



*City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1*  
*230 North Main Street*  
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*Sarah Lechner, Chair*  
*Jack Ludwig, Vice Chair*  
*Erin McManus-Keyes, Commissioner*  
*Noelle Zappacosta Romano, Commissioner*  
*Rick Carmosino, Commissioner*

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**March 15, 2022**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chair Lechner at 6:03 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, Chair Lechner, Vice Chair Ludwig, Commissioner Carmosino, and Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano. Commissioner McManus-Keyes joined at 6:19pm.

Also present were Board Attorney Richard Braslow, Accountant Joe Marcucci.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Lechner.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ludwig to approve the minutes from February 15, 2022, it was seconded by Commissioner Carmosino, with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

**BILLS**

This has been moved to the Treasurers Report under Commissioner Items.

**REQUISITIONS**

There were no requisitions to approve.

### **COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

- West Amwell - Chair Lechner provided a brief update. There have been unexpected delays and the Commissioners discussed whether West Amwell still wanted to pursue. Vice Chair Ludwig offered to make phone calls and be part of this.
- Resque Squad - Commissioner Carmosino indicated that the Squad is waiting for Spring to schedule training with the Fire District and he will follow-up directly with the Squad.
- Joe Marcucci presented the Treasurers Report in Commissioner McManus-Keyes absence. There is \$391,511.55 in the checking account and \$28,047.47 in the money market. The total bills for the evening is \$48,425.50. Brindle Mountain was the largest for the additions, painting, etc on the new apparatus. The gas card limits have been increased from \$500 to \$1500. The budget and actuals are on target. Mr. Marcucci recommended instituting a Purchase Order process, but providing an exception to the process for emergencies so the Chief could go to the Commissioner in charge for approval. The Commissioners agreed to institute the Purchase Order process. Vice Chair Ludwig made a motion to approve bills and Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES. Commissioner McManus-Keyes was absent for the vote.
- Chair Lechner began a discussion on whether the monthly Commission meetings resume as in person. It was discussed and the meetings would be hybrid, beginning in April. This will give everyone the opportunity to attend in person or via zoom. Commissioner Carmosino made a motion that future meetings be held hybrid and Commissioner McManus-Keyes seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- Chair Lechner and Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano are not available for the April 19, 2022 meeting.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

- At a recent fire call, Mayor Nowick saw first-hand how the firefighters work and was appreciative of what they do.
- The air boat is delayed due to supply chain issues.
- Meetings for the design of a new truck will start soon.
- The Shad Festival will be happening this year and is expected to be the largest yet due to this being the first one after the pandemic. He is working the Chamber of Commerce on the contract for the cost the District will incur.
- Rescue 17 will be coming back soon.
- Would like to look at the 5-year plan again. Vice Chair Ludwig recommended planning a Saturday Retreat to discuss issues and how to move forward. A tentative date is set for May 14 from 8-1.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was no audience participation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Carmosino to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Ludwig, with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 6:40p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on April 19, 2022.