



CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1

July 16, 2019 - 6:00PM

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Chairman Komjathy called the meeting to order at 6:05PM 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 (via phone), Commissioner McManus-Keyes, Commissioner Ludwig

Also Present: Accountant Marcucci, Attorney Braslow, Chief Barlow

Absent: Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Komjathy.

2018 AUDIT

Jackie DePietto, Senior Partner of our auditing firm, DePietto & DePietto, LLC presented and reviewed the 2018 Audit.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5A-15 requires the governing body of each local authority to cause an annual audit of its accounts to be made,

WHEREAS, the annual audit report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 has been completed and filed with the Lambertville Fire District # 1, Hunterdon County pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5A-15, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5A-17 requires the governing body of each authority to, within 45 days of receipt of the annual audit, certify by resolution to the Local Finance Board that each member thereof has personally reviewed the annual report, and specifically the sections of the audit report entitled "General Comments" and "Recommendations", and has evidenced same by group affidavit in the form prescribed by the Local Finance board, and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have received the annual audit and have personally reviewed the annual audit, and have specifically reviewed the sections of the annual audit report entitled " General Comments" and "Recommendations" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5A-17,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Lambertville Fire District #1, Hunterdon County hereby certifies to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that each governing body member has personally reviewed the annual audit report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, and specifically has reviewed the sections of the audit report entitled "General Comments" and "Recommendations", and has evidenced same by group affidavit in the form prescribed by the Local Finance Board.

A motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the Resolution for the 2018 audit, seconded by Commissioner McManus –Keyes, and with a unanimous (Vice Chair Lechner abstained), voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

PER DIEMS

The Chief asked for approval tonight to put the qualified per diems through background checks, with the Police Department. The applicants will be ranked via the testing. With the Commission's approval, the Chief wants to start the second shift, 5 days/week, and 4 on a shift.

One of the paid firemen will be in charge for the weekend to alleviate some of the burden from Chief Barlow. Chief Barlow has four men to pull from to be in charge for the weekend.

Joe Marcucci, Mr. Braslow and Chief Barlow will meet to work out the logistics of per diems and who will be in charge for the weekend.

A motion by Chairman Komjathy to approve the addition of a second shift, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Barlow reviewed a few items in his report. He had to leave the meeting to attend another meeting with surrounding municipalities, regarding consolidation of services.

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.

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 July 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 McManus-Keyes to enter into closed session, seconded by Chairman Komjathy, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commission entered into closed session at 6:57PM.

A motion by Commissioner Ludwig to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners came out of closed session at 7:19PM.

Since our election is now in November, we can now have a capital meeting (public hearing), needing no vote, if we are paying cash, for our needs.

The purchase of a new Chief's vehicle was discussed. The Board will ask the Chief to find a vehicle that is reasonably priced. We need to have a referendum on all of the items. By the August meeting we'll have the Chief's vehicle estimate, estimate for three (3) shifts (per diems on two (2) shifts and F/T salary on one (1).

Commissioner Ludwig left the meeting at 7:30PM.

MINUTES

A motion by Chairman Komjathy to approve the minutes from May 21, 2019, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, 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 McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Chairman Komjathy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Lechner and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Lelie, Secretary