



CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1

April 17, 2018 - 6:00PM
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Chairman Komjathy called the meeting to order at 6:26PM 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,

Absent: Commissioner Mohr

Also Present: Attorney Braslow, Chief Barlow, Captain Siwy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Komjathy.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON Resolution #18-015 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 Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority (LMUA) is desirous of retaining the Commission to provide those services;

WHEREAS, the Commission agrees to provide the LMUA 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 LMUA agrees to reimburse the Commission at the rate specified in the Agreement;

WHEREAS, this Agreement shall be for a 12 month period from April 17, 2018. 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 4/17/18 through 4/17/19, at which time it may be renewed. And, both parties have signed an executed this Agreement accordingly.

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner, to approve Resolution #18-015, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner McManus-Keyes to approve the minutes of March 5, 2018 (with the changes that were noted), seconded by Vice Chair Lechner, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion by Vice Chair Lechner, to approve the bills presented for the evening, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chief updated the Commission relative to Car 17.

The Chief requested permission to use the Special Services truck and Trailer 17 for the upcoming VA Rescue Challenge, to be held 4/29 – 5/3.

The Dive Team is in service and the men continue to train and dive. The team will be activated within the County. The Chief will contact the newspapers for the announcement, pictures and story. The Dive Team is trained to a 120' depth. The Standard Operating Guidelines is being put together.

The Secretary will contact our insurance agent regarding liability insurance for those divers from outside agencies. And, with the resurrection of a ladies auxiliary, this will be addressed also.

We are working on rules, regulations and advisors for the Junior Fire Program.

The District did not qualify for the Safer Grant; factors involved include demographics, call volumes, would need to hire a specific number of firefighters. No money was spent in applying for this grant.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Chairman Komjathy thanked the firefighters for their help in assisting with firefighter Mark Leary, Sr's funeral arrangements. The personal visits by our guys provided comfort for the family.

Robert (Peachy) Hayes addressed the Commission relative to the yearly memorial service. This previously occurred in October along with the Fire District's yearly inspection. A committee has been formed, and they would like to start this memorial service again. On Memorial Day, they would like to go to the ceremony and place the wreaths, and have a brief service; with Gene Venettone officiating. A group of volunteers will be getting the area cleaned up for this occasion.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
Resolution #18-016
AUTHORIZATION FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

WHEREAS, there are incidents which occur where it is necessary to travel to attend training / competitions / conferences;

WHEREAS, a training opportunity for the Virginia Technical Rescue Challenge has arisen and Lambertville Fire District #1 has been invited to participate in this Rescue Challenge in Virginia Beach, VA;

WHEREAS, there will be sufficient fire coverage in the City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners fully endorses and supports this endeavor.

A motion by Commissioner McManus Keyes, to approve Resolution #18-016, seconded by Vice Chair Lechner, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Chairman Komjathy, to enter into closed session and seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners entered into closed session at 7:02PM.

A motion by Commissioner McManus Keyes to end the closed session, seconded by Chairman Komjathy and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners came out of closed session at 7:45PM.

It was discussed and decided upon to wait until next year to purchase the new Chief's vehicle.

The Chief would like to discuss a five (5) year plan for the future of the Fire District. At this point in time, Chief Barlow and Captain Siwy are the only structural firefighters we have. Chairman Komjathy will speak to Councilman Steve Stegman and Councilman Ward Sanders, with regards to needing more paid per diem firefighters.

A motion by Commissioner McManus Keyes to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Komjathy and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Lelie

Sally Lelie, Secretary