

**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1
APRIL 15, 2014 – 6:00PM
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Komjathy called the meeting to order at 6:01PM, 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 White (via telephone). *Also present:* Attorney Richard Braslow, Chief Matt Hartigan, Finance Clerk Joan Garrett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Komjathy.

A motion to enter into closed session by Chairman Komjathy, seconded by Commissioner White and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

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 15, 2014 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.

The Commissioners came out of closed session at 6:39PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Vice Chairman Kascik, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the minutes of March 4, 2014, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

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APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS

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

REPORTS FROM STATIONS

Station 1: There is 20 inches of clearance in the bay. The mechanic from 1st Priority spilled something on the bay floor, and it is now stained. Mike Barlow is working with 1st Priority to rectify the situation. A tarp should be put on the floor first, then park the vehicle. We'll put that in writing.

Station 2: Everything is in good standing.

Station 3: Everything is in good standing.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hartigan read his report into the minutes. A lot of training is going on to provide the best fire and rescue service to the community. The paid firefighters schedule will be changed, in order to accommodate working Shad Fest weekend.

We received a request from Police Director Cocuzza, to have the Fire Patrol and the paid firefighters work on May 17th, the day of the Gay Pride parade.

It was asked if OEM would be able to help, Chairman Komjathy advised they were already asked. Rich Roy commented that they were asked not to participate in helping out, due to the liability. Bridge Street and the Lambertville-New Hope free bridge will be closed for a period of time.

Our major pieces of equipment are three (3) engines and a ladder that we can't get out. Chief Hartigan suggested for the future that the Commission sell the two (2) engines and acquire a truck that holds between 2-3 thousand gallons of water on it, 1500 feet of hose, 2,000 gpm pump and lights on the unit for a fire scene at night. His ultimate recommendation would be to get a Quint, 2 engines and a heavy rescue engine.

He is going to evaluate, monetarily, what the Fire Commission has in equipment.

All Fire Department activities are held on Wednesday nights.

The ranking has been restructured; there are 2 Deputy Chiefs, myself and Lieutenants. We have some people who have the capability and knowledge to hold these positions. So far, it's worked out perfectly.

Chief Hartigan asked that Mr. Braslow look into the fact that we are all District firefighters. We must be sure the Relief Association is okay with this.

The Union and Fleetwing has their 150th anniversary coming up. Congratulations!

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The New Hope Fire Company has trained with our companies and it went very well. The Mutual Aid is going very well also.

Chairman Komjathy welcomed Joan Garrett as the Commission's new Finance Clerk. He also stated the Commission has hired Justin Ege as a full time, paid firefighter effective May 6, 2014. A formal resolution will be written for Justin's position. We did not receive the Safer Grant, this is the alternative.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**RESOLUTION #14-015
Authorizing Hiring of Justin Ege as Firefighter**

WHEREAS, the Fire District has previously created the position of firefighter; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District has previously employed Justin Ege as a per diem firefighter; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District is now desirous of hiring this individual on a full-time basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, as follows:

- (1) Justin Ege is hereby hired as firefighter, effective May 5, 2014 pursuant to the existing terms and conditions of employment previously established by the Fire District.
- (2) The starting salary being \$38,480, including health, prescription and dental benefits

A motion by Chairman Komjathy, seconded by Commissioner White to hire Justin Ege as a full time, paid firefighter, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Vice Chairman Kascik, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to end our ties with Millenium Strategies, grant writer, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED. Secretary Lelie was instructed to send a letter to Millenium.

Being nothing else from the public, a motion by Chairman Komjathy, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to adjourn the meeting, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

The meeting ended at 7:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sally Lelie Secretary