



City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
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June 21, 2022
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chair Lechner at 6:09 p.m. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice to The Trenton Times, The Hunterdon County Democrat, City Hall Bulletin Board, and various individuals.

ROLL CALL

In attendance, Chair Lechner, Vice Chair Ludwig, Commissioner Carmosino, Commissioner McManus-Keyes. Absent Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Lechner.

MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Ludwig made a motion to approve the minutes with changes from Chair Lechner from May 17, 2022, Commissioner Carmosino seconded it, with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED. Commissioner McManus-Keys abstained.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Shared Services - Chair Lechner spoke with former Chair Komjathy who spoke with the Mayor of West Amwell and was told that the Mayor is not interested at this time in pursuing a shared service. Chair Lechner indicated she will reach out directly stating the District is still interested. Vice Chair Ludwig reminded everyone it was established at the retreat meeting there may be opportunity with Stockton and Sergeantsville.

- Chair Lechner indicated that the meeting with the Union fire company regarding the future of the building is on hold until Firefighter Hayes has recovered from surgery.
- Attorney Braslow suggested submitting a letter to the DCA requesting help with 24/7/7 shifts, the building, and shared services.
- Rescue Squad - Commissioner Carmosino had no update at this time.
- Joe Marcucci presented the Treasurer's Report. There is \$42,977.58 in the checking account and \$28,048.15 in savings. The total bills for the evening are \$39,791.40. The maintenance line is over budget, but all other lines are close to 50% spent. At this point, the budget is tracking appropriately. Commissioner Carmosino made a motion to approve bills and Vice Chair Ludwig seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- The Chief provided an update on the 24/7/7 pilot program, highlighting the challenges with maintaining the pilot with current staffing levels. There are gaps on the day shifts as most sign up for overnight shifts due to other jobs. This has resulted in individuals, including the Chief, needing to fill the open shifts. The Chief indicated that, despite these challenges, the pilot will continue for the entire month-long period because shifts have already been assigned; the pilot will end the first week in July.
- Training in the department is progressing.
- The Chief provided a summary of the equipment.
 - Delivery of the air boat is delayed due to supply chain issues for the trailer.
 - The new utility vehicle was delivered, and it will be sent out for outfitting and lettering.
 - The new Rescue 17 is here. It is in the process of being outfitted. There will be training held over the next 30 days. The old Rescue 17 will not be released during this time.
- The state issued an RFP for grant funding to fire districts in June, with grant applications due in August. The grant writer from the Trenton Police Department has offered to draft our application, free of charge. If a grant is awarded, it would be used for PPE.
- The Chief's meeting with Sean from the Lambertville Squad went well and looks forward to training together soon.
- The night crew helped at the LPS event, and it went well. The Sunday crew will be providing water for head stone cleaning at the cemetery.
- The Chief requested clarification on whether the fire department should hang banners for community organizations. A discussion ensued and the Commissioners decided to discuss at a later date.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carmosino made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Ludwig with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 6:49p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on July 19, 2022.