



City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
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July 15, 2025
MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Waldron at 6:59 p.m. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice to The Trenton Times, City Hall Bulletin Board, and various individuals.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Waldron.

MEETING MINUTES

Chair Waldron made a motion to accept the minutes from June 17, 2025. Commissioner von Uffel seconded, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Treasure vonUffel presented the Treasurers Report. The total in checking account is \$249,160.40 and savings are \$274,905.71. Chair Waldron made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Vice Chair Hayes seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- There won't be a Fire Commission working session in August.

CHIEFS REPORT

- Total of 50 calls for the month. EMS calls are rising due to helping Lambertville Squad. The third shift was the busiest.
- Firefighter/EMT Tim Shanahan resigned effective June 30, 2025.
- The Fire Prevention Bureau is doing well and there may be an opportunity for a full-time inspector. In the beginning stages of looking at this.
- Moving forward the air boat will have its policies. They will not be part of the normal fleet policy.

OLD BUSINESS

- Plans for the bunk room are being worked on. There are plans for five beds, lockers, and a watch station.
- Chair Waldron made a motion to accept the application of Nancy Bakewell as a new Commissioner to finish the term of John Bregartner. Commissioner Barna seconded, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

NEW BUSINESS

- Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to pay Firefighter/EMT Shanahan his unused vacation time. Commissioner von Uffel seconded, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- Chair Waldron made a motion to accept the volunteer application of Jared _____. Vice Chair Hayes seconded, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- Chair Waldron made a motion to accept the proposal of \$2,865.00/yr for new insurance on the airboat. Vice Chair Hayes seconded, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- Chair Waldron made a motion that Vice Chair Hayes, Commissioner von Uffel and Chief work to prepare a referendum with Commissioner Barna helping when needed. Commissioner von Uffel seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- Chair Waldron made a motion to send \$100.00 to the Hunterdon County Chiefs Association in support of the social gathering of delegates in Wildwood. Commissioner von Uffel seconded, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- Chair Waldron said the benefits for Firefighter/EMT Shanahan ended on July 31, 2025.
- The attached thank you letter was sent to the Mayor.
- Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to pass Resolution 25-115 that effective July 15, 2025, The Lambertville Fire District would not recognize collective bargaining.
- Vice Chair Hayes made a motion to pass Resolution 25-116 to hire Jonathan Apgar as per diem. His background check has been completed, and he has proper training. Commissioner von Uffel seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- There was no audience participation.

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 July 15, 2025 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. Chair Waldron seconded it, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES. The Commissioners are in close session at 7:33pm.

Commissioner von Uffel made a motion to come out of closed session. Vice Chair Hayes seconded, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES. Commissioners came out of closed session at 7:50pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on August 19, 2025.