



City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
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Nate Waldron, Chair
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John Bregartner, Secretary
Mary Barna, Commissioner

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March 18, 2025
MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Hayes at 7:03 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

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 von Uffel to approve the minutes from February 18, 2025 and the workshop meeting minutes from March 3, 2025, and seconded by Commissioner Barna. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Treasurer von Uffel presented the Treasurers Report. The total in checking account is \$70,499.04 and savings is \$148,898.14. Commissioner Bregartner made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Commissioner von Uffel seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

CHIEFS REPORT

- There were 21 calls.
- A bid has come in for the Special Services at \$126,000.00. He needs the Board to approve or decline.
- The new drone is here.
- There are two new probationary per diem fire fighters he will put forward.
- LMUA report has been released to the Board. A hard copy will be placed on file.
- There will be marine training on March 29, 2025, from 8-4. If any Commissioners would like to attend, let the Chief know.

OLD BUSINESS

- Commissioner von Uffel made a motion to accept the bid for the Special Services, Commissioner Bregartner seconded, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioner Bregartner made a motion to pass Resolution 25-113 for the hiring of Rick Hendricks and Garred Rankin-Wahlers. Their background checks have been completed, and they have proper training. Commissioner Barna seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.
- The Hunterdon Democrat had gone out of business. Commissioner Barna made a motion to pass Resolution 25-114 to have the Trenton Times and NJ.com the official papers for the District. Commissioner von Uffel seconded, a voice vote was taken, MOTION Passes.
- Commissioner Bregartner would like to have the credit card statement added to the monthly bill reports. The Chief said they are trying to move everything to electronic payments to avoid having the Commissioners sign checks, avoid loss of checks, save money on envelopes and stamps.
- Commissioner Barna suggested having safety tips on Facebook (ie info on extension cords, etc.). Additional ideas for the upcoming workshop meeting are fire pits, chimney cleaning.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- Dave Burd told the Commissioners to keep up the good work.

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 March 18, 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. Commissioner Bregartner seconded it, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES. The Commissioners are in close session at 7:34pm.

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 8:13pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer von Uffel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chair Hayes, a voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSED.

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on April 15, 2025.