



# BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

July 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, 112 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 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, EMS Captain Bob Krupinski, FF/EMT Emily Davis and FF/EMT Sarah McCall.

The minutes for the June 26, 2022, meeting were presented for approval. A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger, seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup>, was passed to accept the minutes as presented.

## Committee Reports

**Pagers:** Chief Devitt reported that all five (5) new pagers were received and have been issued.

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

**Apparatus:** Chief Devitt reported the following:

- On behalf of the Tower Ladder replacement and committee, the officers and members of the Westmont Fire Company, we would like to thank the Board of Fire Commissioners for all their assistance in the recent order of the Pierce Ascendant Mid Mount Tower and Horton Ambulance.
- Chairman Voigtsberger reported that the HGAC confirmed that the order has been put through.

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

- EMS Captain Krupinski, FF Kevin Wallace, and FF Weissberg attended the Fire Alarms and Sprinkler class at Gloucester County Fire Academy.
- EMS Captain Krupinski is enrolled in the Fire Instructor I course at Gloucester County which starts next week.
- FF Kevin Wallace signed up for the following courses:
  - I-200 Gloucester County Fire Academy
  - I-300 Camden County Emergency Services Training Center
  - Firefighter II Camden County Emergency Services Training Center
  - Railroad Emergencies Camden County Emergency Services Training Center
  - Investigating Residential Fire Alarms Camden County Emergency Services Training Center
  - Residential Utilities and Emergencies Camden County Emergency Services Training Center
    - The Board should only be responsible for Firefighter II at this time since FF Wallace is on staff at the training center. If anything changes, I will let you know.
  - Confined Space Awareness and Confined Space Operations at Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center

**Turnout Gear:** Chief Devitt reported that the nine (9) sets were delivered, two (2) new sets will be sent out for minor alterations. Two (2) additional sets will be sent as well for minor repairs. Turnout Gear inspections will start this month. Any further gear needs will be brought to the Board's attention.

**Equipment:** Assistant Chief Young reported the previously ordered MDC's are supplied with 3G. Three (3) of the units need to be upgraded to 5G at the price of \$20,731. If the units are installed by AC Young, we could save approximately \$2,730.

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

- Along with Chief Devitt and Rick Bean, they met with a representative from Municipal Excess Liability (MEL) to look at any changes or additions that might need to be addressed. The MEL offers an educational app that members can use to train.
- The Provident backup insurance plan proposed and passed last month has been taken care of and is up to speed.

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

- The Haddon Township Police Department will be hosting its Annual National Night Out on Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> and asked for one piece of apparatus to be on display and to fill water barriers.
- Haddon Township will be hosting its Annual Summer of Love Music Festival on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>. A meeting will be held in the following two weeks to go over details for the event.
- A large Haddon Township water map and a water map book were recently obtained from the Township. We are looking to frame the large map and place it in the radio room and copies of the book to be made and placed in all fire department apparatus.
- Haddon Township DPW will be replacing two (2) out of service hydrants and have ordered hydrants to repair the rest of the hydrants that are out of service.

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

- Commissioner Franklin P. Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> tendered his letter of retirement effective at the completion of the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> will remain available for any questions that might arise.
- FF/EMT Maronski retracted his request for vacation in November. He also requested Wednesday, August 24, 2022, and February 20-24, 2023.
- FF/EMT Graeber requested vacation days for Monday August 8 and Monday, August 29 through Friday, September 2, 2022.

**Benefit of Fire District:**

- Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> reported that a total of seven (7) computer heads and monitors will need to be purchased soon for the radio room and old commissioner's office.
- FF/EMT McCall requested a change of vendor from Honor Refreshments to Ready Refresh. A comparison was given to each of the commissioners.

- Chief Devitt reported the following:
  - There will be a Boater Safety Course on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Members and family members are invited to attend.
  - FF/EMT Alex Tessing, FF/EMT Kyler Graeber, and FF/EMT William Tessing 5<sup>th</sup> were promoted to the rank of Engineer. The three (3) individuals met all of the necessary requirements for the position. With this promotion, the Engineer(s) in attendance shall take command in the absence of a line officer.

**Deferred Business:**

- Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> was passed to switch to Ready Refresh from Honor Refreshments.
- A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Tessing IV was passed to purchase the necessary modems for the trucks.
- Chairman Voigtsberger presented Resolution 21, Authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$2,090,000 aggregate principal amount of its general obligation Bonds, Series 2022. Proposed by Henry Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Piscopio. The resolution passed following a unanimous roll call vote.

**Treasurers Report:** Commissioner Tessing III reported the following as of June 30, 2022:

- Money Market Account: \$681,276.29
- Checking (Payroll) Account: \$137, 925.25
- Checking (Operating) Account: \$84,241.00

A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger, seconded by Commissioner Tessing III was passed to accept the report as presented.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Chairman Voigtsberger, seconded by Commissioner Jackson 5<sup>th</sup> 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, August 25, 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