

The Board of Fire Commissioners, District #2, Gloucester Township, held a Special Meeting in the Chews Landing Fire Station on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Chairman Genzel opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call: Genzel – Present Evans – Present Reichert – Present Donahue – Present Grady – Present

Also present were Chief Millisky and Administrator Robb.

Administrator Robb reviewed the items on the attached agenda.

There was a lengthy discussion on agenda item #1b, with it being noted that there was some discussion at the Joint Operations meeting about possibly leasing an apparatus.

After lengthy discussion of agenda item 1d, the Board agreed to forego the activation of the inward looking camera and audio capture for cameras installed in the full size apparatus, but to have those features active in the Chief and Duty vehicles, per Chief Millisky's input. An updated draft policy, noting the changes, will be circulated for review.

Regarding agenda item #11, the Board asked Administrator Robb to advise Mr. Coburn that they have no short term plans to move forward with consolidation discussions.

Motion by Evans, 2nd by Reichert to go into Closed Session at 8:35 pm.

Roll Call: Genzel – Yes Evans – Yes Reichert – Yes Donahue – Yes Grady – Yes

Personnel issues were discussed in Closed Session, to include a motion on a disciplinary issue.

Motion by Evans, 2nd by Reichert to end Closed Session at 9:37 pm.

Roll Call: Genzel – Yes Evans – Yes Reichert – Yes Donahue – Yes Grady – Yes

Motion by Evans, 2nd by Reichert to move forward with the disciplinary action decided by motion in Closed Session.

Roll Call: Genzel – Yes Evans – Yes Reichert – Yes Donahue – Yes Grady – Yes

Motion by Reichert, 2nd by Donahue, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement to the 2018-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Gloucester Township Fire District #2 and IAFF Local 3249, identified as Appendix G, and the updated salary scale, identified as Appendix H.

Roll Call: Genzel – Yes Evans – Yes Reichert – Yes Donahue – Yes Grady – Yes

Motion by Evans, 2nd by Reichert to adjourn the Special Meeting at 10:02 pm. Motion carried.

Submitted by Administrator Robb.

Read and Approved:

Chairman:



Clerk:



TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

From: Bill Robb – Administrator

RE: October Workshop – 10/1/2019

1. Engine 88 updates:

- a. The Joint Ops Committee met on Thursday, September 26, 2019. The After Action Report is pending. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 pm at our station.
 - b. As all FEMA grants were supposed to be awarded by the end of September, it does not appear that District 4 was awarded the FEMA Apparatus Grant they requested. District 4 is interested in jointly purchasing an apparatus to be used as Engine/Squad 88, and has asked if District 2 is willing to participate. Based on conversations with Commissioner Evans and FF Procopio, and given the age of E822 (15 years) and the volume of calls being handled, I believe we need to make a decision on this issue in the near future.
 - c. A decision was held at the Joint Ops meeting regarding reconsideration of the base station used by C Platoon during their shift. Currently, the crew works from Station 82 during the day, then relocates to Station 84-2 around dinner time. The crew then returns in the morning for shift change. To accommodate tasks at the Blackwood Road Station and District 4 Smoke/Co inspections, it's proposed that C Platoon spends the morning at Station 82, the afternoon at Station 84-2, and then returns to Station 82 for the overnight. An added benefit would be to ensure our C Platoon employees are sleeping in a code compliant bunk room.
 - d. A discussion was held regarding the planned installation of cameras in department apparatus, including E88. While the planned use of forward facing cameras appears to be mostly accepted and supported, there is strong opposition to the use of inward facing cameras and audio capture. Given the strong objections raised by the District 4 representatives, it does not appear likely that an agreement will be reached on that matter. It should be noted that objections have also been raised to the inward facing camera and audio capture by members of our organization. Rather than have separate policies for E88 and District 2 apparatus, I think further discussion is warranted to determine a course of action on this matter.
2. The Apparatus Fueling Policy approved by the Board last month is expected to be implemented later this week.
 3. Due to other obligations, I have not made any progress on the bidding of the station exhaust system to be funded by the FEMA grant. The updated goal is to have the bids returned at the November workshop and hopefully award the contract at the November meeting.
 4. The Budget Amendment Resolution adopted at the September meeting was e-mailed to Melissa Ford of the Division of Local Government Services on September 18th. I e-mailed her again today and learned that we should have the approval later this week.
 5. District 6 has passed the Joint Duty Crew Resolution and signed the Agreement. Districts 3, 4, 5 and Pine Hill are still pending.
 6. The smoke machine and fluid, approved at last month's meeting, has been purchased and turned over to District 4 for use in the shared Smoke House. At the request of FM Young, I've reached out to our insurance carrier to determine if we're required to obtain insurance for the trailer.

7. Drafting of the letters to the Chairmen of Gloucester Township Fire Districts 1 and 3 to formally request financial assistance to hire two additional firefighters for the Engine 88 platoons is still pending. I will try to get them done before next week's meeting.
8. The fifteen portable batteries approved at last month's meeting have been received, and all 2013 batteries have been removed from inventory. As discussed, we will initiate a purchasing rotation to ensure the batteries will be replaced after 4 years of service. The station bank charger has also been placed in service and will be used to condition all portable batteries as needed.
9. The five pagers approved at last month's meeting have been received and will be placed in service soon.
10. As approved at last month's meeting, Firefighters Procopio and Knight will be attending the weekday Fire Officer I class to be held each Monday, starting on October 7th and ending on November 11th. Firefighters Knight and Lindell are currently in Brockton, Ma. attending a two day Paratech University class.
11. I received an e-mail from Patrick Coburn of DLGS requesting the status of our merger discussions. I forwarded the e-mail to each of you, and a printed copy is attached to this report. I have not responded, pending discussion at tonight's meeting.
12. The FEMA SAFER Recruitment and Retention Grant provides funding for physicals and PPE for members accepted within the grant time frame. Chief Millisky is working with Chief Ricciardelli to determine the amount of funding available and the mechanism for payment. Our intent is to seek reimbursement for physicals and purchase up to three sets of PPE with grant funding prior to the end of the year.

Closed Session:

1. Disciplinary Issue
2. Captain's positions