



CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1
AUGUST 16, 2016 - 6:00PM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chairman Kascik called the meeting to order at 6:06PM 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: Vice Chairman Kascik, Commissioner Morgan, Commissioner Mohr, Commissioner Lechner
Also Present: Chief Hartigan, Lieutenant Barlow, Fire Fighter Siwy, Attorney Richard Braslow, Joseph Marcucci

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Kascik.

2015 AUDIT

Jackie DiPietto, of DiPietto & DiPietto Accounting & Tax Services, explained the 2015 Audit. The Fire Commission is in a good financial position.

A motion by Commissioner Morgan to accept the 2015 Audit, seconded by Commissioner Lechner, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Morgan to approve the July 19, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mohr and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Joe Marcucci has added the line item "Squirt" in the budget.

FIRE COMMISSION UPDATES

Squirt Truck - This has been put on hold until the logistics of Prospect's truck have been straightened out.

FIRE INSPECTIONS

We would enter into a one year local agreement service for fire inspections with the City. The Construction Office would perform all the administrative aspects. We would be paid what the city would have been paying their fire inspector.

The Mayor seems favorable to enter into this agreement. The terms will be set forth in the Agreement, which Mr. Braslow, Board Attorney, will draft.

The Fire Inspector's salary is currently \$18,000/year. We can expect to take in \$14-15,000. The Use Groups is where we can expect the most proceeds. The fines and penalties are imposed by the Fire Inspector, depending on the severity of the fine. Lieutenant Barlow suggests we invite Ted Cashell to our meeting to explain the process. Discussion ensued about the pros/cons of this endeavor and the workload of the day.

We have any restaurants and apartments in town that are not being inspect properly. The life hazard uses would be a priority. There is a fee schedule and ordinance that allows us to collect this money.

Chief Hartigan suggested that these monies should be used for hiring a per diem firefighter or hire a Fire Inspector.

SQUIRT TRUCK

Prospect's truck is scheduled to go out and should be back in a week or two. Realistically, we're looking at the end of September to take possession.

The call back phone line has been cancelled at the Union Fire Company, per the request of Don Hart and Bob Hayes.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hartigan read his report into the minutes.

There has been no dialog with Lester Myers, regarding the Fleetwing paying for the Squirt's paint job (approximately \$28K).

The tower area that houses communication equipment is being redone. Our cost will be approximately \$3,400 to move the equipment. A quote has been received from M & W Communications in Flemington. Hopefully the City will split the cost with us. This will most likely occur in October.

The annual Fire Inspection will be performed at the Union Fire Company.

All patches will be switched over to the new patches, with an estimated cost of \$300-\$500.

Chief Hartigan spoke with Chairman Komjathy and it was agreed to offer Ewing \$10,000 less for the Squirt, for the replacement of the tires and for the use of the truck this past year. We are anticipating to get the price down to \$27,500.

Vice Chairman Kascik commended the firefighters for an outstanding job on the fire on Main Street in New Hope, which occurred immediately after the fireworks.

Chief Hartigan spoke with the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission relative to our fire trucks going over the free bridge. As long as there is traffic control to stop the vehicles, they have no issues with this.

Vice Chairman Kascik requested Secretary Lelie speak with Holmes and McDowell relative to our W/C policy; perhaps there is another company that could offer a savings on our policy.

A motion by Vice Chairman Kascik to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mohr, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Lelie

Sally Lelie - Secretary