



# *City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1*

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## **JUNE 16, 2020 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

A regularly scheduled videoconference meeting was called to order by Secretary Natalie Jaroni at 6:11 p.m. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, noticing The Trenton Times, The Hunterdon County Democrat, City Hall Bulletin Board, and various individuals.

### **ROLL CALL**

In attendance, via videoconference, were Chairman Komjathy, Vice Chair Lechner, and Commissioner Zappacosta Romano.

Also present were Attorney Richard Braslow and Accountant Joseph Marcucci.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Komjathy.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

The regular Minutes of May 19, 2020 will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Chairman Komjathy invited the community to attend the Station's Friday Night Firehouse Grill event, which commenced on June 12, 2020. A variety of grilled items will be available for takeout every Friday night.

Chairman Komjathy complimented Chief Barlow and Fire District personnel regarding the positive feedback received in light of their actions in support of the City and community during the June 6, 2020 peaceful protest march.

### **BILLS**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lechner to approve the bills for the evening, seconded by Commissioner Zappacosta Romano, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

### **REQUISITIONS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Zappacosta Romano to approve the requisitions presented for the evening, seconded by Vice Chair Lechner, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Barlow addressed the Board regarding various issues and the Chief's Report was provided to the Board as attached.

Chief Barlow updated the Board regarding COVID-19 purchases and equipment currently on order.

Chief Barlow addressed the Board regarding the condition of various apparatus. Given their age and the near exhaustion of the maintenance budget for one of the vehicles, the Board may wish to consider options for the future, such as leasing or lease-to-purchase. Chairman Komjathy asked the Chief to investigate the options while there are still monies in the budget, and suggested the Commissioners work with Attorney Braslow and Accountant Marcucci to determine what the District's and City's needs are and develop a plan of action accordingly. Chief Barlow stated he would attempt to fast-track his investigation into various options in order to present his findings to the Board by October.

Chief Barlow briefly reviewed the policies, procedures and SOEs that were sent to the Commissioners for their review. He requested their comments and revisions by the July meeting so that they can be voted on at that time. He also indicated there are an additional 16 items forthcoming. Discussion also took place regarding the need for a defined Social Media policy for all Department staff.

## **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 June 16, 2020 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 was made by Commissioner Zappacosta Romano to enter into closed session, seconded by Vice Chair Lechner, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners entered into closed session at 7:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lechner to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner Zappacosta Romano, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners came out of closed session at 7:27 p.m.

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Chairman Komjathy stated that there may be a need to continue conducting virtual meetings through October, in light of the continuing Public Health Emergency.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zappacosta Romano to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Lechner, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

*Regular Meeting Minutes prepared and submitted by  
Natalie J. Jaroni, Board Secretary*