

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE DISTRICT #1**

**JULY 13, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners City of Lambertville District #1 was called to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Chairman Ege, Vice Chairman Brown and Treasurer Komjathy. This meeting was held at the Justice Center, 25 South Union Street. Also present were Deputy Fire Chief R. Tillett Jr. and Purchasing Agent Hayes.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chairman Ege announced that this was a regular meeting pursuant to the Resolution adopted at the March 9, 2010 Reorganization meeting and published in the March 18, 2010 issue of The Beacon.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Ege.

**MINUTES** of the June 8, 2010 regular meeting and closed meeting were approved as presented on motion by Mr. Komjathy, second by Mr. Brown and unanimous favorable vote.

**FINANCE REPORTS** as prepared by Finance Officer Luhrs as attached and hereby made part of the minutes of this meeting were reviewed and accepted for filing on motion by Mr. Komjathy, second by Mr. Brown and unanimous favorable vote. Due to changing interest rates, the Business Administrator noted that an additional \$400,000.00 was added to the Certificate of Deposit which will mature on 20 January 2011. The Money Market Account balance is \$249,601.17. The Checking Account balance after tonight's bills are approved will be \$6,480.29.

**2009 AUDIT:** Auditor Case was present to review the 2009 Audit and management letter. He noted that the records were in good order and there were no findings nor recommendations. It was noted that there are balances from the purchase of the ladder and Chief's vehicle that should be cancelled.

The attached Resolution and Group Affidavit were approved on motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Komjathy and unanimous favorable vote.

**REQUISITIONS** totaling \$3,891.00 as attached and hereby made part of the minutes of this meeting were read by Purchasing Agent Hayes. After discussion, motion by Mr. Komjathy, second by Mr. Brown and adopted on unanimous favorable vote that the requisition list be approved as presented.

**BILL LIST** totaling \$15,666.08 as attached and hereby made part of the minutes of this meeting was approved for payment on motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Komjathy and unanimous favorable vote.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Due to a medical concern, Chief Myers was not present. Deputy Chief Tillett noted that he will obtain copies for the Commissioners. He summarized three repairs by Fire Apparatus Repair, problem with the foam valve on 17-63 and repairs recommended by Amwell Automotive on the Deputy Chief's vehicle.

**COMPANY REPORTS:**

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Station 1: Capt. Ege noted nothing to report.

Station 2: Lt. Skrebel noted all is in good working order.

Station 3: Capt. Gares noted nothing to report.

Station 4: Capt. C. Strauss noted there is a small leak from the pump packing on 17-64.

**CLOSED MEETING:** The following Resolution was adopted on motion by Mr. Komjathy, second by Mr. Brown and unanimous favorable vote.

*RESOLUTION*

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Board of Fire Commissioners to discuss personnel and contract matters, and

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act permits the discussion of personnel and contract matters in closed session,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners meet in closed session at this time to discuss personnel matters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters under discussion will be made public when any decision is formulated.

The meeting was recessed at 8:00 PM and reconvened at 8:10 PM.

**CHIEF MYERS:** The Business Administrator noted that yesterday she received a letter of resignation from Chief Myers due to medical problems involving his mother. Today he submitted a letter recinding the letter of resignation and requested a three month leave of absence. It was noted that there is no policy regarding leave of absence. After discussion, motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Komjathy and adopted on unanimous favorable vote that Chief Myers be granted a month to month leave of absence to deal with this mother's medical problems. He will be free to return to command when the medical problems are resolved. The remaining chiefs will step in to handle all incidents. It was requested that the Chief's vehicle remain in the city to be available to answer calls.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:** Deputy Chief R.Tillett Jr. noted that there was none to be submitted.

**WORKERS COMPENSATION:** The Business Administrator noted that there is one active claim for Richard Carmosino.

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**VOLUNTEER CLOTHING ALLOWANCE:** Purchasing Agent Hayes read the revisions to clarify that an individual must attend the incident to obtain credit, not just report to the Fire Station. Several questions were answered on how this will work. Copies will be available at the next meeting.

The pregnancy policy received from Attorney Braslow was reviewed. It was agreed that it should be retyped and submitted to the Board of Engineers for review and action at the August meeting by the Commission.

Motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Komjathy and adopted on unanimous favorable vote that the revisions to the policy be approved and added to the Administrative Policy Book with the recently adopted Chief's Policy.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Deputy Chief R. Tillett Jr. questioned the reason for the change in the Chief's policy, the contents of Section 1.1 which is referenced and the impact that the adoption of this policy will have on moral in the Department. He noted that the Fire Department has existed for over one hundred years and questioned if public safety is at risk from the current structure.

Deputy Chief R. Tillett Jr. noted that there will be a drill on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM with the Lambertville-New Hope Rescue Squad on auto extrication. On the 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a drill at the Police Station with the County's 4 wheel drive vehicle (mule). The Chiefs and Captains are asked to attend.

Being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM on motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Komjathy and unanimous favorable vote.

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Mary Elizabeth Sheppard  
Business Administrator