



City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
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January 18, 2022
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A regularly scheduled in-person meeting was called to order by Chair Lechner at 6:04 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, Chair Lechner, Vice Chair Ludwig, Commissioner McManus-Keyes. Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano and Commissioner Carmosino.

Also present were Board Attorney Richard Braslow and Neil Braslow and Accountant Joe Marcucci.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Lechner.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Carmosino to approve the minutes from December 2021, it was seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, with unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

BILLS

A motion was made by Commissioner McManus-Keyes to approve the bills for the evening, it was seconded by Commissioner Carmosino, with unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

REQUISITIONS

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

RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner McManus-Keyes made a motion to pass the following resolution:

Resolution #22 – 112 - Designating Hiring of Specific Per Diem Firefighters
(Thomas Cannan, Joseph Seip, Nicholas Moorehead, Robert Petrusky, Andrew Rodrigues,
Kyle Varin, Zachery Waseleski)

Vice Chair Ludwig seconded, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSES.

COMMISSION ITEMS

A robust dialogue was had on leasing a boat for the Fire District. A motion was made by Commissioner McManus-Keyes to pass a resolution Authorizing Leasing of a Boat, Vice Chair Ludwig seconded, and with a unanimous vote, MOTION PASSES>

The Commissioners received a \$50.00 donation in memory of Alice Myers from Mark Arleen Wagner and \$250.00 donation from Lambertville First Presbyterian Church.

Chair Lechner asked that meeting invitations be sent to the Commissioners personal emails. Robin Schutts reminded her on the conversation of items being sent to personal emails due to OPRA requests. Attorney Richard Braslow said if it is only the invitation, it could be done.

Chair Lechner also mentioned emails going to only two Commissioners at a time and it should go to all of them. Attorney Richard Braslow said if there is no interaction among the Commissioners, one email can be sent to all Commissioners at one time.

Joe Marcucci has submitted the budget to the State for review. Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano received approval from the State earlier today.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano to open the budget hearing, seconded by Commissioner Carmosino, with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

There were no questions from the audience.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carmosino to close the budget hearing, seconded by Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano, with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ludwig to adopt the budget resolution, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, with a unanimous voice vote MOTION PASSED.

Joe Marcucci will electronically file the budget to the State on January 19, 2022.

Chair Lechner is going to have a conversation with Joe Marcucci and Richard Braslow regarding electronically paying bills. Richard Braslow was going to call the DCA for guidance on this.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- Wants to keep the consolidation conversation going and Vice Chair Ludwig said he would be happy to be part of that dialogue.
- The 5-year plan will be resent and at the February meeting a conversation will be started on how to move forward.
- He also asked that the Commissioners approve a yearly stipend for himself and the FTE. Chair Lechner would submit a review on the Chief's and the Chief would submit a review on Firefighter Siwy, and Lt. Hoffman. Joe Marcucci approves the evaluations and approves their stipend.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ludwig to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner McManus-Keyes, 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 February 15, 2022.

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