

The eight hundred and tenth meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #2, Gloucester Township was held in the Chews Landing Fire Station on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

Commissioners present were: Reichert, Evans, Donahue and Grady Also present were Chief Millisky, Administrator Robb and Solicitor Carlamere.

Vice Chairman Evans opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the flag salute and acknowledgement of the meeting being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act and having been advertised as such.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Genzel-absent, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Donahue and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reichert to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

Chief's Report: Chief Millisky reported he attended the Relief Association meeting held in January. The 2024 percentages have been submitted. He is awaiting a response from the Mayor regarding certificates for the ice rescue. The chief also reported that changes have been submitted regarding Station 81 and 83 addresses.

Administrator's Report: Admin Robb reviewed the attached agenda.

Solicitor's Report: None

Group Report: "A" Building Maintenance, Park (K. Donahue) No report

Group Report: "B" Fire Prevention, EMS (J. Reichert) Comm. Reichert reviewed the report submitted by FO Young noting that the state report has been submitted and that in comparing the 2020 and 2024 reports we show a significant increase in revenue and we are meeting all requirements.

Group Report: "C" Apparatus & Equipment (R. Evans) Comm. Evans reviewed the Station and Apparatus maintenance report submitted by Capt. Procopio providing updates on the apparatus maintenance, the status of the new Chief's vehicle progress and station LED lighting project.

Group Report: "D" Insurance, Hydrants, Radios & Uniforms (L. Grady) No report

Group Report: "E" Training, Personnel, Office (G. Genzel) Absent – No Report

Old Business: A motion was made by Donahue and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grady to approve the Interlocal agreement between Districts 2, 4 & 6 for Squad 88 to assist Fire District #6 with incidental calls for service extending the expiration date to March, 31, 2025 as well as authorizing Vice Chairman Evans and Secretary Donahue to sign the agreement on behalf of the fire district.

New Business: A motion was made by Donahue and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grady to approve the bills presented for payment this evening in the amount of \$99,871.34

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Donahue and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evans to accept the receipts presented this evening in the amount of \$6,746.80.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Grady and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reichert to approve Joint Administrative Policy 25-001 regarding Voluntary Recall to Duty

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made to approve Janine Young to serve as an Election Teller and to be compensated \$175.00 for her services.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A Resolutions 25-02, was made authorizing the donation of three obsolete turnout coats and 5 obsolete pairs of bunker pants to the 9/11 Fund.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Donahe and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grady to approve the contract with VJ's Landscaping for the low quote amount of \$5,565.00 for the annual contracted services of lawn care.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

Good of the District: Comm. Reichert questioned District Counsel Dave Carlamere regarding whether or not the township received any franchise fees from the water company and also if he knows of any fire districts billing the gas company for calls related to issues outside of the residence and the responsibility of the gas company. Solicitor Carlamere replied that he has no knowledge of either of these scenarios but he will gladly look into it.

Comm. Grady questioned by public sector of the meeting what they think would happen were the fire districts to consolidate. Comments from Capt. Giambri included many of the members are averse to change that in his opinion we may lose members that are members for the social aspect of the membership but also may gain/retain more of the work horse members and wind up with an ultimately better product. Solicitor Carlamere noted that should districts 1, 2, 3, & 4 decide to consolidate it would still require governing body review involving budget, elections and governing commissions. Asst. Chief Haines commented that he feels if there is a consolidation it should be all of the fire districts not only a few. Comm. Evans stated that he thinks many of the members don't understand that consolidation only involves the fire district level operations-not fire company. FF Jenkinson commented that we have joint duty crews now but many feel they only want to do duty crews at their own station to go to another station. In closing Capt. Giambri thanked Comm. Grady for posing the question and is in favor of moving the ship forward with progression.

A motion was made by Reichert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grady to go into Closed Session at 7:46pm to discuss personnel issues.

A motion was made by Donahue and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reichert to end the Closed Session. The items discussed remain pending.

Comm. Grady initiated a discussion regarding the pending departmental awards for the recent ice rescue. It was acknowledged that the district doesn't have a current awards policy, and that the GT Police Department and CC Fire Chief's and FO Assn policies would be used in the interim. Commissioner Reichert, Captain Giambri and FF Piepszowski agreed to serve on a committee to determine the awards for the ice rescue incident. Chief Millisky will forward the necessary information to the committee.

There being no other business a motion was made by Donahue and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evans to adjourn at 8:30pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Read and approved:

*vice* - Chairman: Raymond W. Evans

Submitted:

Clerk: Marianne C. Potts

Date: 3/12/2025

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

From: Bill Robb – Administrator

RE: Meeting – February 12, 2025

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1. Shared Services / Interlocal Agreement Programs:
  - a. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Station 82.
  - b. D4 has announced their intention to appoint a Career Fire Chief on or about April 1, 2025. In light of same, the possibility of a shared D2/D4 decision regarding this topic is no longer under consideration by D4.
  - c. Subscription to the Curt Varone and Brad Pinsky Must Have Policies service is still pending.
  - d. The 2024 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Squad 88 Interlocal agreement payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 has been received from Fire District #3.
  - e. A meeting with Fire District #1 to discuss a possible Squad 88 Interlocal Agreement is pending.
  - f. The Interlocal Agreement between Fire Districts 2, 4 and 6 for Squad 88 to assist Fire District #6 with incidental calls for service has been in effect since January 1<sup>st</sup>, and is set to expire on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Chief Brown has asked for an extension to allow them additional time to complete their hiring / orientation process. **Request a Motion to approve the attached Interlocal agreement extending the expiration date to March 31, 2025, and to authorize Vice Chairman Evans and Secretary Donahue to sign the agreement on behalf of the fire district.** No changes were made to the updated agreement beyond the effective and expiration dates.
  - g. **As discussed at the workshop, request a Motion to approve J.A.P. 25-001, Voluntary Recall to Duty.**
2. The annual fire district election will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 1pm to 9pm. Commissioners Reichert and Donahue are running unopposed. Voters will be asked to authorize the board to raise \$2,484,436.00 for the 2025 operating budget, and to approve the purchase of two trucks, one of which will be shared with Fire District 4. All requirements regarding posting and advertisement of the budget and public questions have been met, and the Adopted Budget has been approved by the DCA. Notices regarding the apparatus purchase have also been posted on the fire district website, and notices with links to the website have been posted on social media.
  - a. **Request a Motion to approve Janine Young to serve as an Election Teller, and to be paid \$175.00 for her services.**
3. **Request approval of attached Resolution 25-02, authorizing the donation of three (3) obsolete turnout coats and five (5) obsolete pairs of bunker pants to the 9/11 Fund.**
4. Quotes for 2025 lawn care have been received from VJ's Landscaping of Chews Landing, NJ and from Steeplechase Complete turf and Irrigation Service of Williamstown, NJ. **Request a Motion to approve the contract with VJ's Landscaping for the low quote amount of \$5,565.00.**
5. Captain Giambri is in the process of programming the new TL82 MDC.
6. Upfitting of the new chief's vehicle continues.

7. Delivery of the seven sets of PPE for the career staff, purchased with funds from the American Rescue Grant, is pending.
8. The LED Lighting Upgrade project is ongoing. The board's 50% cost share of the project, in the amount of \$6,740.00 have been encumbered from the 2024 Operating Budget and will be paid to the fire company upon completion of the project.
9. As discussed at the workshop, I believe it's appropriate for the Board to recognize those involved in the January 5, 2025 rescue at the Timber Creek Dog Park. If the board is in agreement, we need to determine the recipients and the level of award given. Chief Millisky has provided a total of twenty one (21) names of individuals from the fire department, EMS, GT police and a civilian who played a role in the rescue and treatment of the victim. I have contacted the GT Police Department to request a copy of their awards policy for reference.

Closed Session: Personnel