



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

March 24, 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, Assistant Chief John Young, FF/EMT Nate Maronski, FF/EMT Kyler Graeber, FF/EMT Alex Tessing, FF Jim Bresch, and FF Kevin Wallace.

The minutes for the February 24, 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: Chief Devitt reported that FF/EMT Nate Maronski's portable radio will be sent out for repair.

Apparatus: Chief Devitt reported that Engine 1512 was returned from Collingswood. They were very appreciative of us loaning the apparatus to them while their lead piece was out of service.

Fire School: Chief Devitt reported the following:

- FF/EMT Alex Tessing and FF/EMT recently finished Fire Officer I and are, along with FF/EMT Maronski and EMS Captain Bob Krupinski, currently enrolled in Fire Officer II.
- The live burn drill is scheduled for Wednesday April 6th, moving drill that week from Tuesday to Wednesday.

- The practical portion of Swiftwater Rescue training will be held on Sunday, April 10th. Additional coverage has been established with Haddonfield and Collingswood for that day.

Turnout Gear: Nothing to report as per Chief Devitt.

Equipment: Nothing to report as per Chief Devitt.

Insurance: Nothing to report as per Commissioner Jackson 5th.

Liaison to Township: Chief Devitt reported that the Haddon Township Police Department is having a Water/Ice Rescue Awareness Class here at the station. Dates can be provided by Chairman Voigtsberger.

Chairman Voigtsberger stated that the class will be held the following Wednesday, March 31st at 7:00pm.

Commissioner Jackson 5th inquired as to why we have not been getting notifications regarding township roadwork. Chief Devitt has communicated that to HTPD Lieutenant Tim Hak and that we have been getting notified on about half of the jobs. Some emails have gone unanswered to the PD.

Commissioner Jackson 5th inquired as to if we have lost our contact as far as construction is concerned for training purposes. Specifically, the building at the corner of Haddon Avenue and Cooper Street that was demolished. Chief Devitt replied that he was notified but that there was timeframe given. Shortly thereafter the building was down.

Communications: Commissioner Piscopio reported the following:

- FF/EMT Maronski requested a change of his November 2022 vacation dates to Friday, November 11th and Monday, November 14th through Friday, November 18th. He also requested two (2) training days for EVOG classes on Friday, April 8th and Wednesday, April 27th.
- FF/EMT Tessing requested the following vacation days: Monday, November 28th through Friday, December 2nd.

Benefit of Fire District:

- Chairman Voigtsberger inquired as to the Wi-Fi at 112 Haddon Avenue. Commissioner Jackson 5th replied that it was in the works and a meeting was set up to finalize the project. It was decided that Commissioner Jackson 5th would use his IT professional.

- Chief Devitt reported that the Annual Fire Company Installation Dinner will be held this Saturday and he spoke to Chief Frontino from Haddonfield and Deputy Chief from Collingswood. They will be added to all calls from Saturday at 6pm until Sunday at 6am to ensure that assignments would be staffed and handled.
- Chief Devitt emailed the attorneys in regard to utilizing the part time EMS staff that are trained as firefighters to be utilized as the same. He hopes to have further answers next month if not before.

Deferred Business:

- Chairman Voigtsberger reported that he spoke to Ken from Bowman. He hopes that the audit will be done withing two (2) weeks.
- Chairman Voigtsberger reported that a copy was received on March 8th from the county regarding the February election. Both questions passed.
- Chief Devitt asked if there was any word on the meeting with the DCA regarding the contract for the new ladder. Chairman Voigtsberger said there was not.
- Chairman Voigtsberger asked if there was anything further on the timeclock. Chief Devitt is waiting for quotes.

New Business:

Board Reorganization:

- A motion by Commissioner Jackson 5th seconded by Commissioner Tessing IV was passed to nominate Henry E. Voigtsberger, Jr. as Chairman of the Board.
- A motion by Commissioner Tessing IV seconded by Chairman Voigtsberger was passed to nominate Joseph P. Piscopio as Secretary of the Board.
- A motion by Commissioner Piscopio seconded by Chairman Voigtsberger was passed to nominate William G. Tessing III as Treasurer of the Board.

Hearing no further nominations, a motion by Chairman Voigtsberger, seconded by Commissioner Piscopio was passed to close the nominations. Members will serve in the respective positions as nominated.

- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing IV was passed to approve the vacation requests of FF/EMT Maronski and FF/EMT Tessing.
- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5th was passed to approve the adding of the Wi-Fi next door at 112 Haddon Avenue at a figure of \$2,000.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Tessing III reported the following as of February 28, 2022:

- Money Market Account: \$400,144.40
- Checking (Payroll) Account: \$122,140.58
- Checking (Operating) Account: \$83,357.46

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, April 28, 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 7:29 PM.

Attested,

Joseph P. Piscopio, Secretary