



City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
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Nate Waldron, Vice Chair
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June 20, 2023
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Waldron at 7:02 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

In attendance, Commissioner von Uffel, and Commissioner Hayes. Commissioner Lechner arrived at 7:14pm.

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 from the May 20, 2023 meeting, Commissioner Hayes seconded, with a voice vote, MOTION PASSES.

CHIEFS REPORT

- Chief Barlow reported there were 26 calls in May.
- Everything is in good working order.
- He is asking for permission to attend the Chatham 4th of July parade with the Tower Ladder and Car 17. The Commissioners granted permission.
- The AFG grant for the radios is moving forward. It is now going to the grant manager to be overlooked and then be sent to FEMA. He will be looking for funding in the Fall.
- New Hope, PA will be hosting fireworks the first Friday night of each month during the summer. Vice Chair Waldron asked if extra personnel should be added in case there is more traffic in Lambertville. The Chief said he will see how the first one goes and then reevaluate, but for this month no.

- He has received an update on the Safer Grant. The submission for additional career fire fighters and a cascade system have both made it past the first process. He is hoping they both will be awarded. He will keep everyone informed.
- He continues to search for additional grants.
- Firefighter Siwy completed his probation and will be promoted to Lt. This does not come with a pay increase.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Commissioner von Uffel presented the Treasurers Report. The total in checking account is \$482,013.27 and checking is \$29,000.00. The total bills for the evening is \$21,691.21. Vice Chair Waldron made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Commissioners Hayes seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- Vice Chair Waldon made a motion to discontinue providing a zoom dial in for meetings. Commissioner Hayes seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- Commissioner Hayes made a motion to send an RFP out for an accounting firm. Vice Chair Waldron seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES. Vice Chair Waldron will write the RFP and send it to the Commissioners for input.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioner Hayes asked Robin Schutts, Board Secretary, to investigate the possibility of being double billed by Holicong Lock Smith before they are paid.
- Commissioner Hayes also wants to know why the beginning balance of the invoice from Lear and Pannepacker is so high. He asked Robin to find out and wants the back-up on their services not just a dollar amount.
- Commissioner Hayes presents a letter from Station 3 regarding payment for the Chief's car. This will serve as the invoice.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Firefighter Siwy thanked the Commissioners for their open dialogue.

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 June 20, 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 Vice Chair Waldron to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Hayes, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners entered into closed session at 7:27 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lechner to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner von Uffel, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners came out of closed session at 7:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Waldron 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 7:38 p.m.

The next meeting will be July 18, 2023.