



# BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

## FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

May 26, 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. Commissioner Franklin P. Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> 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 William G. Tessing III, Franklin P. Jackson 5<sup>th</sup>, William G. Tessing IV and Joseph P. Piscopio.

Guests for the evening: Chief Dan Devitt, Assistant Chief John Young, FF/EMT Kyler Graeber, FF/EMT Nate Maronski, FF/EMT Alex Tessing, FF/EMT Matt Gallagher, FF/EMT Ken Horner and FF Kevin Wallace.

The minutes for the April 28, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. A motion by Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Tessing IV, was passed to accept the minutes as presented.

### **Committee Reports**

**Pagers:** Nothing to report as per Chief Devitt.

**Radios:** Nothing to report as per Chief Devitt.

**Apparatus:** Assistant Chief Young reported the following:

- An email was sent to the members on the ladder truck committee regarding a discount that was missed due to a cutoff date miscommunication.
- All of the paperwork for the ambulance has been received. We are still waiting for Ford and Chevrolet to send pricing for the utility vehicle.

**Fire School:** Chief Devitt reported the following:

- FF/EMT Alex Tessing and FF Kevin Wallace completed Fire Instructor Level I.
- Those who completed Fire Officer I and II are awaiting their results.

**Turnout Gear:** Chief Devitt reported that we are still awaiting delivery.

**Equipment:** Nothing to report as per Chief Devitt.

**Insurance:** Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> the following:

- The new copy machine needs a letter from the insurance company in case of a loss, which has been received.
- A policy is coming up in July with Provident for the additional accidental policy.

**Liaison to Township:** Chief Devitt the following:

- The Equity Initiative Meet and Greet is next week in the meeting room.
- The Pride Parade is the following week.
- The Summer Solstice will be held at the end of June.

**Communications:** Commissioner Piscopio reported the following:

- Chief Devitt requested the use of ten (10) vacation days (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>. August 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26. September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. leaving him with five (5) remaining days.
- FF/EMT Maronski requested to use Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> as his Memorial Day, reporting to work on Memorial Day. He also requested to use Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> as his Juneteenth, reporting to work on the recognized date of Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Ladies Auxiliary is requesting use of the engine room for their Basket Bingo Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Benefit of Fire District:**

- Commissioner Piscopio inquired as the ability to compensate CPR instructors to be compensate for teaching the class to outside organizations.

- Chief Devitt commented that he believed the costs for the new apparatus would exceed the \$2,090,000.00 requested in the referendum. Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> stated that it would be something we would have to deal with. Commissioner Piscopio added that the rise in goods and services as discussed with the Pierce salesman is something that could not be gauged.
- Commissioner Piscopio asked FF/EMT Gallagher to discuss some of the IT questions such as a doorbell for the Annex, the overhead radio system as is at the firehouse, and an additional Verizon box for Active 911.

**Deferred Business:**

- Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

- A motion by Commissioner Piscopio seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> was passed to the days off request for Chief Devitt and FF/EMT Maronski.
- A motion by Commissioner Piscopio seconded by Commissioner Tessing IV was passed to allow the Ladies Auxiliary used of the engine room on Saturday, October 1.
- A motion by Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> seconded by Commissioner Piscopio was passed to allow the purchase of the necessary computer equipment to upgrade the radio room but not to exceed \$10,000.
- Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> presented the following resolutions:
  - Resolution 16: Authorizing the Fire District to enter into an agreement with Houston-Galveston Area National Purchasing Cooperative. Proposed by Henry Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Piscopio. The resolution passed following a unanimous roll call vote.
  - Resolution 17: Authorizing the Fire District to dispose of an obsolete ambulance. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Piscopio. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.
  - Resolution 18: Authorizing the Fire District to purchase fire apparatus through a cooperative purchasing program. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Piscopio. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.

- Resolution 19: Authorizing the Fire District for application to the local finance board. Proposed by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Piscopio. All members were in favor and the resolution passed.

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

- Money Market Account: \$475,749.09
- Checking (Payroll) Account: \$107,486.46
- Checking (Operating) Account: \$70,498.28

A motion by Commissioner Piscopio, seconded by Commissioner Tessing IV was passed to accept the report as presented.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Piscopio was passed to pay the bills at the end of the month as they were received.

Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> announced that the next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Being there no further business, a motion by Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Piscopio was passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Attested,

Joseph P. Piscopio, Secretary