

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

Meeting Held: April 26, 2018
Meeting Place: Board Office
Meeting Called to Order: 6:34pm
Members of Board Present: **Chairman** – George Brown
Vice Chairman – Richard Annacone
Treasurer – Brian Robinson
Secretary – George Flinn, excused
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. Annacone, Robinson, Funkhouser and Brown are present. Comm. Flinn is excused.

Comm. Brown: We'll suspend the normal agenda for now so we can swear-in the one unsworn-in Firefighter. We'll do that first and hopefully the cake will get here by the time we get that done.

Chief Brezee: We do like to do the swearing-in for everybody, and give Jason his due tonight, get pictures of that. The Dep. Chief has the cake, we hope it's coming. The swearing-in takes only a couple minutes, but after the swearing-in you don't have to stay in here if you don't want to stay in here. If you want to bring your family up, we'll swear you in.

Sol.Carlamere swore in Jason Stott as Firefighter. Congratulations. (applause)

Comm. Brown: Let the record show the swearing-in was completed at 6:40pm.

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

Correspondence – Jeanette Cottone

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

Treasurer's Report – Rich Annacone

Audubon General Account	1,529,767.83
Audubon Payroll Account	24,909.70
Expenditures: 04/26/18	210,869.55
TOTAL AMOUNT FOR APPROVAL	210,869.55

Motion made by Comm. Funkhouser, seconded by Comm. Robinson to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Roll call vote, all yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Co-Commissioner – George Brown

No report.

Computer Services – George Brown

No report.

Fire Prevention – George Brown

Comm. Brown: Do we have a date for Fire Prevention night?

Chief Brezee: I will let you know.

IAFF Contracts Co-Commissioner – George Brown

No report.

Legal Liaison – George Brown

No report.

Liaison to the District Volunteers – George Brown

Comm. Brown: Any new members?

Chief Brezee: No new members.

Budget Co-Commissioner – Rich Annacone

No report.

IAFF Contracts Co-Commissioner – Rich Annacone

Comm. Annacone: The contract, we'll hold off till the end of the meeting to discuss that.

Personnel / Administration – Rich Annacone

No report.

Personnel / Operations – Rich Annacone

No report.

Apparatus – Brian Robinson

Comm. Robinson: I'm going to defer to the Chief's report, it was pretty thorough. The updates on the apparatus obviously and repairs on the vehicles. That is it sir.

Fire Department Equipment – Brian Robinson

No report.

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: I'm also going to defer to the Chief's report in regards to the building.

We do have a blood drive coming up Thursday, May 10th, 2pm to 7pm.

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's been submitted, if you have any questions. (hearing none)

Motion made by Comm. Annacone, seconded by Comm. Funkhouser to accept the Chief's Report.

Roll call vote, all yes.

Solicitor – David Carlamere

Sol.Carlamere: Nothing to report.

Resolutions – Jeanette Cottone

Adm.Cl.Cottone: We have a resolution to go into Closed Session.

Old Business – George Brown

Comm. Brown: Old Business? (hearing none)

New Business – George Brown

Comm. Brown: New Business? (hearing none)

Closed Session – George Brown

Comm. Brown: I'd like to go into Closed Session to see if we can resolve the Chief's contract.

Motion made by Comm. Robinson, seconded by Comm. Annacone to go into Closed Session.

All in favor, ayes have it.

Motion made by Comm. Funkhouser, seconded by Comm. Annacone to have the Clerk leave the Closed Session and turn off the recorder. All in favor, ayes have it.

Open Session – George Brown

Roll call Commissioners, all present.

Comm. Brown: During the Closed Session, the Board discussed the contract with the Chief, and the Chief's counter offer to the contract. We were going to meet before we do anything to make a resolution to expand the salary range that he submitted for the Chief's position. And I'd like to make a motion that we change that range from, it was originally submitted to Civil Service as \$90,000 to \$110,000 and now we're going to change that range from \$90,000 to \$121,000 so as to not run into any problems. And I just want to point out to the Chief while it's on my mind that there is some difference of opinion as to whether or not we do need to do that. One suggestion was we could take it to Civil Service, and they'd probably give us an answer in a year. We decided not to delay this anymore, and we're taking a chance that the burden would be on us instead of on you should something come up later on. And I want that on the record that we didn't have any other choices. So if Civil Service comes back and says to take \$20,000 away from the Chief, I think the Board should pay for that, and I'm on record saying that rather than delaying it any longer...so just that point of information.

Motion made by Comm. Funkhouser, seconded by Comm. Annacone to change the salary range from \$90,000 - \$110,000 to \$90,000 - \$121,000. Roll call vote, all yes.

At this time, everyone has a copy of the contract. We spoke to the Chief in Closed Session, and heard

Open Session – continued

what he had to say. But the Board would like to pass the contract as it was presented to him, and we need a motion to do that.

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

Public Portion – George Brown

Comm. Brown: No public present.

Adjourn – George Brown

Motion made by Comm. Funkhouser, seconded by Comm. Annacone to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. Roll call vote, all yes. Thank you everyone, thank you Chief.