



CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1  
April 19, 2016 - 6:00PM  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Komjathy called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, noticing The Trenton Times, The Democrat, City Hall Bulletin Board, and various individuals

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Lelie called the roll as follows:

*Present:* Chairman Komjathy, Vice Chairman Kascik, Commissioner Morgan, Commissioner Mohr, Commissioner Lechner

*Also Present:* Career Firefighter Barlow, Attorney Richard Braslow, Chief Hartigan (via phone), Joseph Marcucci

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Komjathy.

**RESOLUTION**

**Closing of Meeting Pursuant to  
Open Public Meetings Act**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Commissioners are allowed to engage in executive session during any particular meeting when it becomes necessary to discuss matters which the statute allows to be discussed in executive session; and

WHEREAS, it was necessary for the Commissioners to discuss various matters of personnel, and accordingly, the Commissioners met in executive session to discuss same.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, as follows:

- (1) The meeting of April 19, 2016 is closed and will be reopened at such time as the discussion in executive session has been completed.
- (2) The minutes will be revealed to the public at such time as the matters discussed have been resolved.

The Commissioners entered into closed session at 6:01PM.

A motion by Chairman Komjathy, seconded by Vice Chairman Kascik to end the closed session, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners came out of closed session at 6:20PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion by Chairman Komjathy, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the meeting minutes of January 19, 2016, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED (Vice Chairman Kascik and Commissioner Mohr abstained).

A motion by Commissioner Lechner, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the meeting minutes of March 1, 2016, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED (Commissioner Morgan abstained).

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS**

A motion by Chairman Komjathy, seconded by Commissioner Lechner to approve the requisitions presented, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Commissioner Lechner asked for an explanation on a bill from Witmer in the amount of \$10,360.43. Lt. Barlow explained the expenditures as the air test performed on their system, Fit testing for the firefighters and miscellaneous equipment. Also, questioned was a bill from Truck & Tow for \$395.50, this was for snow chains for special service 17 and a bill from Ford Ditschman which was for Car 17 to have the right taillight and assembly repaired.

Lt. Barlow also advised that next month there will be a large bill for approximately \$6,000, which is for preventative maintenance and servicing to Tower 17 and Special Service 17.

A motion by Chairman Komjathy, seconded by Commissioner Lechner to approve the bills presented for payment, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

### **DRUG POLICY**

Much discussion ensued concerning other department's drug policy, police department's policies, etc. It was decided to put this off for discussion until next month. The Commissioner must decide which plan to choose for testing.

### **UNION LEASE AGREEMENT**

Donald Hart addressed the Commission. He feels the department is in a really good place now. This Agreement provides a resource to those that we serve. It provides a good value to the Fire Commission and to the Union. The building is maintained and kept very well. The Union will continue to have fundraisers to support the Fox Ahrens.

Commissioner Mohr asked what the status was of the other departments and the Union. "Is there cohesion?" Don Hart stated that the firehouse is open to all volunteers of the Lambertville Fire District.

A motion by Vice Chairman Kascik seconded by Chairman Komjathy to approve the housing agreement between the Fire Commission and the Union Fire Company, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

### **SALARY INCREASES**

Chairman Komjathy proposed salary increases to \$13,750 for the secretary to the Board and the Fire Chief. Commissioner Lechner asked several questions relative to employment status of these two positions and the impact of these increases on the 2016 budget. Joseph Marcucci provided information on the status of the budget and the Commission's ability to transfer money within budget lines. Chairman Komjathy discussed the process for this proposal and the merits of same.

A motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner to approve the proposed salary increases, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

The Certificate of Liability for the Hibernia to park cars at the Riverwalk Complex during Shad Fest, should be generated from the Hibernia's insurance company, not the Fire Commission.

## CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chief has received no official request for fire protection or a fire inspector during the Shad Festival (4/30 & 5/1). The Duty Chief for the weekend shift will be available.

The Fire Department has been asked to participate in a fundraiser, the EMS dragon race, on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30/6:00. The Chief is asking permission to participate in this event. The organizers are asking for 2-3 people from the Police, Fire and Rescue Squad, from Lambertville and New Hope. The intent is to raise money for the EMS services for both towns.

Fire inspection testing was performed on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The annual inspection is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, although, the Commissioners are not sure if this will be on for this year.

The tee shirts are on order and the bills will be paid out of the old BOE fund. They're slightly under \$1,400.

The provision to secure the Squirt from Prospect Heights could not have happened without Chairman Komjathy's influence and input. The \$30,000 to paint the truck and the \$20,000 to re-equip it, will be used from the proceeds of the sale of the Hibernia's truck.

Chairman Komjathy and Vice Chairman Kascik met with New Hope's fire Chief over breakfast. They are a very active department. They are not interested in drilling with our paid firemen during the day.

Commissioner Morgan left the meeting at 7:06PM.

The fireworks are (unofficially) scheduled for June, September and November. We're awaiting a letter from David Morgan, Lambertville-New Hope Chamber of Commerce.

We need to choose the patch for the clothing. We are waiting on a consensus from the department. Hopefully, by the end of next month we'll have a decision. We can use the money left in the old BOE fund to pay for them.

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, Sally Lelie and Mike Barlow met with Marty Kowalik of Liberty Mutual, for a site inspection and the Union. The only recommendation given was to enroll in Liberty Mutual's VantagePort online program to access and utilize their resources and materials.

On April 8<sup>th</sup> Sally Lelie attended a FEMA meeting at Hunterdon County Communications relative to Snowstorm Jonas. All documents have been submitted to FEMA and the NJSP. The amount totaled \$3,897.44.

## 2016 BUDGET

We must petition the State to amend the budget, not to exceed \$50,000. The State may disapprove the amendment. Chairman Komjathy will contact the State.

A motion by Vice Chairman Kascik, to approve the \$50,000 sale of equipment to be used in the line item, Repair & Maintenance, seconded by Chairman Komjathy, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Vice Chairman Kascik seconded by Chairman to approve Resolution #16-014, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sally Lelie*

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Sally Lelie - Secretary