

**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1**  
**June 17, 2014 – 6:00PM**  
**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Komjathy called the meeting to order at 6:03PM, with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, noticing The Beacon, The Democrat, City Hall Bulletin Board, various individuals and Station 1, Station 2 and Station 3.

**ROLL CALL:**

Secretary Lelie called the roll as follows:

*Present:* Chairman Komjathy, Vice Chairman Kascik, Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Mohr  
*Also present:* Sarah Lechner, Attorney Richard Braslow, Chief Matt Hartigan, Firefighter Barlow, Firefighter Ege

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Komjathy.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION**

With regrets, the Board of Fire Commissioners accepted the resignation of Commissioner Catherine Frank-White. Cathy and her husband Ken have moved to Florida. A motion by Vice Chairman Kascik to accept Commissioner White's resignation, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

**SWEARING IN**

Sarah Lechner of Ferry Street was sworn in by Mr. Braslow to fill the vacancy.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to approve the minutes of May 20, 2014 and with a voice vote (Chairman Komjathy abstained), MOTION PASSED.

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS**

A motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the requisitions presented for the evening, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**REPORTS FROM STATIONS**

Station 1: No one present  
Station 2: Everything is good  
Station 3: No one present.

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**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Hartigan read his report into the minutes.

Coryell Street Fire – The fire originated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, in the rear of the apartment. The windows were vented, the east side of the building showed heavy smoke. The (3) women affected were soot and smoke covered. We did have assistance from Mutual Aid.

Volunteers trained 3-4 Wednesdays last month. Several members received certification emergency extrication and CPR training.

The date for the new ladder truck has been pushed back one month, to August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The day crew has been working diligently to update the budget line items with Joan and Sally.

Most of the inventory has been retrieved from the Columbia Fire Company (radios, pagers, turnout gear). We are working on getting the air horn system out of there.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

From December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 until now, there have been 75 calls. 10.2 persons, on average, were in attendance for these calls and an average of 12 people have shown up at the drills. The average number of structural firefighters actually showing up is 6 per call. Approximately 33 people are trained in emergency extrications now.

Well, we have gotten down to two stations, increased departmental training, acquired new extrication equipment, and have approval of the trade-out of the SCBA's. The new SCBA's are the newest on the market.

The flood trailer is in place. The Gator (Mule) is being maintained by the day crew. Our goal is to get to a Quint (a ladder truck with a pump on it).

We have a tentative offer of \$210,000 for Engine 1. The price range for selling Engine 4 is \$450,000 - \$500,000, Engine 2 is \$40,000 - \$45,000, and the Rescue Engine is \$150,000 - \$200,000. We could potentially bring in \$800,000 - \$900,000 selling these engines. A new rescue vehicle would cost approximately \$750-\$800,000 and an extra engine \$650-\$700,000.

Chief Hartigan requested permission from the Commission to sell Engine 1. The firemen are doing pretty good in getting two engines out to calls. One person from Station 1 & 3 has been showing up to fire calls, while Station 2 is averaging six people.

There is a company coming up from VA to look at Engine 4 this weekend. The revenue would give us the money to look into a new engine. The interested company should come directly to us with an offer.

Vice Chairman Kascik thinks it is a good "game" plan. We should move on selling Engine 1. The Commission should not pay cash. If we are looking at potentially getting \$1.5 million, we could put half on the \$900,000 truck or purchase two trucks. It is the right time and this is the direction we should be heading. The goal is to get into one house.

Chairman Komjathy concurred, the goal is to get everyone under one roof.

The Hibernia's engine got out 69 out of 75 calls.

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Commissioner Morgan spoke about two areas of concern to him. The Commission had tried to get the Columbia Fire Company to pursue another Station to work with. Not one person has joined the other companies. The new Lease Agreement with the Union Fire Company is a done deal. This is not to be a "clubhouse" now. If we take away the "clubhouse" it may turn out the same way.

Chief Hartigan explained, "The fact is, the Hibernia is the only company getting out. I kind of have the feel of what's happening. I think we should not pursue it now. We're better off getting a Rescue Engine to house at the Hibernia. If and when the time comes, the engine would definitely come up here, the Union."

Commissioner Mohr asked, "Does the Hibernia know? Is the feeling they can avoid this by being the backbone of the fire service?" The Chief answered, "Maybe."

The game plan, to get them to understand, is the Hibernia members would go to the Union for those who live up this end of town. The Commission's goal is to put everyone under one roof. We've come a long way and we don't want to lose this perspective.

Mr. Braslow pointed out that with the new Housing Agreement for the Union, we have no documents regarding the fire protection services.

Vice Chairman Kascik cannot see putting a new truck down at the Hibernia. "We want the people to respond, that's why we should put it there", stated Chief Hartigan.

There is a delay on the ladder truck. Pearce is behind on construction.

It was determined the "fire horn" is done. The air compressor, fire horn, and the alarm tape station alert should be removed from the Columbia.

Commissioner Mohr stated, "We have to get the Hibernia in the mindset that this is going to happen. If we order a truck that would fit in the Hibernia, then gets housed at the Union, are we missing out on equipment that could have been put on?"

We have a plan, 2-4 years, everyone will be at the Union. They'll all be part of the Lambertville Fire Department.

It was determined to hold off on the Three Bridges Fire Department for 30 days. At next month's meeting we should have prices for a rescue engine and an engine.

When the engine(s) are sold, "X" amount come to us and a percentage is paid to the broker. The buyer would have to pay the broker the percentage that we normally would pay.

A motion by Vice Chairman Kascik, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to solicit bids for a broker to sell the fire trucks, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**  
**Resolution #14-021**  
**Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Retaining Services of Broker**

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, have approved the specifications for and have determined that they will advertise for sealed bids for Retaining Services of Broker, hereinafter referred to as "Broker."

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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:

- (1) Specifications are hereby approved and incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Bids to be submitted shall fully comply with the specifications.
- (3) The Commissioners shall advertise for the receipt of sealed bids for the above named purpose or project.
- (4) Each bid shall be submitted as a written proposal in the manner designated in the instructions to bidders and the specifications and shall be signed by the bidder. The bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder on the outside, specifically denoting on said envelope the name of the job for which said bid is submitted and addressed to Board of Fire Commissioners, P.O. Box 174, Lambertville, NJ 08530.
- (5) The specifications, instructions to bidders and related documents are on file with and may be obtained upon written or verbal request from the Commissioners' attorney, Richard M. Braslow, 516 Fielders Lane, Toms River, New Jersey 08755 (732) 341-7537, during normal business hours.
- (6) Sealed bids shall be called for and shall be received, opened and read in public at the Union Fire Company Firehouse, 230 No. Main St., Lambertville, NJ at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.
- (7) Each sealed bid shall be hand delivered or mailed to Board of Fire Commissioners, or to such other designated representative of the Commissioners who will be present at the opening of said bids at the time and place stated for the receipt of sealed bids. NO BID SHALL BE DELIVERED OR ACCEPTED AFTER THE DATE OR HOUR AS DESIGNATED IN THIS PUBLIC NOTICE.
- (8) The bid quote shall be net to the Commissioners and shall be excluded from any state and federal taxes.
- (9) The contract will be awarded to the lowest, qualified, responsible bidder. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids. The Commissioners also reserve the right to waive any insubstantial irregularities in any bid.
- (10) A non collusion affidavit in the usual form will be supplied with the specifications. It shall be executed by the person or corporate officers submitting the bid. Said affidavit must be properly notarized. A non-collusion affidavit must accompany each bid. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL NOT BE WAIVED.
- (11) An owner's list in accordance with P.L. 1977, Ch. 33, approved March 8, 1977, will also be supplied with the specifications in the usual form. It shall be completed by the person or corporate officers submitting the bid. Said owner's list must accompany each bid. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL NOT BE WAIVED.
- (12) All bids shall be accompanied by the appropriate form relative to mandatory equal employment opportunity.
- (13) Bidders are required to comply with the applicable statutory requirements and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, including but not limited to P.L. 1975, Ch. 127; P.L. 1977, Ch. 33; P.L. 1963, Ch. 150; and P.L. 1933, Ch. 277, including all amendments thereto.
- (14) No bidder may withdraw his proposal for a period of 60 days after the opening of bids; all proposals being binding upon all bidders for said 60 day period.