



*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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**December 19, 2023**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**

The make-up meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Waldron at 7:03 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.

**Swearing in of New Commissioner John Bregartner**

**ROLL CALL**

All Commissioners were present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Waldron.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes to approve the minutes from December 4, 2023 and seconded by Commissioner von Uffel. A voice vote was taken, Commissioner Bregartner abstained, MOTION PASSES.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Waldron to approve the closed meeting minutes from December 4, 2023 and seconded by Commissioner Hayes. A voice vote was taken, Commissioner Bregartner abstained, MOTION PASSES.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

- Commissioner Hayes nominated Vice Chair Waldron for Chair and it was seconded by Commissioner von Uffel. A voice vote was taken, Nomination Passes.
- Chair Waldron nominated Commissioner Hayes for Vice Chair and it was seconded by Commissioner von Uffel. A voice vote was taken, Nomination Passes.
- Chair Waldron nominated Commissioner von Uffel for Treasurer and it was seconded by Vice Chair Hayes. A voice vote was taken, Nomination Passes.
- Vice Chair Hayes nominated Commissioner Bregartner for Secretary and it was seconded by Commissioner von Uffel. A voice vote was taken, Nomination Passes.

- The 2024 Commissioner Offices are:
  - Nate Waldron – Chair
  - Robert Hayes – Vice Chair
  - Julie von Uffel – Treasurer
  - John Bregartner – Secretary
  
- Commissioner von Uffel presented the Treasurers Report. The total in checking account is \$492,086.45 and savings is \$29,977.05. Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Chair Waldron seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
  
- Chair Waldron made a motion to adopt the 2024 Budget and was seconded by Vice Chair Hayes. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
  
- Chair Waldron made a motion to adopt the 2024 Resolutions (listed below) and was seconded by Commissioner von Uffel. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
  - Resolution #24 – 101(A) -Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract For Accounting Services
  - Resolution #24 – 101(B) -Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract For Accounting Services
  - Resolution #24 – 102 -Authorizing the Award of a Non- Fair and Open Contract For Legal Services
  - Resolution #24 – 103 -Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract For Auditing Services
  - Resolution #24 – 104 Adoption of Cash Management Plan
  - Resolution# 24 – 105 Authorizing - Regular Meeting Schedule for the 2024 Year
  - Resolution #24 - 106 -Designation of Official Newspapers for Publications for the 2024 Year
  - Resolution #24 - 107 - Authorizing Approval and Payment of Claims
  - Resolution #24 – 108 - Designating Surety Bonding for Commissioners
  - Resolution #24 – 109 - Authorizing Budget Transfers and/or Encumbrances Relative to 2024 Budget
  - Resolution #24 – 110 Adoption of Temporary Budget for 2024
  - Resolution #24-111 – Budget

NOTE: Each was read aloud at the meeting.

- There is a state audit for Books & Records that was planned for December 13, 2023, has been postponed. The new date has not been communicated yet.
  
- The Workshop meetings will continue to be held on the First Tuesday of each month.

### **CHIEFS REPORT**

- The tanker donation from Veola water is in New Hope waiting for the check from Veola.
- Still actively pursuing and applying for grants.
- The Santa Run will be December 23 starting at 1pm.
- The Chief is requesting to move from petty cash to a procurement card. The Chief will have one and Robin Schutts will have the other. There can only be a total of \$325.00 in petty cash and this will help maintain that total.
- The first wave of new radios hopefully will be completely programmed by the January meeting.
- The tent has been ordered for the special services.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Dave Bird asked what the percentage increase in taxes was for 2024. Chair Waldron said the state limit of 2%. Dave Bird also asked why the resolutions read they were non-fair and open contract. He feels that there should be a competitive bid. Chair Waldron informed him that these are State statutes and that the District does do competitive bids.

### **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 December 19, 2023 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 Chair Waldron to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner von Uffel, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners entered into closed session at 7:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Chair Waldron to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner von Uffel, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners came out of closed session at 8:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on February 16, 2024.