



CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1

January 15, 2019 - 6:00PM

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING & REORGANIZATION MEETING

Chairman Komjathy called the meeting to order at 6:08PM 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 Sally Lelie called the roll as follows:

Present: Chairman Komjathy, Vice Chair Lechner, Commissioner Ludwig, (via telephone)
Commissioner McManus Keyes

Also Present: Mayor Fahl, Finance Joseph Marcucci

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Komjathy.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

Mayor Fahl swore in Noelle Zappacosta-Romano as Commissioner, upon Commissioner Colin Mohr's resignation.

Chairman Komjathy stated this board is the first in the history of the State to have more women than men on the Board.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions #19-001 through 19-010 were read into the minutes (and are attached) and voted upon. A motion by Vice Chair Lechner to approve Resolutions #19-001 through 19-010, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner to nominate Aladar Komjathy as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Chairman Komjathy to nominate Sarah Lechner as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Chairman Komjathy to nominate Noelle Zappacosta-Romano as Secretary, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Chairman Komjathy to nominate Erin McManus-Keyes as Treasurer, seconded by Vice Chair Lechner, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner to open the public hearing for the 2019 budget, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

Joseph Marcucci, the Board Accountant, briefly gave an overview of the 2019 budget. The budget decreased by 5.5% from last year. The tax rate last year was \$0.83, the new tax rate is \$0.837, a \$.0007 increase. Mayor Fahl thanked the Fire Commission in staying under the 2% cap.

A motion by Commissioner McManus-Keyes to close the public hearing on the 2019 budget, seconded by Vice Chair Lechner, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Commissioner McManus-Keyes to approve the 2019 budget, seconded by Vice Chair Lechner and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner to approve the December 6, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

REQUISITIONS

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner to approve the requisitions presented for the evening, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

Vice Chair Lechner questioned the bills presented for scuba services for Alex Gillespie. Discussion ensued as to why we were training per diem firefighters; and also, why we have not received the second check from Proctor and Gamble for the “Dawn” event. The training line item, in the 2018 budget was discussed also.

Commissioner Ludwig left the meeting (via phone) at 7:05PM.

CONTRACT (MOA) WITH THE LMUA

With the renewal contract in April, the costs associated to purchase the equipment for confined space rescues, will need to be inserted into the 2019 contract.

BILLS

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner to approve the bills presented for payment, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

The Commission took a brief break at 7:15PM.
The Commission returned to session at 7:42PM.

Chief Barlow presented his 5 year plan.

PER DIEM FIREFIGHTERS APPLICATIONS

Three applications were received by Chief Barlow. The applications were turned over to the Police Department for fingerprinting and background checks.

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1
IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
RESOLUTION #19-011
Authorizing Brian Dettra and James Regan as Per Diem Firefighters

WHEREAS, the Fire District has previously created the position of per diem firefighter; and
WHEREAS, the District currently employees per diem firefighters to fill shifts periodically as deemed necessary by the Chief;

WHEREAS, both parties have submitted applications and have had a background check performed by the Lambertville Police Department;

WHEREAS, the applications and backgrounds have been reviewed by the Board of Fire Commissioners;

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

- (1) Brian Dettra and James Regan are eligible to work as per diem firefighters
- (2) Per diem firefighters are paid \$15.00/hour

A motion by Commissioner McManus-Keyes to approve Resolution #19-011, seconded by Vice Chair McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Commissioner McManus-Keyes to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Romano and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Lelie