



City of Lambertville Board of Fire Commissioners District #1

*230 North Main Street
Lambertville, N.J. 08530*



*Aladar Komjathy, Chairman
Sarah Lechner, Vice Chair
Erin McManus-Keyes, Commissioner
Jack Ludwig, Commissioner
Noelle Zappacosta Romano, Commissioner*

*Fire Headquarters – 609-397-2084
Headquarters Fax – 609-397-4465*

September 21, 2021 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A regularly scheduled videoconference meeting was called to order by Chairman Komjathy at 6:07 p.m. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, noticing The Trenton Times, The Hunterdon County Democrat, City Hall Bulletin Board, and various individuals.

ROLL CALL

In attendance, via videoconference, were Chairman Komjathy, Vice Chair Lechner, Commissioner Ludwig, Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano. Absent was Commissioner McManus-Keyes.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Komjathy.

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 September 21, 2021 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 Zappacosta-Romano to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Ludwig, and with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners entered into closed session at 6:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ludwig to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano, and with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED. The Commissioners came out of closed session at 6:26 p.m

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano to approve the meeting minutes from July 20, 2021, seconded by Vice Chair Lechner, and with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

BILLS

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lechner to approve the bills for the evening, seconded by Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano, and with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

REQUISITIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano to approve the requisitions presented for the evening, seconded by Vice-Chair Lechner, and with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Chairman Komjathy thanked Chief Barlow and the crew that was on during Hurricane Ida. Chairman Komjathy has hear nothing but great things about how professional everyone was and what a great job the department during this time. He would like to have a Resolution put in each of their files and possible give them a pin as recognition.

The Commissioners would like the Chief to prepare a report on lesson learned, what equipment is needed for the future so funding can be discussed and planned for.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chief's report is attached. The call volume from Hurricane Ida has increased since the report was prepared.

FEMA granted \$18,000 for COVID expenses. The check has not been received at the firehouse. Chairman Komjathy will follow-up with the City to see if it went there.

Chief Barlow said there is a need to get a boat due the high water from Hurricane Ida. The Commissioners would like to see the report first before making any decisions.

The City applied for the American Rescue Plan and didn't include the Fire District on the application. This was for hazard pay and the District couldn't submit alone, it had to be part of the City's application and the City didn't reach out. Chairman Komjathy was going to find out if there was anything from the Governor's Office that was available for funding.

Vice Chair Lechner left the meeting at 6:17pm.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Peter Jeffrey from Holmes & McDowell gave an overview of the insurance policy. A resolution will be prepared for next meeting to approve them as the insurance carrier.

Joe Marcucci will meet with the Chief and have a preliminary 2022 budget for next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ludwig to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Zappacosta-Romano, and with a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on October 19, 2021.

*Regular Meeting Minutes prepared and submitted by
Robin Schutts, Board Secretary*