



City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
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Nate Waldron, Chair
Robert Hayes, Vice Chair
Julie von Uffel, Treasurer
John Bregartner, Secretary
Mary Barna, Commissioner

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December 17, 2024
MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Waldron at 7:05 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.

Swearing in of New Commissioners – Robert Hayes and Mary Barna

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present. Accountant Matthew Rambaran was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Waldron.

MEETING MINUTES

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

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Commissioner von Uffel presented the Treasurers Report. The total in checking account is \$541,165.84 and savings is \$126,648.13. There are two deposits to be made. One for \$331,000.00 from city taxes and one for \$75,000.00 from the Sage Grant. Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Chair Waldron seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- Accountant Rambaran stated there will be a 2.5% increase in taxes for 2025. The budget has been uploaded to the State and waiting for approval. During this time only emergency purchases are permitted.

- Chair Waldron made a motion to adopt the 2025 Resolutions (listed below) and was seconded by Commissioner von Uffel. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
 - Resolution #25 – 101(A) -Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract For Accounting Services
 - Resolution #25 – 101(B) -Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract For Accounting Services
 - Resolution #25 – 102 -Authorizing the Award of a Non- Fair and Open Contract for Legal Services
 - Resolution #25 – 103 -Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Auditing Services
 - Resolution #25 – 104 Adoption of Cash Management Plan
 - Resolution# 25 – 105 Authorizing - Regular Meeting Schedule for the 2025 Year
 - Resolution #25 - 106 -Designation of Official Newspapers for Publications for the 2025 Year
 - Resolution #25 - 107 - Authorizing Approval and Payment of Claims
 - Resolution #25 – 108 - Designating Surety Bonding for Commissioners
 - Resolution #25 – 109 - Authorizing Budget Transfers and/or Encumbrances Relative to 2025 Budget
 - Resolution #24 – 110 - Adoption of Temporary Budget for 2025
 - Resolution #24-111 – Budget
- Congratulations to the Chief for completing the Investigator Fire & Explosion ATF certification. This is the highest certificate from ATF. He is now part of the Regional Response Team for ATF.
- Congratulations to the new Commissioners. We look forward to working with you.

CHIEFS REPORT

- There were 41 calls.
- Would like to advertise the Special Services in PA publications. Brindle Mountain may bid again.
- Submitted for the AFG Grant and working on additional ones.
- Christmas Luncheon will be on December 20 at noon.
- All equipment is in good working order.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chair Waldron made a motion to allow the Chief to advertise the Special Services in PA publications. Vice Chair Hayes seconded, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- The building close dates hasn't been set. Hoping for December 20. Will use existing insurance company for the building. Will be changed from rental to owner.
- The drainage project will start early to late January, maybe Spring. They are working on obtaining permits. Should be completed by end of Summer.

NEW BUSINESS

- There will be a Working Session on January 6, 2025, at 6pm at the Firehouse.
- Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to pass Resolution 24-226-Amended for the hiring of Caroline Welch due to informational change to personnel. Commissioner Bregartner seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- There was no audience participation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on January 21, 2025.