



*City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1*  
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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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**May 17, 2022**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chair Lechner at 6:06 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, Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano. Absent Commissioner McManus-Keyes.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Lechner.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano made a motion to approve the minutes from April 26, 2022, Vice Chair Ludwig seconded it, with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

- Shared Services - Chair Lechner reported that there may be additional opportunities regarding shared services. She would be in conversations in the next week or so with Stockton, West Amwell, Sergeantsville and Hopewell. Hopewell is a paid department and if they are not interested in a shared service, there may be an opportunity to gain experience from them and/or ask for advice regarding apparatus or staffing. More to come at the June meeting.
- Rescue Squad - Commissioner Carmosino had no update at this time.

- Joe Marcucci presented the Treasurers Report. There is \$143,283.17 in the checking account and \$28,047.91 in savings. The total bills for the evening are \$22,137.48. The maintenance line is overspent, the truck and boat payments will be starting, the staffing is adequate. Buying the building is still on the table. Attorney Braslow will be sending a memo to the Commissioners outlining the process and timing. A reminder was sent to the City asking when the tax check would be ready for pick-up. Nancy DeSandre at Lear & Pannepacker has moved on to another opportunity outside of the company. Joe will let everyone know who our new contact will be as soon as he knows. Commissioner McManus-Keys made a motion to approve bills and Commissioner Carmosino seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

- Commissioner Carmosino made a motion to pass the following resolution:

Resolution #22 – 115 - Authorizing Brett R. Colavito as Per Diem Firefighter

Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

- Personnel Staffing – Currently there is paid staff from 8am-12(midnight) – two shifts of four firefighters. Vice Chair Ludwig made a motion for a pilot in June with three shifts outlined as follows:

8am-4pm - 3 firefighters

4pm-12(midnight) - 3 firefighters

12(midnight) - 8am 2 firefighters

Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano seconded. A voice vote was taken, MOTION PASSES.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Training in the department is progressing. Delivery of the air boat is delayed due to supply chain issues. There is fear from the Squad that the Fire Department wants to take them over. Chief Barlow expressed again that is not the case. The Fire Department is here to assist.
- There are several upcoming events that the Fire Department will making appearances at. Off-duty firefighters will staff these events.
- There is an application for a per diem firefighter who is 20 years old. The State of NJ is giving Chief Barlow conflicting information on the minimum age. He is waiting for a written statement from the State to clarify this. Once received, he will proceed appropriately.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was no audience participation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 6:48p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on June 21, 2022.