

Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District No. 1
Township of Haddon

February 25, 2016

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 Voigtsberger called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Commissioner Henry E. Voigtsberger called for a salute to the Flag of the United States.

Franklin P. Jackson 4th 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 and by posting on a bulletin board in the Haddon Township Municipal building.

Members answering roll call were Messers: Henry Voigtsberger Jr., Franklin P. Jackson 5th, William Tessing III, William Tessing IV and Franklin P. Jackson 4th.

Guests for the meeting were Capt. Robert Krupinski.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, following a motion by Commissioner Henry E. Voigtsberger and seconded by Commissioner William G. Tessing IV. The minutes were voted on and approved.

Committee Reports

Pagers: Commissioner Voigtsberger stated that all are in good shape and that some pagers are still being returned from the inactive members.

Radios: Commissioner Voigtsberger reported that all are in service and in good shape.

Apparatus: Commissioner Jackson 4th reported that ongoing maintenance is being performed by Captain Young and Captain Devitt.

Fire School: Commissioner Voigtsberger reported that William G. Tessing V is in Fire Fighter School at the Academy at this time.

Turn-out Gear: Commissioner Voigtsberger reported that turn-out gear should be arriving any day now.

Equipment: Commissioner Voigtsberger reported that 7 air packs have arrived. Five are being used for training and 2 to stay. Captain Dan Devitt is performing fit tests on all members.

Insurance: Commissioner Jackson 5th reported all is okay and there are no issues.

Liaison to Township: In the absence of Chief Medes there was no report.

Communications: None at this time.

Reorganization of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1:

Chairman: Henry E. Voigtsberger Jr. was nominated by Commissioner William G. Tessing III and seconded by Commissioner Franklin P. Jackson 5th. Nominations were closed by a motion by Commissioner William G. Tessing IV and seconded by Commissioner Franklin P. Jackson 4th. The motion was voted on and approved.

Treasurer: William G. Tessing III was nominated by Commissioner Franklin P. Jackson 4th and seconded by Commissioner Henry E. Voigtsberger Jr. Nominations were closed following a motion by Commissioner William G. Tessing IV and seconded by Franklin P. Jackson 4th. The motion was voted on and approved.

Secretary: Franklin P. Jackson 4th was nominated by Commissioner Franklin P. Jackson 5th and seconded by Commissioner Henry E. Voigtsberger Jr. Nominations were closed following a motion by Commissioner William G. Tessing III and seconded by Commissioner Franklin P. Jackson 5th. The motion was voted on and approved.

Chairman Henry E. Voigtsberger Jr. called for the Secretary to cast the ballot where there was no opposition.

Benefit of the Fire District:

No report at this time.

New Business

Commissioner Voigtsberger read Resolution 1 thru 14. At this time, Commissioner Voigtsberger called for a Roll –Call vote.

Commissioner Voigtsberger-aye
Commissioner Tessing III-aye
Commissioner Jackson 5th-aye
Commissioner Tessing IV-aye
Commissioner Jackson 4th-aye

Chairman Henry E. Voigtsberger Jr. called for the results of the election, held on February 20, 2016 between the hours of 2PM and 9PM.

Total votes cast were 295.

Total votes cast at Westmont Fire Station was 65.

Votes cast by mail-in ballot was 230.

Provisional ballot cast was one.

Provisional ballots will be forwarded to the Board of Elections for counting.

For membership to the Board of Fire Commissioners was Franklin P Jackson 4th – 288 votes.

Write-in votes cast in the name of Peter Severino- 3.

James Moore-1.

John Vernon-1.

Greg Filosa-1

Question #1 The amount to be raised by taxation \$1,326,818.00. Votes - 211 –yes and 82 no.

Question #2 “Shall the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, in the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, New Jersey(“Fire District”) be reauthorized to : (a) undertake a capital improvement program consisting of the acquisition of a new fire apparatus for the Fire District, together with such other work or improvements as may be necessary therefore or related thereto; (b) expend for all of the foregoing an amount not to exceed \$750,000; and (c) enter into a lease purchase agreement or said purposed in an amount not to exceed \$750,000, all as previously approved by the voters in the annual Fire District election held on February 21, 2015, by not expended by the Fire District.


Treasurers’ Report: Commissioner Tessing III reported that the Money Market account is \$615,936.51, the Operating checking account is \$129,626.78 and the Payroll checking account is \$117,591.95. A motion to approve and accept the report as read was made by Commissioner Henry E. Voigtsberger and seconded by Commissioner Franklin P. Jackson 5th. The motion was voted on and approved.

Bills: Were ordered paid following a motion by Commissioner Franklin P. Jackson 5th and seconded by Commissioner Henry E. Voigtsberger. The motion was voted on and approved.

Chairman Voigtsberger stated that the next regular meeting will be held on March 24, 2016 at 8 PM in meeting room of the Westmont Fire Company.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM following a motion by Commissioner Henry E. Voigtsberger, seconded by Commissioner Franklin P. Jackson 5th. The motion was voted on and approved.

Attested:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Franklin P. Jackson 4th".

Franklin P. Jackson 4th
Secretary