



City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
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Nate Waldron, Vice Chair
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December 4, 2023
Make-Up MONTHLY MEETING

The make-up meeting was called to order by Vice 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

All Commissioner were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Waldron.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice Chair Waldron to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner von Uffel. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Commissioner von Uffel presented the Treasurers Report. The total in checking account is \$736,408.94 and savings is \$29,977.05. Commissioner Hayes made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Vice Chair Waldron seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- There is a state audit for Books & Records planned for December 13, 2023. Vice Chair Waldron made a motion to give Lear & Pannepacker power of attorney to manage this, Commissioner Hayes seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- The 2024 Budget was introduced at \$1,325,512.00. The increase is the 3rd shift payroll. Commissioner Hayes made a motion to introduce it and Commissioner von Uffel seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES. Vice Chair Waldron appreciated the dialog regarding the budget process from Lear & Pannepacker.
- The Workshop meetings will continue to be held on the First Tuesday of each month.

CHIEFS REPORT

- There was a total of 31 calls.
- The engine donation from Veola water is almost complete.
- The partnership between the Fire District and the City for the Fire Prevention Bureau is complete and will be transferred in its entirety April 1, 2024. Frank Ur will be the Fire Official of record.
- The new radios are currently being programmed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- The attached correspondence was read at the meeting (Two thank you notes – 1. Centenary United Methodist Church and Fiona & Gerry Bradshaw.)
- Vice Chair Waldron made a motion to sell the current cascade unit and accept the donation of one from the Hibernia Fire Department, Commissioner von Uffel seconded, a voice vote was taken. MOTION PASSES.
- Vice Chair Waldron made a motion to pass Resolution 23-116 for the SAGE Grant, Commissioner von Uffel seconded, a voice vote was taken. MOTON PASSES.
- Vice Chair Waldron made a motion for the firefighters to participate in the Gelt drop on December 13, 2023, Commissioner Hayes seconded, a voice vote was taken. Motion Passes.
- Vice Chair Waldron made a motion for the Chief to purchase temporary housing when the new engine arrives. The amount is \$3,754.40. Commissioner Hayes seconded, a voice vote was taken. MOTION PASSES.
- Vice Chair Waldron made a motion to pass Resolution 23-117 to hire the following as Per Diem firefighters Robert Hedden, David Phillips, Jesse Belasco, Tyrese Adams & James Breuer. James Breuer has been a junior volunteer firefighter and is currently in Firefighter 1. He will need to present his certificate stating he passed Firefighter I before shifts are assigned to him. Commissioner von Uffel seconded, voice vote was taken. MOTION PASSES.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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 4, 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 Commissioner von Uffel to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Hayes, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners entered into closed session at 7:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice 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 8:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on December 19, 2023.