** Chief Devitt reported that the out of service fire hydrants are all on schedule to be replaced.

**Communications:** Commissioner Piscopio reported the following:

- Chief Devitt requested the use of his last five (5) vacation days, Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- FF/EMT Maronski requested the requested the use of his last six (6) vacation days, Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>, Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.
- FF/EMT Alex Tessing requested the use of five (5) vacation days next year, Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- FF/EMT Kyler Graeber requested the requested the use of his last seven (7) vacation days, Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.
- A letter was received from Assistant Chief John Young informing the Board that his last official day of work would be Wednesday, November 30, 2022, and his official retirement date would be Wednesday, March 1, 2023.
- Two (2) letters were received from Westmont Fire Company Secretary Jim Heckers informing the Board that Brian Reed had resigned and Albert DiSalvio was dropped from the rolls due to his failure to meet any of the probationary requirements.

**Benefit of Fire District:**

- Commissioner Piscopio informed the Board that he had a meeting with EMS Captain Bob Krupinski and EMS Lieutenant Steve Horner regarding Medical Director, Dr. Ken Lavelle. It was reported that it has been quite some time that Dr. Lavelle has offered any training, completed any quality control in EMS Charts or ridden with the BLS crews. Therefore, Captain Krupinski will contact Cooper and Virtua to inquire as to what they offer EMS organizations when acting as their Medical Director.
- Chief Devitt reported the following:
  - He would like to discuss potential changes for future hires.
  - He inquired as to the Boards plan for replacing Assistant Chief Young when he retires.
    - Chairman Voigtsberger replied that it has been discussed including the hiring of EMS personnel.

- After a meeting with the EMS officers to see if it was agreeable to continue to cover Audubon Park, the Chief will set up a meeting with Mayor Pennock from Audubon Park to renegotiate.
- He would like employees to attach a copy of the registration for educational leave requests prior to the scheduled date and a copy of the certificate when it has been completed.

**Deferred Business:**

- Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Piscopio was passed to accept Assistant Chief Young's retirements with regrets.
- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Wallace was passed to approve the vacation requests.
- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Piscopio was passed to approve the purchase of twenty (20) SCBA cylinders at the cost of \$21,000.

**Treasurers Report:** Commissioner Tessing III reported the following as of October 27, 2022:

- Money Market Account: \$687,267.14
- Checking (Payroll) Account: \$161,930.55
- Checking (Operating) Account: \$2,127,454.76

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

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

Chairman Voigtsberger announced that the next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 7:00 PM and the Caucus Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 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 7:37 PM.

Attested,

Joseph P. Piscopio, Secretary