



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



*Rick Carmosino, Chair*  
*Nate Waldron, Vice Chair*  
*Julia von Uffel, Commissioner*  
*Erin McManus-Keyes, Commissioner*  
*Sarah Lechner, Commissioner*

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**December 20, 2022**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Sarah Lechner at 6:01 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.

Nate Waldron and Julia von Uffel were sworn in as new Commissioners.

**ROLL CALL**

In attendance, Commissioner Lechner, Commissioner Carmosino, Commissioner Waldron, Commissioner von Uffel. Absent Commissioner McManus-Keyes.

Also present were Accountants Joe Marcucci and Pavin Rajput.

**BOARD REORGANIZATION**

Commissioner von Uffel nominated Commissioner Carmosino for Chair. This was seconded by Commissioner Waldron. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

Commissioner von Uffel nominated Commissioner Waldron for Vice Chair. This was seconded by Chair Carmosino. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

Vice Chair Waldron nominated Commissioner von Uffel for Treasurer. Commissioner Lechner seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

Commissioner von Uffel nominated Commissioner Lechner for Secretary. Chair Carmosino seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

The new Board of Commissioners are:

Chair – Rick Carmosino  
Vice Chair – Nate Waldron  
Treasurer – Julia von Uffel  
Secretary – Sarah 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 December 20, 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 Lechner to enter into closed session, seconded by Chair Carmosino, and with a voice vote, MOTION PASSES. The Commissioners entered into closed session at 6:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lechner to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner von Uffel, and with a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSES. The Commissioners came out of closed session at 6:47 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from November 15, 2022 were not approved due to not enough Commissioners in attendance at November's meeting being present at tonight's meeting to approve.

**2023 RESOLUTIONS**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Waldron to approve the 2023 Resolutions with a change to Resolution #23-105 – Authorizing Regular Meeting Schedule for the 2023 Year. Meetings will now begin at 7:00pm and not 6:00pm. A second was made by Commissioner Lechner. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

- Joe Marcucci presented the Treasurers Report. There is \$443,639.63 in the checking account and \$29,902.20 in savings. The total bills for the evening are \$45,012.52. Vice Chair Waldron made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Commissioner Lechner seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

- Joe Marcucci presented the 2023 budget. The state cap law is 2%. The budget will be raised by 3.7% which is within limits because it wasn't raised the prior year. All line items are in order. There are two new items. A grant from Elizabeth Town Gas for \$5,000 for a new gas meter and a grant from the state of \$39,000 for a new washer and dryer for turn out gear. Commissioner Lechner made a motion to accept the budget for 2023, Chair Carmosino seconded, with a voice vote, MOTION PASSES.
- There is not an update with the Squad.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Car 17 in for service.
- Staffing continues to be an issue.
- There was one applicant for the full-time position. Tim Shanahan and he is recommending him for the position.
- There are five candidates being presented for per diem positions.
- So far in 2022 there have been 320 calls.
- Still waiting to hear on Federal Grant – AFG. If awarded, this would upgrade the radio systems so there is one system and not three that is currently being used.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lechner made a motion to pass the following resolution:

Resolution #22 – 121 - Authorizing Shane Mull, Nicholas Recine, Anthony Starcher, Joseph Starcher as Per Diem Firefighter's

Chair Carmosino seconded, and with a voice vote, MOTION PASSES (full resolution is attached).

Commissioner Lechner made a motion to pass the following resolution:

Resolution #22-122 – Authorizing Tim Shanahan as a full-time firefighter.

Vice Chair Waldron seconded, and with a voice vote, MOTION PASSES (full resolution is attached).

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Rich Roy again stated that there is an issue with overnight staffing, and it needs to be addressed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Lechner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner von Uffel with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 7:17p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on January 17, 2023.