



CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1
May 17, 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 Siwy, Attorney Richard Braslow, Chief Hartigan, 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 May 17, 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 6:39PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lechner had a change to the April 19, 2016 meeting minutes. These will be corrected and put to vote at the June 21, 2016 meeting.

APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

DRUG POLICY

The Commissioners decided the drug testing procedure would apply to career firefighters and volunteer firefighters. This will be applicable to new hires, and will be done twice a year on a random basis. Logistics are being worked upon by Chief Hartigan. This will be an 8 panel testing according to the career firefighters Union Contract. (See Page 39, Section 8-Testing Process).

GREGORY SIWY

Firefighter Siwy has been entered into PFRS (Police & Fire Retirement System). His arrears totals \$4,981.70. He has relinquished a total of 33 days (5 accumulated vacation, 11 accumulated sick, 6 current year vacation, 11 current year vacation).

A motion by Chairman Komjathy, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the buyback of 33 days from Firefighter Siwy, for payment of his arrears into the Police & Fire Retirement System, and with a unanimous voice vote (Commissioner Lechner was not present), MOTION PASSED.

SUMMER RECREATION CAMP

A letter was received from City Clerk Cynthia Ege, requesting the Department's participation in "Water Wednesdays". This would include a fire truck to visit the camp to provide recreational water activities. A motion by Chairman Komjathy, seconded by Vice Chairman Kascik to participate, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hartigan read his report into the minutes. The Department showed an interest in a lighter training scheduled during the summer months.

We will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade on May 30th.

We had two major incidents last month, the fire at Rosemont Café and Phillips Barber Health Center was filled with smoke.

The department patch has been voted upon and adopted.

Chief Hartigan suggested in paying the scheduled weekend duty officer \$20.00, as a special detail fee; since this person is giving up his weekend.

Kudos to Chairman Komjathy; he has been the driving force behind acquiring the Squirt truck sooner. Ownership is anticipated for early June. We have started acquiring equipment for the new truck.

The Chief asked the Commission's permission to ask Dan Whitaker (N. Franklin Street) to re-grade his private lane. The engine cannot make it up his lane.

We are now participating in the Hunterdon County Technical Rescue Task Force. There will be some costs involved; we must wear the County's turnout gear.

Justin Ege is on vacation Wednesday through Friday this week. Richard Roy will be filling in these days for him.

At 7:06PM Commissioner Mohr exited the meeting.

2016 BUDGET

The modification to the budget to include the \$50K-\$60K for the sale of an engine to purchase the Squirt was denied by the State. The State was petitioned based on their rejection on April 28th.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sally Lelie - Secretary