



CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1

April 16, 2019 - 6:00PM
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Chairman Komjathy called the meeting to order at 6:19PM 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, Commissioner Ludwig, Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano

Also Present: Accountant Marcucci, Attorney Braslow, Chief Barlow, Career Firefighter Siwy

Absent: Vice Chair Lechner, Commissioner McManus-Keyes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Komjathy.

SHAD FESTIVAL

Attorney Braslow has drawn up Events Agreement between the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Chamber of Commerce involving staffing for the festival and overseeing the (June through September) fireworks display.

The career staff will be set up on Coryell & Union Street, and (4) per diem firefighters will be staffed at the Union. The career firefighters will be paid at their regular overtime rate, the FEMA rate for using Squirt 17 is \$93.50/hour. These costs will be paid by the Chamber of Commerce. The per diems rate will be as regular pay through the Fire Commission.

A motion by Commissioner Romano to approve the contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the 2019 Shad Festival, seconded by Commissioner Ludwig, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

RETIREMENT OF MILLARD "BUTCH" THORNTON

The Board of Fire Commissioners thanked Butch Thornton for his 47 years of service with the City of Lambertville Fire Department. The Commission presented Mr. Thornton with a Retirement Bronze Axe.

RESOLUTION #19-014 – Designating Compensation for Per Diem Firefighters

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
Resolution #19-014
Designating Compensation for Per Diem Firefighters**

WHEREAS, the Fire District has previously authorized the employment of per diem firefighters; and
WHEREAS, the Fire District deems it appropriate to increase the rate of compensation relative to the per diems.

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 hourly rate for per diem firefighters shall be increased to \$17.50 per hour.
- (2) In those instances where the Chief is unavailable and Gary Brewer must act in his stead this individual shall receive \$22.50 per hour.

A motion by Commissioner Romano to approve Resolution #19-014, seconded by Commissioner Ludwig, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

PRIDE PARADE

The career staff will be assisting in the Pride Parade, which takes place on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS

A motion by Commissioner Romano to approve the Junior Firefighters applications presented this evening, seconded by Commissioner Ludwig, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. Congratulations to Blake Hart, Gavin Hart and Courtney Barlow.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

A motion by Commissioner Romano to approve the application for volunteer firefighter Timothy Shanahan as a member of the District, seconded by Commissioner Ludwig, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

PURCHASE OF NEW WASHER/DRYER

A motion by Commissioner Romano to purchase a new washer and dryer for the District, seconded by Commissioner Ludwig, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Chairman Komjathy wanted it reflected in the minutes that he misquoted the fees for hiring Michael Burns, Architect. The bill is not to be split between the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Union Fire Company. The Commission will incur all bills presented by Michael Burns, relative to this project.

REQUISITIONS

A motion by Commissioner Romano to approve the requisitions from March and April, seconded by Commissioner Ludwig, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

BILLS

A motion by Commissioner Romano to approve the bills from March and April, seconded by Commissioner Ludwig, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Barlow read his report into the minutes.

RESOLUTION

Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the3 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 16, 2019 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.

A motion by Commissioner Romano to go into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Ludwig, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners entered into closed session at 6:48PM.

A motion by Commissioner Ludwig to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner Romano and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners came out of closed session at 7:34PM.

It was agreed to increase the Union's Housing Agreement by \$1,200 per month. All other terms of the Agreement will remain the same. This Agreement's term will expire December 31, 2019.

A motion by Commissioner Romano to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ludwig and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Lelie

Sally Lelie, Secretary