



**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1
DECEMBER 7, 2016 - 5:00PM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Komjathy called the meeting to order at 5:02PM 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 Mohr, Commissioner Lechner
Also Present: Erin McManus-Keyes, Attorney Richard Braslow, Joseph Marcucci, Acting Chief of Operations/Lieutenant Barlow, Career Fire Fighter Siwy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Komjathy.

Chairman Komjathy asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

A motion by Vice Chairman Kascik, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to enter into closed session, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commission entered into closed session at 5:04PM.

The Commission came out of closed session at 5:26PM.

Chairman Komjathy explained to the audience that Commissioner David Morgan had previously resigned. Erin McManus-Keyes is the only person to show interest in filling the balance of this term.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICTION NO. 1
IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
Resolution #16-018
Authorizing Appointment to Fire Commissioner Vacancy**

WHEREAS, David Morgan has resigned his position as Fire Commissioner of Lambertville Fire District #1, effective October 18, 2016;

WHEREAS, the Fire District, in accordance with State statute shall fill this vacancy;

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

(1) Erin McManus-Keyes shall fill this position until the Fire District's election held on February 18, 2017. A motion by Chairman Komjathy, seconded by Commissioner Lechner to appoint Erin McManus-Keyes to fill the vacancy left by Commissioner Morgan's resignation, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

Erin was sworn in by Mr. Braslow.

INTRODUCTION OF 2017 BUDGET

Joseph Marcucci reviewed and explained the budget for 2017.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
RESOLUTION #16-016**

Authorizing Budget Transfers and/or Encumbrances Relative to 2016 Budget

The Fire Commissioners of the City of Lambertville Fire District #1 hereby resolve to appropriate all unexpended and unobligated balances from the 2016 budget year to be available in 2017. This resolution will take effect December 31, 2016.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: 5

No: 0

Absent: 0

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the governing body of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District #1 in the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey.

Colin Mohr, Secretary
Dated: 12/7/16

A motion by Commissioner Lechner, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to approve Resolution #16-016, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
Resolution #16-017
Adoption of Temporary Budget for 2017**

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, by resolution, to adopt a temporary budget to make appropriations and to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year, January 1, 2017, and the adoption of the budget by the legal voters of the fire district, which election is scheduled for February 18, 2017.

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

- (1) A temporary budget is hereby adopted to be effective from the beginning of the fiscal year as noted above and to be in full force and effect until the adoption of the annual fire district budget as referenced above; the
- (2) total of the appropriations of the temporary budget to reflect not in excess of 14% of the total of the appropriations made for all purposes in the budget for the preceding fiscal year exclusive of appropriations for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvements.

A motion by Commissioner Lechner, seconded by Vice Chairman Kascik to approve Resolution #16-017, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Komjathy thanked the members of the Lambertville Fire Department for their service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Vice Chairman Kascik seconded by Commissioner Mohr to approve the October 18, 2016 meeting minutes, and with a unanimous voice vote (Erin McManus-Keyes abstained), MOTION PASSED.

Attorney Richard Braslow and Joseph Marcucci, Accountant, left the meeting at 5:37PM.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

Acting Chief Barlow read his report into the minutes. Our District participated in the 125th annual parade in Pennington. Tower 17 took first place and Rescue 17 took first place as well.

Squirt 17 is being painted, and needed some minor repairs. It is also being serviced while it is there. A lot of "in-house" work has been done on it by the guys.

The mutual aid Chief is re-designing the box books.

On January 17th, there is a Hunterdon County Fire Chief Association meeting. The County is working on their "career" program. Presentation will be made at this meeting and critiqued. The final draft will be presented to the Hunterdon County Freeholders.

PUBLIC/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chairman Komjathy read a No Vote of Confidence petition/letter, submitted by various volunteer membes, into the minutes. Also, a letter of resignation from volunteer Matt Skrebel as Radio Officer was submitted. Rich Roy is working with Matt on a list of radio equipment which needs to be turned over to the Commission.

Millard "Butch" Thornton asked the Commission for an explanation as to what occurred at the October meeting, regarding the resignation of Chief Hartigan. Chairman Komjathy and Vice Chairman Kascik explained that Chief Hartigan resigned; two adults made an adult decision to resign. Discussion ensued between the audience and the Commission.

Rich Roy is to get the revised policies to the Secretary for distribution at next month's meeting.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
Resolution #16-019**

Establishing Guidelines Relative to Per Diem Firefighters Employed by Fire District

WHEREAS, the Fire District has the need to employ per diem firefighters; and
WHEREAS, the Fire District has prepared guidelines relative to said employment.

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 guidelines attached hereto are hereby approved by the Fire District and shall be implemented relative to the employment of per diem firefighters.

A motion by Vice Chairman Kascik, seconded by Commissioner Lechner to approve Resolution #16-019, with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

Discussion ensued again with the Commission and the public regarding the resignation of Chief Hartigan and Commissioner Morgan.

A motion by Commissioner Lechner, seconded by Vice Chairman Kascik to adjourn the meeting, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sally LeFie, Secretary