

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

Meeting Held: March 24, 2016
Meeting Place: Board Office
Meeting Called to Order: 6:32 pm
Members of Board Present: **Chairman** – George Brown
Vice Chairman – Richard Annacone
Treasurer – Brian Robinson
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:
All present.

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. Annacone. Roll call vote, all yes

Correspondence – Jeanette Cottone
Adm.Ci.Cottone: It's been distributed.

Treasurer's Report – Rich Annacone

Audubon General Account	1,952,976.09
Audubon Payroll Account	30,154.84
Expenditures as of 03/24/16:	48,673.14
TOTAL AMOUNT FOR APPROVAL	48,673.14

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Co-Commissioner – George Brown
No report.

Computer Services – George Brown
No report.

Fire Prevention – George Brown
No report.

IAFF Contracts Co-Commissioner – George Brown
Comm. Brown: I'll defer reporting on the IAFF contracts till the end of the meeting when we go into closed. Other than that, I have nothing else to report.

Legal Liaison – George Brown
No report.

Liaison to the District Volunteers – George Brown

No report.

Budget Co-Commissioner – Rich Annacone

No report.

IAFF Contracts Co-Commissioner – Rich Annacone

Comm. Annacone: The same, we'll talk about contracts later.

Personnel / Administration – Rich Annacone

No report.

Personnel / Operations – Rich Annacone

No report.

Apparatus – Brian Robinson

No report.

Fire Department Equipment – Brian Robinson

Comm. Robinson: Chief Brezee touched on some stuff in his report and I'll let him clarify what he mentioned.

Fire Department Operations – Brian Robinson

No report.

Training – Brian Robinson

No report.

Insurance – George Flinn

No report.

Sign – George Flinn

No report.

Water – George Flinn

No report.

Building Maintenance & Grounds – Steve Funkhouser

Comm. Funkhouser: The building committee will be resuming probably in April, I've got to get some times together from people to check out some other firehouses. I'd like to sit down and have another couple of meetings prior to us going anywhere.

The Chief also had written down some things in his report, and I'll let him go over that. That's all I have.

Communications – Steve Funkhouser

No report.

EMS / Supplies & Equipment – Steve Funkhouser

No report.

Turn-Out Gear – Steve Funkhouser

No report.

Uniforms – Steve Funkhouser

No report.

Chief – Michael Brezee

Chief Brezee: The report has been submitted. Our apparatus vendor continues to astonish me with poor service. The fact is, the truck was finished this afternoon. I told them I was actually out of town, that I had a meeting tonight, I could hopefully be up there by 8:00, and they said OK, we'll leave it outside the gate for you. I've about had it with them. Last year we looked at different companies, we picked the company out of that,

Chief – continued

but then EES sent down the President of the Company and he promised us the world and this past year, it was lip service. They continue to fail us as far as I'm concerned. Dawn is going to take me up at 7:00, we'll go get the truck, bring it back tonight and we've already set up to move on to a new company.

Adm.CI.Cottone: You going to mention the company?

Chief Brezee: It's Campbell Supply, and they're actually the company that will be handling our new apparatus when it comes in.

Comm. Annacone: Where are they located at?

Chief Brezee: South Brunswick. Same exact ride, as far as this one. One of the things that was promised to me as well as it was promised from the past company was, the majority of all your work will be done in station, and that hasn't been the case. Hopefully they can hold true to that.

As far as the building, Comm. Funkhouser has a couple things that will be scheduled. The hot water heater has to be replaced, we're just waiting for the company to schedule up with us, and some lighting that has to be replaced. I did want to start my landscaping that I've done for the last two years as long as you guys are good with it, I'll take the same route. I'll work closely with Comm. Funkhouser, but we did talk about getting rid of some of these bushes out here, they're pretty much thorn bushes and you get torn up trying to trim them so I'd like to rip them out, get some trees, like we had when we first did the building, but somebody killed them on us. That person is not around anymore so we hopefully won't have that problem. I think that's pretty much it, unless anyone has any questions for me. (hearing none)

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

Solicitor – David Carlamere

Comm. Brown: The Solicitor has not arrived yet.

Resolutions – Jeanette Cottone

Adm.CI.Cottone: A confirming resolution on a Memorandum of Agreement between Gloucester Township Fire Districts 2, 4, 5, 6 and the Pine Hill Fire Department.

Chief Brezee: I believe it was a little over a year ago that we decided, and you guys approved at a meeting for me to go forward to get into this joint grant for the replacement of S.C.B.A.'s. The grant has been written, the grant has been submitted. The only thing, and I believe that all the lawyers kind of came up with that one was they would like to see...because Chews Landing is your lead agency, their Solicitor kind of wants a memorandum from everybody saying look, if we get the grant you're going to pay. Then you know what...it's not a good time for us, we're not going to take the grant. So we did commit to it, this is just putting it in writing that we are committing to it.

Motion made by Comm. Flinn, seconded by Comm. Annacone to approve the resolution.
Roll call vote, all yes.

Chief Brezee: And roughly that's \$220,000 worth of S.C.B.A. for about \$22,000 if we receive the grant.

Comm. Brown: Good deal.

Old Business – George Brown

Comm. Brown: I did deliver the letter that was approved by the Board last meeting to District 5 regarding the Training. Comm. Engelbert was not available. I went over it with the Clerk down there. She's going to get back to me and once I hear from her, we can approve those two bills for \$45.00

Red Cross will be coming out on the 1st of April to look at the building and see whether or not the inside is adequate enough for having it inside. They're not going to be able to get a mobile unit this time, so it may be up in the air.

New Business – George Brown

No report.

Public Portion – George Brown

Comm. Brown: At this time, stand up, state your name and address and address the Board.
(hearing none)

Closed Session – George Brown

Motion made by Comm. Annacone, seconded by Comm. Brown to go into Closed Session at 6:41 pm regarding labor contracts. Comm. Flinn excused himself from the meeting.

Roll call vote, Comms. Annacone, Robinson, Funkhouser and Brown yes.

Open Session – George Brown

Motion made by Comm. Funkhouser, seconded by Comm. Annacone to go back into Open Session.

Roll call vote, all yes.

Comm. Brown: Let the record show that the Board has gone back into Open Session at 6:48pm.

Roll call, Comms. Annacone, Robinson, Funkhouser and Brown are present.

Comm. Brown: During the Closed Session the Board discussed the ongoing labor negotiations with the IAFF regarding the Firefighter's contract. And after a very long, extended and numerous meetings with the IAFF, it was the recommendation by the negotiating committee that we have reached an impasse and that therefore we would like the Board to vote on the declaration of an impasse and do what we need to do with our labor attorneys, etc. So I'd like a motion to vote that we've reached an impasse on the contract.

Motion made by Comm. Annacone, seconded by Comm. Robinson. Roll call vote, all yes.

Comm. Brown: Let the record show that Comm. Flinn left the meeting since there would be a conflict of interest if he participated in this subject.

Adjourn – George Brown

Motion made by Comm. Annacone, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Roll call vote, all yes.