

**Board of Fire Commissioners
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT 6
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Held: February 25, 2016
Meeting Place: Board Office
Meeting Called to Order: 6:35 pm
Members of Board Present: **Chairman** – George Brown
Vice Chairman – Joseph Chew
Treasurer – Richard Annacone, excused
Secretary – George Flinn
Commissioner – Steven Funkhouser
Administrative Clerk – Jeanette Cottone
Solicitor – David Carlamere

Salute the Flag

The Sunshine Law – George Brown: In accordance with the NJ Sunshine Law this meeting is open to the public. The public portion will follow the regular business of the Board.

Roll call Commissioners:

Comms. Chew, Flinn, Funkhouser and Brown present. Comm. Annacone is excused.

Open Session: Comm. Brown

Comm. Brown: At this time what I would like to do is suspend the regular agenda and deal with some other issues.

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Flinn to suspend. Roll call vote, all yes.

Comm. Brown: At this time what we'd like to do is swear in the new Commissioners who will take effect on March 1st. Rather than have a special meeting when the families can't get here, we'd like to do that tonight. So if we can do this alphabetically I guess, Comm. Funkhouser, you can be first. Sol.Carlamere swore in Steven Funkhouser. (Applause)

Comm. Brown: Next, we would like Commissioner elect Brian Robinson to step up and do the same thing. Sol.Carlamere swore in Brian Robinson. (Applause)

Comm. Brown: We have one more swearing-in, but before we do that, we have something for outgoing Comm. Chew. One of the things when you're the Chief, you never know what's going to happen. So Chief, for your report for the month, please read this.

Chief Brezee: I'd like to thank Comm. Chew for his years of service to Gloucester Township Fire District 6. It has truly been a pleasure working with Comm. Chew. His knowledge of firefighting operations is second to none. Comm. Chew has proven to be a caring and always supportive of the wellbeing of each and every member of the District. He will be sadly missed, I wish him well. (Applause)

Comm. Brown: At this time, we'd like to turn over this portion of the meeting to the Chief.

Chief Brezee: Do the awards prior to the swearing, or swear in first?

Comm. Brown: Swear in first.

Chief Brezee: We just crossed over a little bit over two years since taking over as the career Fire Chief, pulling Chris in to it, my right hand man, I can't do it without him. Our other Officer Derek was unable to make it, I don't think he got here yet. But it's just the three of us that are the Officer's, and it's been quite the challenge. Everybody here, the guys that are wearing these uniforms know that I don't hand out Officer positions, you have to earn them. After two years, one gentleman has stood out, I've always wanted to make a Captain, I've always had him in mind. At the time, he didn't have a lot of time to ride the fire trucks with us, he was here when he could, somehow he makes all the good jobs. Slowly I started sliding him little side jobs to do at home because I knew he had time. We all know Tom Kenny, he's got a tribe, he's got 4 little ones and he and his wife work very hard to make sure they are taken care of and that's where he spends a lot of his time. But he's been able to take care of things for the fire department from home for the last couple years when he didn't have as much time to be here. His time to be here is

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increasing now, we're seeing him a lot more, and I think it's finally time to fill that Captain's position, and my choice for that position is Tom Kenny. So if I can have Tom come up, he'll be sworn in as a Captain tonight. (Applause)

Sol.Carlamere swore in Tom Kenny. (Applause)

Chief Brezee: Also tonight, most of us know this, we're not a traditional volunteer fire company. Most of the firefighters are a subcontractor. They sign a contract with me, they serve under me and I appreciate the service I receive from them. Normal fire companies have a dinner every year. We don't have that dinner every year. At those dinners, certain firefighters are acknowledged for their achievements or taking the extra step. We wanted to get back into at least that. We may not have the dinner, but we want to recognize those firefighters who have gone above and beyond. With that, I'll turn it over to Dep. Chief Brown.

Dep.Chief Brown: Those of you who have ever had to suffer through a class with me know there are no power points ... Good evening, once again my name is Christopher Brown. I'm the Deputy Fire Chief here at Fire District 6. I have the honor and privilege of presenting two special awards for the first time in our organizations history. I have a very full plate, but I'll piggy back on what the Chief said, some of it was in here. We'd like to do a more formal awards dinner some time, and as a message to the membership, I welcome suggestions from you guys especially if somebody would like to take the lead and organize that going forward. Regardless, after numerous discussions between the Chief and myself, and with the consultation of a few Commissioners, we decided it was time to give that recognition. We have many outstanding volunteers here. I'm proud of each and every one of them. I've been serving since 2003, and this is the best group of firefighters that I've ever been with in that time. That being said, would Ff. Andrew Canobbio please come forward. Ff. Canobbio holds a unique distinction within our organization. He's the only member that I've ever suspended. However, we're not here because of that. As Ff. Canobbio's gotten older, he's matured in his attitude, knowledge and skills. He's become a qualified driver on Engine 86, and is in the process of qualifying on Squad 86. This past year, he operated with distinction as the operator of Engine 86 at a three alarm apartment fire in Pine Hill. When Ff. Canobbio performs his apparatus inspections, he doesn't find small details to complain about, attempt to push the blame on anyone else or jam anyone up. He understands that we're all human and small mistakes occur. He corrects the issue promptly and moves on without complaining. Ff. Canobbio has also served as our Holiday events coordinator for the past two years. This entails organizing our participation in all the Santa parades, Christmas and Holiday parades in our area, as well as the decoration of our apparatus and the Santa rides here within District 6. When he says he's going to do something, whether complete a task or be around, he always follows through. Lastly and most importantly, Ff. Canobbio has an outstanding knack of being extremely reliable when special assignments come up. We have a duty crew schedule here as volunteers, that most of the volunteers follow pretty rigidly. And most of them become very accustomed to that. Sometimes putting detailed special assignments on our off nights are like pulling teeth. Not with Andrew. He's almost always the first person to step up and help. It's due to this collective commitment that I'm proud to present on behalf of the Chief and Board of Fire Commissioners the award of Firefighter of the Year. (Applause)

Ff. Canobbio: Thank you. (Applause)

Dep.Chief Brown: Would Ff. Derek Kramer please come forward. We were lucky enough to have Ff. Kramer come to us from Pine Hill. He was a resident of our community at the time and decided it was time for a change. It was an outstanding decision that benefited us, and we hope you feel the same way. Ff. Kramer is an extremely motivated individual. He's a self-starter. Since his time here with us, he was always very eager to help with every task around the firehouse. When the Chief and I were appointed to our positions in late 2013, the vehicles that would become our command vehicles were in severe need of update. The Chief's emergency lighting was in disrepair, the door details were peeling and outdated, and what would become my vehicle was basically in the same state. Ff. Kramer assisted in the design of our new patch and our logo that we all wear today. In addition he volunteered his time upgrading the emergency lighting on both command vehicles saving the taxpayers hundreds of dollars. Did I mention that he's self-motivated? Ff. Kramer's full time job is a law enforcement officer in a neighboring community. During a recent snow storm, I came to the Station to begin the process of plowing the lot and shovel the sidewalks for the public. I arrived to find Ff. Kramer mostly complete the project after working a 12 hour overnight shift at his full time job. You're all sitting and standing within Ff. Kramer's greatest achievement however. When Ff. Kramer arrived, he noticed that our physical fitness equipment and programs were lacking. He's taken the lead in obtaining the equipment you see here in this room. Some

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of it was begged for, some of it was donated, and some of it we got for a great steal. In addition, Ff. Kramer uses his knowledge as a PT instructor at the Camden County Police Academy to lead our physical fitness nights. Hardly a day goes by without a text or email asking about starting or getting involved in a new project. The flag you see sitting up there against the back wall is old hose that failed hose testing. It was now turned into something that we can have hanging in our Station. It's just another example of his projects. I wish I could say that I got tired of those texts and emails, but it's actually a relief to have somebody there always working so hard in behalf of all of us. Therefore, I am proud and honored to present Ff. Kramer for the Member of the Year Award. (Applause)

Comm. Brown: I have one last thing to say before we take a break for some ice cream and cake, which everybody likes ice cream and cake, right kids? One of our greatest supporters since I've been a Commissioner is sitting out there, and his name is Jim Kibelstis, and he's going to be moving to PA soon too. But Jim thank you, we really appreciate you. (Applause)

Comm. Brown: Let the record show we've moved the meeting from the gymnasium to the conference room and I'd like to have a roll call of the Commissioners.
Comms. Chew, Flinn, Funkhouser and Brown present. Comm. Annacone is excused.

Minutes of the previous meeting - Motion to accept the previous month's minutes as they are available to the public upon request.
Motion made by Comm. Flinn, seconded by Comm. Chew. Roll call vote, all yes.

Correspondence – Jeanette Cottone

Adm.CI.Cottone: It's been distributed.

Comm. Brown: I think we should probably move forward with the re-organization at this time, and the resolutions around that, then we'll do regular committee reports. We can do the Treasurer's Report first.

Treasurer's Report – Adm.CI.Cottone

For 02/25/2016:

Audubon General Account	1,646,171.30
Audubon Payroll Account	29,362.01
Expenditures:	86,258.90

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR APPROVAL 86,258.90

Motion made by Comm. Flinn, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser to accept the Treasurer's Report as read.
Roll call vote, all yes.

Re-Organization – George Brown

Sol.Carlamere: The first order of business will be a motion of the Board for the position of Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Chairman George Brown

Motion made by Comm. Funkhouser, seconded by Comm. Chew. Roll call vote, all yes.

Vice Chairman Richard Annacone

Motion made by Comm. Flinn, seconded by Comm. Chew. Roll call vote, all yes.

Treasurer Brian Robinson

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser. Roll call vote, all yes.

Secretary George Flinn

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser. Roll call vote, all yes.

Comm. Brown: To go over the positions of each of the Commissioners, I'll just read these and just do one resolution.

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George Brown Budget, Co-Commissioner – Computer Services – Fire Prevention – IAFF Contracts, Co-Commissioner – Legal Liaison – Liaison to the Fire Company

Richard Annacone Budget, Co-Commissioner – IAFF Contracts, Co-Commissioner – Personnel / Administration – Personnel / Operations

Brian Robinson Fire Department Equipment – Fire Department Operations & Training

George Flinn Insurance – Sign – Water

Steven Funkhouser Building Maintenance – Communications – EMS Supplies & Equipment – Turn-Out Gear – Uniforms

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser. Roll call vote, all yes.

Resolution R-03-16 Set the schedule of Board meeting dates and times for the year 2016 and initial 2017. The majority of the dates being the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm with the exception of the holiday and budget period.

Resolution R-04-16 Cash Management Plan for GTFD 6 2016

Motion made by Comm. Flinn, seconded by Comm. Chew to accept. Roll call vote, all yes.

Resolution R-05-16 Special Attorney Howard Long
Resolution R-06-16 Attorney, David F. Carlamere
Resolution R-07-16 Accountant, Richard Allen
Resolution R-08-16 Auditor, Bowman & Co.
Resolution R-09-16 Deposit of Funds, Audubon Savings Bank
Legal Notices, Courier Post, Philadelphia Inquirer
Resolution R-10-16 Dental Care Provider – US Life, Delta Dental
Resolution R-11-16 Medical Provider US HealthWorks

Motion on Resolutions to Appoint made by Comm. Flinn, seconded by Comm. Chew. Roll call vote, all yes.

Sol.Carlamere: Thank you for my appoint.

Comm. Brown: Thank you for your service. Anything else for re-organization?

Adm.Ci.Cottone: I think we are through. You all have to do signatures tonight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Computer Services – George Brown

No report.

Fire Prevention – George Brown

No report.

Liaison to the District Volunteers – George Brown

Comm. Brown: Are there any new members?

Dep.Chief Brown: Yes, there are two. One of which is a firefighter, he was unable to be here this evening. His name is Brian Koneful. All of his information has been submitted. He comes to us by the way of the Winslow Fire Co. as a volunteer. He's through all of his paperwork, background check, everything is good. He's got gear and is ready to get going. He actually returned his signed contract this evening on his way to work and receiving approval for him.

Also in the room seated right behind me is Dave Gruin. Dave will not be coming to us specifically as a fire fighter. He would be an associate type member of the District, and his main job would be as a photographer. I've had discussions with the Chief, some of the Officer's as well as some of the Commissioners in regards to the fact that it's both a morale thing and for a training development purpose, we'd like to have somebody on board to do that. I actually met Dave at our Fire Prevention back in October and he's already taken some

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pictures for us. All of his paperwork is completed. He is a District 6 resident, and I'd also like to recommend him for approval membership to the District.

Comm. Brown: Question on the first candidate. He's been through FF1 and all that, he's ready to go.

Dep.Chief Brown: Yes.

Motion to approve both of the new members made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser.

Roll call vote, all yes.

Stand up and let us applaud you. (Applause)

IAFF Contracts Co-Commissioner – George Brown

No report.

Legal Liaison – George Brown

No report.

Budget Co-Commissioner – Joe Chew

Comm. Chew: The budget was passed.

Apparatus – Joe Chew

Comm. Chew: See the Chief's Report.

Fire Department Equipment – Joe Chew

Comm. Chew: See the Chief's Report.

Fire Department Operations – Joe Chew

Comm. Chew: See the Chief's Report.

Training – Joe Chew

Comm. Chew: See the Chief's Report.

Budget Co-Commissioner – Rich Annacone

No report.

IAFF Contracts Co-Commissioner – Rich Annacone

Comm. Brown: I'll just make a comment. We had a meeting with the IAFF. There is some language that we agreed needs to be worked out. Comm. Annacone had sent it over to me. I guess if I was a public servant I would understand it a little better. I was hoping he would clarify it tonight, but I'll try and meet with him as soon as I can to go over the language that any approval of the contract would require the Board's complete approval, and quite frankly I really wanted Comm. Robinson to participate in that decision since he's going to live with the consequences for the next 3 years. One of the things I've learned here is to take the "gee I didn't have anything to do with that" out of the equation is really the secret to success. So we're looking forward to bringing you up to speed on that. I'll get you those documents after tonight.

Personnel / Administration – Rich Annacone

No report.

Personnel / Operations – Rich Annacone

No report.

Insurance – George Flinn

Comm. Flinn: Nothing.

Sign – George Flinn

No report.

Water – George Flinn

No report.

Photographer – George Flinn

No report.

Building Maintenance & Grounds – Steve Funkhouser

Comm. Funkhouser: If you noticed we have a new addition out front here. We had the railing installed, the guy did a great job.

Comm. Brown: Nicely done.

Comm. Funkhouser: The roof has been patched. We've checked the last major storms that we just had and we have found zero leaks in the building if you can believe that.

Comm. Brown: That's a first in 10 years.

Comm. Funkhouser: It's not leaking, so keep our fingers crossed on that one. I didn't have time to read your report tonight, so I don't know if you added into.

Chief Brezee: Just the heater in the basement.

Comm. Flinn: I'll take the blame for that.

Communications – Steve Funkhouser

No report.

EMS / Supplies & Equipment – Steve Funkhouser

No report.

Turn-Out Gear – Steve Funkhouser

Comm. Funkhouser: Everything is OK with that.

Uniforms – Steve Funkhouser

Comm. Funkhouser: We're all good with that right now.

Comm. Brown: Speaking of uniforms, I like the revised uniform policy, I think it's great. One of the things I was going to say is, I think that what we need to do, and this will have to be formalized, but if it has to do with Operations, I would like to pass a resolution tonight giving the Chief the authority to issue those Directives, Bulletins, S.O.G.'s whatever, as long as their operational in nature and they do not involve a financial commitment on part of the taxpayers. The Chief would be empowered to do that without having to wait a month or two to have the Board do that. And to that end, if the Board members agree, then that uniform policy would be in effect as soon as the Chief signed it.

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser. Roll call vote, all yes.

Chief – Michael Brezee

Chief Brezee: As far as that goes, I would like to thank the Board for their support over the past year. Welcome the new Commissioner and the incumbent. We wish Joe well. I believe with the passing of the budget, you've put us in a good position to be successful. Either we've been real lucky or real good. I'd like to think a little of both, but we've been successful and I think we'll keep going that way.

Comm. Brown: As I said to someone earlier, a lean dog can run in the race a long time, and we're there. Good job, and I would say you only have one thing to do effective immediately...spend. Get that equipment rolling. And I actually had a conversation about if there is a marginal shortage of radios right now, we can get the six ordered that we're going to get for the new Squad early and it will hold us over till who knows when. Anyway, thank you. Anything else Comm. Chew?

Comm. Chew: That's all I have for now, thank you.

Motion made by Comm. Funkhouser, seconded by Comm. Flinn to accept the Chief's report.
Roll call vote, all yes.

Solicitor – David Carlamere

Sol.Carlamere: Nothing to report.

Resolutions – Jeanette Cottone

Adm.CI.Cottone: The Resolutions were completed.

Old Business – George Brown

Comm. Brown: I've got a couple Old Business items that I'd like to start with. Number one, we tabled a resolution on an increase for Mr. Allen at the last meeting. The thought at that time was that we wanted to see where the Firefighters contract ended up in terms of an increase since it has been the history of the District that we treated the Administrative people at the same increase rate as we have the firefighters. With that contract not being resolved yet, I would like to again table the decision for one more month on Mr. Allen's increase and I will make a commitment to send Mr. Allen sometime tonight or tomorrow explaining why we didn't approve it this month. I think we need to wait so as to not get tangled in various issues with labor contracts.

Motion made by Comm. Flinn, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser to table it for another month.
Roll call vote, all yes.

Comm. Brown: The next one is going to take probably a little longer than all the meetings we had in 2014 and 2015, so let's get it over with. It has to do with the Training expenses that District 5 alleges that we owe and is trying to offset what they owe us for John Rosado's health care last year. So without spending too much, and Comm. Robinson if you can follow along with us because, if we can't resolve this it will become somewhat of your problem, but I'm hoping we can resolve this. Basically, if you go to the second page of the document, there was a letter issued in May of 2012 by Camden County College to Comm. Engelbert of District 5 formalizing what training we got for free as a result of serving Lakeland. That letter outlines what we were going to get for free and that there is a maximum amount. If you turn to page 2 while I hand it out, and by the way, Comm. Chew did a remarkable job on getting documents together. I think if I'm correct, this is going to be a combination of his influence in getting documents and my anal-ness at picking out one or two phrases in a document that I think are pivotal to what's going on here. Paragraph 3, the term Adjunct Firefighter classes. So in other words, what the College agreed to give to us was FF1, FF2, and what they call Adjunct Firefighter classes. So that was the agreement. We found out about this late, that's not an issue at this point because I think if you turn to the next page, page 3, I asked what an Adjunct Firefighter class was since it wasn't defined anyplace, and the Chief who also helped pull this together did some research, and he said that basically it's in that email that those are the things that are offered often and frequently. They're not ones in which they bring in special instructors. Having done that, I gave him the bills. If you go to page 4, and I have the bills if you want to actually see it, and the Chief went through and highlighted of the bills that they alleged that were outstanding. Which of those bills really were Adjunct Firefighter classes which would make them exempt from what we would owe as long as we did not exceed \$3,000. So I then took the bills and I put them in the schedule which is on page 4 showing who the course was, what the course type was, who the Firefighter was, what the cost was, what District was the Firefighter in and what was the invoice date and time, because there was even some question as to whether or not we exceeded the \$3,000 threshold and whether or not we got our fair share meaning half of it in District 6. If you look at the line there where a total of \$710, District 5 got \$710 of these Adjunct classes which I believe are free per the letter, and District 6 got \$1,250. So neither one of us exceeded our, what should have been half of \$1,500 of \$3,000 by my estimate. So the \$3,000 rule is not an issue here. There were two classes that were neither FF1 or FF2 or Adjunct, and those are the classes indicated in 11/18/12 for NJ State Drill Ground Instructor Classes. They would not have been part of the agreement, and should be paid by District 6 since they were the only people that had it. So if you look at that schedule, you'll see that I believe, thanks to the help of Comm. Chew and the Chief, we owe \$90 to someone, now the question is has District 5 paid this, because what they wanted to do, if you see on the first page, they want to net settle what they owe us that settles the term by I'm going to deduct from what I owe you from what you owe me. They want to net settle a lot of money, more than \$90. So what I'd like a resolution by the Board is, since Joe will be leaving, and I don't think it's fair for Brian, I would write a letter to the Chairman of District 5 giving him this analysis and saying we owe \$90. If we owe it to you, deduct \$90 from the John Rosado first month healthcare benefits that you owe us, or we'll pay the College.

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser.

Comm. Funkhouser: Is it possible we could just send it to the College. Why do we have to go to District 5?

Comm. Brown: The problem is, if they've already paid it and can prove that they paid it, then why get extra people involved? We'll take the proof that they paid it and it will allow them to deduct it, I think fairly, from what they owe us in that settlement.

Sol. Carlamere: Is it billed to them?

Comm. Brown: It was billed to them. So the idea is, this is almost a year old, let's try and get this resolved. I think my analysis is correct, the Chief believes this is correct what constitutes is an adjunct class. If in fact District 5 has paid this, they're going to have to ask for a refund based on our analysis, and we could take

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3 or 4% of it if you want. So I think, and I'll ask the Solicitor to look at it because I'm sure it will come up at District 5. I do believe the analysis is good, I do believe that in the interest of both District 5 and District 6 to support my analysis especially if in fact they paid this, because they would get back some large sum of money, \$2,000 which I think was rightfully due us.

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser. Roll call vote, Comms. Chew, Funkhouser and Brown yes. Comm. Flinn abstained.

New Business – George Brown

Comm. Brown: I have two quick items. The Red Cross contacted me to again use our facility in whatever way is convenient for us for a blood drive. They originally proposed the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend. I convinced them that I didn't think it was optimal. They came back and said they would like to do Friday, May 13th, same hours as last time whatever it was, and we can determine whether we want them outside or inside once we see where the building is. But I'd like to commit to them if the Board agrees, then we'll book them for that date. They felt they had a successful blood drive at that time.

Comm. Flinn: Before, Chief...any issues with that?

Chief Brezee: None.

Comm. Flinn: I make a motion to have the Chief handle it with the Red Cross.

Comm. Brown: I make a motion that until we have some authority in terms of what the Chief's authority is, that we'll just keep going by the Board, but our new Commissioner is going to help with that.

Comm. Funkhouser: When they came out last time with the mobile....

Chief Brezee: I believe it worked real well. We were afraid to put them in the social hall due to the water issues, had we gotten rain that day. The other issue was, I was concerned about maybe blood splatter on the carpet, but they lay stuff down and all that to make sure that's taken care of. In May, it could be warm, it would be nice for them to have that air conditioning.

Comm. Brown: I'll think we'll see where the building is 30 days out and whether or not it's going to impact us and tell them that the May 13th date is approved based on an April 13th review of what we're going to do. If it's easy for us and it's easier for them we'll use the gym. If it's difficult for us and it's not ready, then go with what they did last year. I think they want to try and get their schedule set I think we want to get ours set as well. So did that answer your question?

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser. Roll call vote, all yes.

Comm. Brown: Last item is, we received a letter from our Auditors that they want an increase this year in their fees to do the Audit. It's only a \$100 increase, but given the fact that our ratables are down and I believe the amount of work that should be down for the Auditors as a result of the P-card implementation meaning we'll have less checks for them to audit is a reason for us to ask them to hold their price to last year's price. Not ask for a reduction, but ask them to hold it. I would like to do that, but I don't want to do that without the consensus of the Board.

Motion made by Comm. Flinn, seconded by Comm. Chew to send a letter to Bowman asking them to hold the price. Roll call vote, all yes.

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Chief Brezee: I don't know who else is aware, but I believe that as of this time tomorrow night, Comm. Flinn will be Comm. Grand pappy Flinn. Congratulations.

Comm. Chew: Also, I would like to say thank you to everybody. I made a lot of great friends along this ride, and I appreciate the chance to be able to represent the taxpayer and try and bring the transparency that I think that all of us wanted to have in here and I appreciate that opportunity. Thank you for it.

Comm. Brown: Thank you. What a great job you did Joe.

Adm.Ci.Cottone: Thank you Joe.

Comm. Funkhouser: I took it upon myself after speaking to Comm. Flinn and Comm. Brown. Past Commissioner Eden had passed away. I thought it would be a good idea that the Board would send flowers to the viewing and did that. I was just wondering if we have a policy for past Commissioners, or if I start something here that may not be the proper route, but I just want to make sure if it was OK with everybody.

Comm. Brown: Let me just say this, I'm in no hurry for that policy to be casted in my name.

Comm. Chew: I honestly think that was the proper thing to do.

Comm. Brown: I think it was the proper thing to do. I think each one of the circumstances, especially when you

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have a limited amount of time, you can't get a Board meeting together. That's what leadership and decision making is about. I don't think there should be any problem. It was done with the genuine interest of the people that were here. No one had a problem with it. Again, how we've done that in the past is you get a couple of Commissioners and say what you think and get three to think alike and just move for it. Whether that's two minutes or 5 minutes.

Comm. Elect Robinson: It warrants a policy.

Comm. Flinn: Again, Jan will take a licking from the Auditor, and we move on.

Chief Brezee: Chris and I made the decision to send the truck which was out of County with a crew to stand by during that viewing.

Comm. Brown: And I think if there is ever a business that you make a lot of decisions because you have to, this is it. We can't change them and we don't want to.

Closed Session – George Brown

n/a

Adjourn – George Brown

Motion made by Comm. Funkhouser, seconded by Comm. Chew to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm.

Roll call vote, all yes.