

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1
May 21, 2019 - 6:00PM
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Chairman Komjathy called the meeting to order at 6:09PM 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 McManus-Keyes,
Commissioner Romano

Also Present: Accountant Marcucci, Attorney Braslow, Chief Barlow

Absent: Commissioner Ludwig

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Komjathy.

LAMBERTVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

The only change to the previous Agreement, is that should the LMUA need our services for confined space entry, the equipment used would be replaced by them.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON

Resolution #19-015

**SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAMBERTVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY & LAMBERTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT #1**

WHEREAS, the Commission is trained in and qualified to provide confined space entry services and the Authority is desirous of retaining the Commission to provide those services;

WHEREAS, the Commission agrees to provide the Authority with emergency response, as needed, one (1) yearly drill for emergency/confined space entry and for confined space entry on an as needed basis;

WHEREAS, in return for these services, the Authority agrees to reimburse the Commission for all equipment damaged in the course of such services;

WHEREAS, this Agreement shall be for a 12 month period from April 21, 2019. The Agreement shall renew for a subsequent 12 month period, unless terminated by either party;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, as follows: this Agreement is in effect 4/21/19 through 4/21/20, at which time it may be renewed. And, both parties have signed and executed this Agreement accordingly.

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner to approve Resolution #19-015, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

PER DIEMS

An ad needs to be placed for the testing of hiring per diem firefighters, in anticipation of the placement of a second shift. Instead of hiring an agency to provide the testing, the Hunterdon County Emergency Services Center, will administer the test. This will be a cost savings to the Commission. The test results will come back to the Commission.

EVENT AGREEMENT

Attorney Braslow spoke. He presented the Agreement to the Chamber of Commerce. The COC does not want a general events agreement; they want it limited to just fireworks. The first fireworks are scheduled for June 7, 2019.

The Pride Parade, held on May 18th, was bigger than anticipated this year. Chief Barlow stated the Police Department requested the Fire Department to block the roadway and the use of their barricades. Commissioner Lechner stated this (the agreement) should've been worked out in advance.

The City's Ordinance should be changed. There should be a check-off list with the necessary department/agencies, to ensure the safety of the public.

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner that Fire District #1 will not provide assistance for special events, unless a Special Events Agreement has been executed and signed by all parties involved, seconded by Chairman Komjathy, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

MINUTES

A motion by Chairman Komjathy to approve the minutes from April 16, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Romano, with Vice Chair Lechner and Commissioner McManus-Keyes abstaining, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

REQUISITIONS

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

BILLS

A motion by Chairman Komjathy to approve the bills presented for the evening, seconded by Commissioner Romano, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Barlow read his report into the minutes. An agreement has been met with the Chamber of Commerce for fireworks.

The Junior Firefighter program is up and running; they ran two calls with the career firefighters.

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.

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

- The meeting of May 21, 2019 is closed and will be reopened at such time as the discussion in executive session has been completed.
- 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 Chairman Komjathy, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners entered into closed session at 6:35PM.

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner 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 7:29PM.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
Resolution #19-016
Authorizing Disposal of Personal Property**

WHEREAS, the Fire District is the owner of various personal property; and,

WHEREAS, same is no longer need for public use and is of minimal value.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of Lambertville, Fire District #1 as follows:

- This Resolution shall serve as the authority for the Fire District to dispose of the property referenced below in accordance with New Jersey statute.
- If this personal property is provided to a third party it is conveyed in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties and further based upon the execution by the party receiving the property of a hold harmless and indemnification agreement.
- 10 Portable Pumps – 350-500 GPM

A motion by Commissioner Romano to sell the excess portable pumps, seconded by Vice Chair Lechner and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
Resolution #19-017
Authorizing Hiring of an Appraiser**

WHEREAS, the Fire District is desirous of purchasing the building at 230 N. Main Street, Lambertville, NJ.

WHEREAS, this building is currently shared with and owned by the Union Fire Company;

WHEREAS, the Fire District leases space for its headquarters and equipment storage;

WHEREAS, an appraisal needs to be obtained to reveal the true value of the property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of Lambertville, Fire District #1 as follows:

- This resolution shall serve as the authority for the Fire District to procure the services of an appraiser at an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner to approve Resolution #19-018, seconded by Commissioner Romano, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner to cease pumping out residents / businesses basements due to flooding, as it puts an undue burden and liability on the Fire District, seconded by Commissioner Romano, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Romano and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Lelie, Secretary