

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

FEBRUARY 9, 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, Secretary Waldron and Purchasing Officer Cormier. This meeting was held at the Justice Center, 25 South Union Street. Also present were Fire Chief Myers 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 10, 2009 Reorganization meeting and published in the March 19, 2009 issue of The Beacon.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Ege.

MINUTES of the January 12, 2010 Regular and closed meetings were approved as presented on motion by Mr. Cormier, second by Mr. Waldron 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. Waldron, second by Mr. Cormier and unanimous favorable vote.

The Business Administrator noted that \$1,000,000.00 was removed from TD Bank and deposited with Hopewell Valley. With the approval of Finance Officer Luhrs, \$500,000.00 was deposited in a Certificate of Deposit for one year, \$470,000.00 in a Money Market Account and \$30,000.00 in a regular checking account. Finance Officer Luhrs can move funds between the Money Market and regular checking accounts using a computer code. Interest is being paid on all deposits. Even the \$150.00 Petty Cash Account earned 7 cents for two weeks.

REQUISITIONS: None were submitted.

BILL LIST totaling \$39,723.43 was approved for payment on motion by Mr. Waldron, second by Mr. Cormier and unanimous favorable vote.

CHIEF'S REPORTS as attached and hereby made part of the minutes of this meeting for January noting 17 NFRIS Incidents involving 151.58 man hours and 11 department events involving 354.33 staff hours were reviewed. He noted that CPR drill has been scheduled for February 22nd, Department Inspection for October 3rd at 3 PM and Fire Presentation Activities for October 9th at the Union-Fleetwing Fire House.

In response to a question from Mr. Cormier, it was noted that Commissioners can attend the CPR drill.

Regarding equipment, the hydraulic fluid in 17-69 has been replaced and the on-spot chain switch was repaired today on 17-64.

Mr. Waldron noted that the seat in the Deputy Command Vehicle needs repair.

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COMPANY REPORTS:

Station 1: Capt. Ege noted that all is in good working order.

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

Station 3: Capt. Gares noted all is in good working order.

Station 4: Capt. Tillett noted that during a recent tanker task force event, the pony line that failed inspection and was sent out for recoupling broke and needs to be sent out again.

COMMISSION ITEMS:

2010 ELECTION is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2010, from 2 – 9 PM at the Justice Center. The voting booths will be assembled that morning.

POLICY AMENDMENTS: The Business Administrator noted that she has not received the signature sheets that were faxed to each fire house regarding the policy on vehicles and requisitions and detailed 2010 budget. Representatives from the Fleetwing and Hibernia Fire Companies requested that such be emailed instead of faxed to assure that they are received by the officers.

2010 REORGANIZATION MEETING was scheduled for Tuesday, March 9th at 7:30 PM at the Justice Center.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: None were received.

CLOSED MEETING: The following Resolution was adopted on motion by Mr. Cormier, second by Mr. Waldron and unanimous favorable vote.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Board of Fire Commissioners to discuss a personnel matter, and

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act permits the discussions of personnel matters in closed session,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners meet in closed session at this time to discuss a personnel matter with Chief Myers, and

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

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The meeting was recessed at 7:45 PM and reconvened at 7:55 PM.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Orville Tillett questioned if the Commission is looking into specification for a new truck for the Columbia.

Ronald Tillett Jr. noted that he understands that the Commission has discussed a new engine with a salesman from Pierce.

Chairman Ege noted that no action will be taken until after the election and he was approached by Michael Barlow, a salesman for Pierce, who advised that he could supply an engine for less than \$595,000.00.

Ronald Tillett Jr. requested that the Commission develop a policy on the replacement of a vehicle. This would avoid wasting energy and avoid personality issues.

Mr. Waldron noted that it is the Commission's responsibility to examine resources and allocate such in the most efficient manner.

Ronald Tillett Jr. questioned if there has been any more discussion on a paid chief and the method for selecting a chief.

The Commission noted that their efforts have been directed on obtaining passage of the budget, then these other issues will be addressed.

Being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM on motion by Mr. Waldron, second by Mr. Cormier and unanimous favorable vote.

Mary Elizabeth Sheppard
Business Administrator