



City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1

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April 20, 2021 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A regularly scheduled videoconference meeting was called to order by Chair Komjathy at 6:12 pm with a statement of compliance to 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 Vice-Chair Lechner, Commissioner Ludwig, Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano. Absent was Commissioner McManus-Keyes.

Also present was Chief Barlow, Board Attorney Richard Braslow, Neil Braslow and Accountant Joe Marcucci.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Komjathy.

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 April 20, 2021 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 Vice Chair Lechner to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners entered into closed session at 6:52 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 7:38 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lechner to approve the minutes March 16, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Ludwig, and with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED. Chairman Komjathy abstained.

BILLS

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

REQUISITIONS

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

COMMISSION ITEMS

- An email was received regarding the Memorial Day Parade. The District will be participating in it and will be having a ceremony at the cemetery after the parade. If you would like to ride in a truck, please let Chief Barlow know.
- Chairman Komjathy expressed his thank you to Chief Barlow and his crew for the rapid response to the structure fire in Lambertville. He will be letting the Mayor know so she can say something at the next Council meeting.
- Chairman Komjathy also shared that Gavin Hart went to MN and obtained his EMT.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Barlow provided his report to the Board. Highlights below.

- Two grants have been submitted. They will be issued in May, June, July timeframe. The SAFER Grant, if granted, will be used for tri-band radios. This will allow one radio to work in Hunterdon, Mercer, and Bucks county instead of having three radios. Still waiting for FEMA grants. First responders aren't high on the list.
- As stated before, repairs for maintenance will be heavy this year. Car 17 is out of service until further notice. After discussion on this, it was decided to hold off on repairs for now. Chief Barlow suggested looking into a simple pick-up truck – nothing fancy. A suggestion was made to ask Fleetwood for a donation.

- Squirt 17 failed its pumper test. It is 31 years old and needs to be replaced. After discussion, it was decided to keep using until it is unsafe and Chief Barlow would look to find a replacement. He stated he did this two months ago and it was voted down.
- After a lengthy discussion about the fire trucks and what it would mean to ISO Ratings, the Commissioners asked if an ISO study could be done. Mr. Braslow was going to reach out to someone he knows and ask if he would be interested in consulting for the District.
- The furniture needs to be replaced in the day room and has been budgeted for. Chief Barlow has gone out for bids and will be placing an order soon for this.
- The Chamber of Commerce would like the District to hang a banner on the bridge.
- There will be no fireworks this year.
- Shade Fest has been moved to October. More information to follow.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Lt. Hoffman and his wife sent a Thank You for the Edible Arrangement they received for the birth of their son.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on May 18, 2021.

*Regular Meeting Minutes prepared and submitted by
Robin Schutts, Board Secretary*