



*City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1*  
*230 North Main Street*  
*Lambertville, N.J. 08530*



*Nate Waldron, Chair*  
*Robert Hayes, Vice Chair*  
*Julie von Uffel, Treasurer*  
*John Bregartner, Secretary*

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**April 16, 2024**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Waldron at 7:01 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**

Commissioner von Uffel was absent. Also in attendance was Matthew Rambaran from the new accounting firm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Waldron.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hayes to approve the minutes from March 19, 2024 and seconded by Commissioner Bregartner. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

- Chair Waldron presented the Treasurers Report. The total in checking account is \$396,667.27 and savings is \$85,499.12. Commissioner Bregartner made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Vice Chair Hayes seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- Chair Waldron thanked Matthew for the transition and for digitalizing the bill process. Chair Waldron also said they are looking at different banks to see who can offer the District the most services at a low cost, ie. bank card, safety deposit box, etc. More information to come when ready.

## **CHIEFS REPORT**

- The Shad Festival is this weekend. An extra crew will be on to cover it.
- The new cascade system is installed.
- The new radios are back in the station and will be in service by the end of the week. The old radios will be sold or donated.
- Fireworks will begin on May 17 and continue every month on the first Friday until Sept 6. This is a New Hope activity and will be handled by the PA side of the river.
- There was a minor accident that resulted in minor damage to Rescue 17. It is still operational.
- An ordinance needs to be passed by the City for the Fire Prevention Bureau to be moved to the District.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- An MOU from the City is needed to move forward with the Fire Prevention Bureau. Then monthly reports will be given to City Council and a transition date is possibly July 1. Matthew asked for a couple of days to get accounts set up for the Bureau.
- Still talking with Union Fire on purchasing the building.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Received a grant at the County Grant Award Dinner of \$30,475.00 from the Hunterdon County HCA Grant. Also waiting to hear on a \$75K State Grant.
- The Chief's computer crashed. He is asking for an IT service in case this happens again. A sub-committee was formed consisting of Chair Waldron and Commission Bregartner to get bids for a service and to purchase a new computer for the Chief.
- All personnel contracts have been signed.
- The Chief proposed disbanding the dive team. It is only used for river rescues and another agency can be brought in. He also proposed selling the special service vehicle and replacing it with a pick-up.
- A motion was made by Chair Waldron to disband the Dive Team, this was seconded by Commissioner Bregartner. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- A motion was made by Chair Waldron to sell the dive equipment to the members first and then to others and put the money in capital funds, this was seconded by Commissioner Hayes. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Dave Burd said it was nice to see the department interacting with the community.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Waldron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bregartner, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSED.

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on May 21, 2024.