



City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
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February 20, 2024
MONTHLY MEETING

The make-up meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Hayes 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

Chair Waldron was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Hayes.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Bregartner to approve the minutes from January 16, 2024 and seconded by Commissioner von Uffel. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Commissioner von Uffel made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Commissioner Bregartner seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

CHIEFS REPORT

- There were 29 calls reported.
- Mercer County is finishing programming the radio. They should be ready for installation next week.
- There are two (2) upcoming public events. One is the Shad Festival. The Chief is meeting with the Committee next week regarding the contract. He will forward when ready.
- The Fire Prevention Bureau will not be fully transferred until the City fulfills its obligations with the State. There will be more to come on the LEA. Hoping for April 1, 2024, but realistically may not be until October 2024.

- Lt. Brown is retiring, and the emergency management will go back to the City. As of now, the Fire Chief is the only person who is trained to take this role. The Chief will also have additional training.
- He recommends getting a safety deposit box for titles, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Chief's contract is at the Attorney's office.

NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioner Bregartner asked about the insurance and if there was contact info for the company.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Dave Bird asked what LEA stood for – Local Enforcement Agency. He also asked where the money would go with the Fire Prevention Bureau. Chief Barlow explained it would run itself. The money coming in would cover the costs of the Bureau. It has nothing to do with the District or the Fire Company. No monies would mix.

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 February 20, 2024 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 closed session, seconded by Commissioner Bregartner, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners entered closed session at 7:49 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner von Uffel to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner von Bregartner, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners came out of closed session at 7:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Bregartner 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 7:57 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on March 19, 2024.