



***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*  
*Mary Barna, Commissioner*

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**February 18, 2025**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Waldron at 7:00 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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Waldron.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Chair Waldron to approve the minutes from January 21, 2025 and the workshop meeting minutes from March 3, 2025, and seconded by Commissioner Barna. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

- Chair Waldron presented the Treasurers Report. The total in checking account is \$173,549.15 and savings is \$126,758.89. Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Chair Waldron seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

## **CHIEFS REPORT**

- There were 35 calls.
- The new LED lighting is in. The Chief and Vice Chair Hayes will be installing in the coming weeks.
- LMUA check has come in and has been deposited.
- The fire company will still help when opening pit and will handle emergencies.
- LMUA needs to create SOG's, and policies and the Chief may offer his expertise if time allows.
- Web site training will be on March 22.
- Chief Barlow is suggesting that the payments to the Fire Bureau be made online. It will offer 24-hour payment that gives people more flexibility. There will be a small cost for paying on-line in addition to your payment to the Fire Bureau.
- Shad Festival is in April.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Chair Waldron made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-112 – Resolution To Amend The 2025 Budget Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:14-78.3 Fiscal Year: From January 1, 2025 To December 31, 2025 and was seconded by Secretary Bregartner. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- Secretary Bregartner suggests that fire company stop working with LMUA because we don't have a current list of chemicals they work with. He suggests LMUA come to a meeting and ask for assistance. Chair Waldron said he would reach out to schedule a meeting with them and two commissioners. Chair Waldron said the current management would be changing in 60-90 days. The Chief said an independent company should be involved with new policies and procedures. The Board is giving the Chief permission to reach out request a list of the hazard materials on-site. They have 30 days and if they don't, they will have an 15 days and after that a letter will go to the county.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Fire District cannot accept donations.
- The Fire Bureau would like to look for a company that they can work with and will work with the Districts current programs for on-line payments. Moving away from cash will alleviate theft and make it easier for people to make payments. Chair Waldron made a motion to give the Chief permission to look for a company to do this, Vice Chair Hayes seconded, a voice vote was taken, motion passes.
- Chief Barlow said the Fire Bureau would be filing a complaint against Heritage Village due to non-payment of fines.
- A workshop will be held on March 22 so the Commissioners can open a safety deposit box and have website training.
- Secretary Bregartner said now that the District owns the building is there a list of the contractors/vendors that Union used and have they been notified of the change. Vice Chair Hayes will get a list and the Union will send a letter asking for accounts to be transferred to the District. Chief Barlow will be the liaison working with Vice Chair Hayes and Secretary Bregartner will be a back-up.

- There will be monthly working sessions on the first Monday of every month at 6pm at the firehouse to discuss the future of the fire company.
- Commissioner Barna asked for ideas/suggestions to post on the website. The first post should be about the District – why and when it started.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

- Dave Burd informed the commissioners the Union Fire Company sent a sympathy card to the landscaper's family. He also said transitioning to payments online was a good service for the community. He also wondered if the Chief helping other organizations would be a liability to him or the District.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on March 18, 2025.