



City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
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April 26, 2022
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chair Lechner at 6:03 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 Zappacosta-Romano, and Commissioner McManus-Keyes.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Lechner.

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 26, 2022 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 Commissioner McManus-Keyes to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Carmosino, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners entered into closed session at 7:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carmosino to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Ludwig, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners came out of closed session at 7:15 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ludwig to approve the minutes from March 15, 2022, it was seconded by Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano, with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Char Lechner presented – Resolution 22-114 (attached) for the Full-Time Employee Contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Carmosino, it was seconded by Vice Chair Ludwig, with a voice vote, MOTION PASSES.
- West Amwell - Chair Lechner did not have an update to provide.
- Rescue Squad - Commissioner Carmosino had no update at this time.
- Joe Marcucci presented the Treasurers Report. There is \$221,334.46 in the checking account and \$28,047.47 in the money market. The total bills for the evening are \$58757.38. Actual vs. budget is on track. Maintenance line is high and will transfer from other line items to cover. Taxes from the City are due May 15, 2022. Reminder annual AFS is due by April 29, 2022. Commissioner McManus-Keys made a motion to approve bills and Commissioner Carmosino seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- May 14 Retreat - Chief Barlow will share the 5-Year Plan again in preparation for the May Retreat being held on May 14, 2022 from 9a-12p.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- New rescue will arrive back next week. It will be 45 days before the current rescue leaves to allow for training on the new one.
- Hurricane IDA – FEMA reimbursement is noted as obligated to be paid in portal. Thank you to Andrew Camp and Robin Schutts for working with FEMA to make this happen.
- The Shad Fest is over and a payment will be coming soon.
- PRIDE Fest is next month and there will be a parade May 20. The District hung the flag, but nothing further has been asked of them.
- The Chamber of Commerce hasn't made a decision yet regarding fireworks this year.

- River season has started. There will be more training going on. Dates will be given to the Commissioners so they can come watch or participate in a ride along if they would like.
- The Chief indicated he would like to hold a dedication event for the new equipment (truck and boats) along with a separate recognition for Firefighter Hayes who has retired after 51 years of service. More information to come.
- New Hope is hosting a 200 Anniversary parade in June and the District will be attending.
- There will be an upcoming 3-day training in Coca Beach, FL for the boat.
- The Chief's office has acquired some new furniture from Fleetwing.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner McManus-Keyes to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carmosino with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 7:01p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on May 17, 2022.