



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

April 28, 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, Captain Jim Heckers, FF/EMT Nate Maronski, FF/EMT Kyler Graeber, FF/EMT Alex Tessing, and FF/EMT Sarah McCall.

The minutes for the March 24, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger, seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5th, 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 was returned from being repaired.

Apparatus: Assistant Chief Young reported that some changes would be needed on the new ladder to save some money. There will possibly be about \$150,000 in savings with some of the last-minute changes.

Chairman Voigtsberger added that both the ladder and the new ambulance could both come under Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC). The new ambulance has been quoted at \$327,000 with the auto load option.

Commissioner Jackson 5th questioned if the fire company would be able to assist in offsetting those costs.

Chief Devitt suggested selling BLS 1559 (2010 Ford Horton) and using those proceeds to offset some of the costs. Chairman Voigtsberger reminded them that those funds would not be able to be used as they would go into the general fund.

Chief Devitt then suggested selling BLS 1559 to the Westmont Fire Company allowing them to use the proceeds to offset the costs. Chairman Voigtsberger asked Commissioner Piscopio to contact George Morris for his opinion.

Fire School: Chief Devitt reported the following:

- EMS Captain Bob Krupinski, FF/EMT Nate Maronski, FF/EMT Alex Tessing and FF/EMT Bill Tessing V completed Fire Officer II.
- FF/EMT Alex Tessing and FF Kevin Wallace are currently enrolled in Fire Instructor Level I.
- Lieutenant Jeff Riley, FF/EMT Kyler Graeber, FF/EMT Sarah McCall, FF/EMT Bill Tessing V, FF Miles Vernon and FF Kevin Wallace completed Rapid Intervention Crew Operations.

Turnout Gear: Chief Devitt reported that the sets that were ordered should arrive in the next month.

Equipment: Nothing to report as per Chief Devitt.

Insurance: Commissioner Jackson 5th the following:

- Proof of insurance is required for the new copier that has been installed.
- The group life policy needs to be gone over. A new roster needs to be remitted for the policy ending in July.

Liaison to Township: Nothing to report as per Chief Devitt.

Communications: Commissioner Piscopio reported the following:

- Chief Devitt requested use of the Apparatus Bay in the firehouse on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 for the Haddon Township Equity Initiative Meet and Greet that will include volunteers, members of the Westmont Fire Company No. 1, the Haddon Township Police Department and Haddon Township Municipal employees. Approval has already been given by the fire company.
- Chief Devitt requested Friday, May 6, 2022 as his Good Friday holiday. He also requested Friday, June 3, 2022 as an educational day as he will participate in a class through Kean University called Fire Department Responsibilities at Incendiary Fires.
- FF/EMT Kyler Graeber requested three (3) days, May 11-13, 2022. He will utilize Presidents Day and Good Friday for two (2) of them as they were days he worked and one (1) vacation day.

- Commissioner Piscopio informed the Board that the contract from Parker McCay has been received and needs to be signed and returned to them.
- Chairman Voigtsberger informed the Board that the Audit was received from Bowman. The paperwork needs to be signed and returned to the State of New Jersey.

Benefit of Fire District:

- Commissioner Jackson 5th spoke about the technology between the two (2) buildings regarding servers and dumb terminals (heads) which will run about \$600-\$700.
- Chairman Voigtsberger asked how many “heads” would be needed. Commissioner Jackson 5th said six (6) would be requested.

Deferred Business:

- Commissioner Piscopio suggested moving the Board meeting to 112 Haddon Avenue.

New Business:

- A motion by Commissioner Piscopio seconded by Commissioner Tessing IV was passed to move the Board meetings to 112 Haddon Avenue beginning Thursday, May 26, 2022 after completing all of the necessary notifications.
- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5th was passed to move forward with the Corrective Action Plan.
- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Piscopio was passed to accept Resolution No. 17.
- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5th was passed to approve Chief Devitt and FF/EMT Graeber’s request for days off.
- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5th was passed to allow the Haddon Township Equity Initiative use of the Apparatus Bay.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Tessing III reported the following as of March 31, 2022:

- Money Market Account: \$610,621.33
- Checking (Payroll) Account: \$98,518.96
- Checking (Operating) Account: \$206,417.93

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 Jackson 5th 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, May 26, 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 7:22 PM.

Attested,

Joseph P. Piscopio, Secretary