

Board of Fire Commissioners

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

October 24, 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: Capt. John Young, Lt. Bob Callahan, Thomas Kettell, Sr. and Barbara Valle.

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

Committee Reports

Pagers: No Report

Radios: No Report

Apparatus: Captain Young 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 are continuing in Firefighter 1 at the Camden County Fire Academy.

Turn-out Gear: No Report

Equipment: No Report

Insurance: Frank Jackson reported that Kyler Graeber had an injury to his hand while operating on a scene in Camden City. He was treated at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes and released with stitches. Workers Comp was notified.

Liaison to Township: No Report

Communications: Letter was received from Bowman and Company regarding the completed audit.

A letter was received from the Haddon Township Turkey Trot Committee regarding the use of the Fire Company for race registration for the 2019 Turkey Trot. Chairman Voigtsberger stated that the space was requested in the Annex Building and was approved by the Fire Company.

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

- Driver's license abstracts
 1. When is the last time one has been ordered for each active member?
 2. It protects the board from those who might be unlicensed and the company from those who do not live within the boundaries stated in the bylaws. *(Commissioner Tessing 4 suggested this might be something that the company can assist with. Commissioner Piscopio to look into further.)*
- Resolution #18 introduced at the November 2018 meeting authorizing a plan to be developed to merge fire district #3 into fire district #1
 1. Any updates? *(Commissioner Voigtsberger stated that it is in the hands of the township commissioners)*
- Fire Prevention T-shirt give away: after the May 23, 2019 meeting where two resolutions were introduced regarding social media and alcohol prohibition...
 1. Who authorized it and did the Board pay for it? *(it was decided that the board did not authorize or pay for the aforementioned items)*
- Sunday, October 6, 2019 @ 1600 hours
 1. 1512 was observed, lights and sirens, going down MacArthur Blvd. towards Cuthbert. However, they were not responding to a fire call. It was for a birthday party. *(Commissioner Tessing 4 agreed that while this is unacceptable, this is an operational issue that should be brought to a fire company meeting)*

New Business: A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by William Tessing, III was passed to purchase 4 new sets of turnout gear as needed.

A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by William Tessing, III was passed to purchase upgrades to existing CPR dummies and purchase additional dummies for training & testing in January.

Resolution 2019-18 regarding review of the Annual Audit was read. The Local Authorities Group Affidavit Form was submitted to each of the Commissioners for signature.

Treasurers' Report: Commissioner Tessing, III reported that the Money Market Account stands at \$200,952.33, the Checking (Payroll) Account stands at \$26,687.24 and the Checking (Operating Account) stands at \$260,040.27. 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 seconded by William Tessing, III, 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 November 21st, 2019 at 8 PM in meeting room of the Westmont Fire Company.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM following a motion by Chairman Voigtsberger and seconded by Commissioner Tessing, IV.

Attested

Franklin P Jackson, 5th
Secretary