

The Board of Fire Commissioners, District #2 and District #4, Gloucester Township, held a Joint Special Meeting in the Chews Landing Fire Station on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

GTFD4 Chairman Jones opened the meeting at 7:31 pm with the flag salute and acknowledgement of the meeting being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Roll Call:

GTFD2: Genzel – Absent Evans – Present Reichert – Present Donahue – Present Grady – Present

GTFD4: Jones – Present Vannoni – Present McCann – Present Grady – Present Stavola - Present

Also present were Chief Millisky (8201), Chief Cipriano (8401) was GTFD2 Administrator Robb.

The Commissioners discussed the topics listed on the attached mutually agreed upon agenda.

D4 Commissioner Vannoni expressed his strong disagreement with the monthly Depreciation Fee paid by D4 to D2 for the use of E822. This led to a lengthy discussion, with D2 Commissioner Evans citing the reasons why D2 feels the payment is fair and appropriate, and noting that it was agreed to by D4 last year. The discussion ended after D2 representative said they had discussed the issue at a recent commission meeting and are not in agreement to end the agreed upon payment prior to placing the new E88 in service.

The plan for E822 after the new Engine 88 is placed in service was discussed but no decisions were made.

After a discussion regarding the equipment needs for the new Engine 88, a Motion was made by D4 Commissioner McCann and 2nd by D4 Commissioner Stavola to have the E88 Truck Committee review the equipment needs and report back to the Commissioners by October 30th.

Roll Call:

GTFD2: Genzel – Absent Evans – Yes Reichert – Yes Donahue – Yes Grady – Yes

GTFD4: Jones – Yes Vannoni – Yes McCann – Yes Grady – Yes Stavola – Yes

D4 Commissioner Grady mentioned a recent disagreement between the boards involving a mechanical issue with E88 which resulted in District 2 casting the tie-breaker vote by virtue of E822 ownership. D4 Commissioner Grady expressed a concern with how a similar issue would be resolved after the new E88 is placed in service, since it will be jointly owned. D2 Commissioner Reichert suggested an odd/even system where one district would have tie-breaking authority in even years and the other would have tie-breaking authority in odd years. The boards felt this was a good concept and agreed to discuss it further before the new engine is placed in service.

Good of the Districts (Public Comment): No comments

Motion by D2 Evans, 2nd by D2 Grady to go into Closed Session at 8:30 pm to discuss the labor contract.

Roll Call:

GTFD2: Genzel – Absent Evans – Yes Reichert – Yes Donahue – Yes Grady – Yes

GTFD4: Jones – Yes Vannoni – Yes McCann – Yes Grady – Yes Stavola – Yes

Motion by D2 Reichert, 2nd by D2 Donahue to end the Closed Session at 9:14 pm

Roll Call:

GTFD2: Genzel – Absent Evans – Yes Reichert – Yes Donahue – Yes Grady – Yes

GTFD4: Jones – Yes Vannoni – Yes McCann – Yes Grady – Yes Stavola – Yes

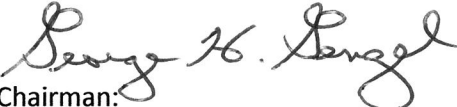
The labor issues discussed in closed session remain pending.

A number of commissioners offered positive comments regarding the first ever joint meeting of both boards, and a suggestion was made to schedule another meeting after the first of the year.

Motion by D4 McCann and D4 Grady to Adjourn at 9:15 pm. Motion Carried

Submitted by Administrator Robb.

Read and Approved:


Chairman:

Clerk: 

Joint GT Fire District 2 and GT Fire District 4 Meeting Agenda
September 21, 2020 7:00 pm – Station 82 Banquet Hall

Accomplishments Since Inception of 2018 Shared Services Agreement:

- Combined our career staffs and placed a staffed rig in service **24 hours a day / 7 days a week**
- Secured two FEMA SAFER grants and increased our career staffing from 11 to 13
- Added two Captain Positions
- Agreed to purchase a jointly funded apparatus designed to meet the needs of the E88 program, with the specifications developed by those who will staff the rig
- Working toward a plan to possibly share a reserve apparatus, thereby helping to reduce costs and apparatus duplication for both districts

1. Apparatus

A. Estimated delivery date for the new Engine 88 is May of 2020.

B. Shared Service Cost Sharing Agreement – E822 Depreciation Fee

1. District 4 agreed to a \$1,200/month payment for use of E822 as E88 starting in January of 2019
2. Fee is billed quarterly. To date, District 4 has paid a total of \$21,600 (minus small offset for E822 OOS time)
3. If payments continue through June of 2021 total payout will be \$36,000
4. Ed Millers research indicates a projected value of \$85,000 for E822 as of July 2021
5. Since the inception of the E88 program, District 2 has paid 100% of the insurance, plus annual hose testing, pump test, ladder certification and SCBA flow testing (roughly \$3,200 / yr).
6. Almost all of the equipment on the engine was purchased by District 2, including \$25,000 worth of Hurst eDraulic tools.

C. Plan for E822 after the new E88 is placed in service

1. Proposal to keep as a shared reserve for use by both districts as a backfill for E88, E82, Squad 84
2. If agreed:
 - Where will it be stored?
 - What equipment will be kept on it?
 - How will future costs be handled?

D. New Engine 88 Equipment

1. Spreadsheet listing all existing equipment has been created. Suggest creation of a sub-committee with decision-making reps from each district to review the list and identify the equipment source (relocated from D2 apparatus, relocated from a D4 apparatus or jointly purchased). The sub-committee also needs to discuss any additional equipment to be added to the apparatus and the cost of same. This process should take place soon due to the 2021 budget planning timeline.

2. Districts 1 and 3 Shared Service Participation

A. District 2 received a letter from District 3 expressing interest in meeting to discuss participation in this shared service program. District 2 suggests having two commissioners and the Chief from each of our districts (2 and 4) meet with District 3 to discuss.

B. Solicitor Carlamere said District 1 Commissioners held a lengthy discussion of this shared services program at their September Commission meeting and plans to send a letter to District 2 expressing their willingness to meet and discuss. If / when the letter is received, District 2 suggests having the same representatives meet with District 1.

3. Discussion regarding sharing of labor attorneys

A. District 2 currently uses Pete Frattarelli of Archer and Greiner P.C.

B. District 4 currently used Howard Long of Wade, Long, Wood and Long

4. Closed Session to discuss Personnel Issues