

Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District No. 1
Township of Haddon
120 Haddon Ave., Haddon Township, NJ 08108

September 26, 2019

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 8:00 PM.

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

Franklin P. Jackson 5th 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.

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

Guests for the evening: Nate Maronski, Lt. Bob Callahan, Thomas Kettell, Sr. and Barbara Valle.

Minutes for the August meeting were presented for approval. A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by William G. Tessing, III, was passed to accept the minutes as presented.

Committee Reports

Pagers: No Report

Radios: No Report

Apparatus: Chairman Voigtsberger reported that the New Squirt will be returning to service shortly but then returning to Seagrave in January to have upgrades done to bring the truck up to par with the others that have recently been built following design and testing. It was also discussed that the truck warranty will begin once the truck has been finalized.

Fire School: Rob Clarke, Mike Taulane and Dan Palmadessa have started Firefighter 1 at the Camden County Fire Academy.

Turn-out Gear: No Report

Equipment: No Report

Insurance: Frank Jackson reported that September percentages are needed in order to determine if members need to be added or deleted from the Aflac or Group Life policies.

Liaison to Township: No Report

Communications: None Received

Benefit of Fire District: Commissioner Piscopio discussed the following topics:

- Lack of communication
 1. 1513 loaner to Lawnside with no notice
 2. Covering Collingswood for 3 days with no notice
- Update on paid shifts: Since the end of May
 1. 774 hours have gone uncovered / 96.75 – 8 hour shifts (5.7 shifts per week)
 2. Footnotes have been added to the schedule stating that someone is covering the BLS while they are covering the 3rd fire shift. That is not what the Commissioners agreed to.
- Wednesday September 25, 2019 Dwelling Call
 1. An EMT was removed from the ambulance leaving us down one person to go to Camden for their Anniversary and another was asked to join them leaving Westmont with 3 people when we've been told repeatedly that we need 5 during the day
 2. This is a safety concern for the residents we are sworn to protect. It's irresponsible and dangerous.

Nate Maronski reported that equipment is needed for the CPR dummies in order to record compressions. He stated that he would have figures together by next months meeting.

New Business: None

Treasurers' Report: Commissioner Tessing, III reported that as of September 30, 2019 the Money Market Account stands at \$197,192.03, the Checking (Payroll) Account stands at \$40,134.29 and the Checking (Operating Account) stands at \$12,956.27. A Budget/Actual Report was also provided. A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Bill Tessing, IV was passed to accept the reports as presented.

Bills: A motion was made by Chairman Voigtsberger and seconded by Frank Jackson, 5th, was passed to pay the bills at the end of the month as they are received.

Chairman Voigtsberger stated that the next regular meeting will be held on September 26th, 2019 at 8 PM in meeting room of the Westmont Fire Company.

Chairman Voigtsberger called the meeting into Executive Session at 8:15 PM and dismissed the guests present. Executive Session was concluded at 8:30 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM following a motion by Chairman Voigtsberger and seconded by Commissioner Tessing, IV.

Attested

Franklin P Jackson, 5th
Secretary