

Board of Fire Commissioners

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

September 24, 2020

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., William G. Tessing, III, Franklin P. Jackson, 5th, William G. Tessing, IV and Joseph Piscopio.

Guests for the evening: Captain Dan Devitt, Bob Helminski, EMS Captain Bob Krupinski, Nate Maronski, Dan Palmadessa, Barbara Valle, Dave Wallace and Captain John Young.

Minutes for the August 27th meeting were presented for approval. A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by William G. Tessing, III, was passed to accept the minutes as presented.

Committee Reports

Pagers: No Report

Radios: No Report

Apparatus: No Report

Fire School: Captain Devitt reported that opportunities for training were beginning to return.

Turn-out Gear: Captain Devitt requested that the Board look into starting to purchase sets of gear so that a large purchase won't have to be made as the gear reaches it useful life.

Equipment: No Report

Insurance: Frank Jackson reported that Allstate will be handling the accident repairs involving the parked Chief's car.

On September 9th, 2020, Commissioner Jackson, Risk Manager, Skip Bean and Don Ruprecht of First Responder Joint Insurance Fund met via Zoom to discuss loss control concerns for the fire

district. A full report of the meeting was provided to each Commissioner. The Board will need to develop and adopt a resolution for protecting children from abuse. Following the adoption of the policy all members will need to be trained on the subject.

Liaison to Township: Captain Devitt reported about ongoing hydrants and water main replacement program.

Communications: None

Benefit of Fire District: Frank Jackson stated that the Board needs to begin the process of developing an employee manual and begin the application process so that we can transition the EMS program from its current stipend program to new part-time positions.

Chairman Voigtsberger requested having a planning meeting in early October in order to look into whether the Board needs to go out with a bond referendum for the 2021 Budget.

Deferred Business: None

New Business: A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Frank Jackson was passed to purchase a projector for the training room at a cost of approximately \$500.00.

A motion by Commissioner Piscopio seconded by Chairman Voigtsberger was passed to purchase 3 new sets of fire gear.

Treasurers' Report: Commissioner Tessing, III reported that as of August 31st, 2020 the Money Market Account stands at \$160,909.91, the Checking (Payroll) Account stands at \$3,725.06 and the Checking (Operating Account) stands at \$100,220.57. A motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by William G. Tessing, IV was passed to accept the report as presented.

Bills: A motion was made by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Joe Piscopio was passed to pay the bills at the end of the month as they are received.

Chairman Voigtsberger announced that the next meeting will be on October 22nd, 2020 at 8:00 PM.

Being there no further business, a motion by Chairman Voigtsberger seconded by Commissioner Piscopio was passed adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM.

Attested

Franklin P Jackson, 5th, Secretary