

# City of Lambertville Special Session Monday, April 7, 2014, 7:00 P.M. Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center 25 South Union Street, Lambertville, NJ

# STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with a statement of compliance with the open public meetings act. The meeting notice was emailed on Friday, APRIL 4, 2014 to the Beacon, the Democrat, the Times; the agenda was posted to the bulletin board at city hall, the website at <a href="https://www.lambertvillenj.org">www.lambertvillenj.org</a>; and notice was emailed to various people on the list serve, inclusive of department heads, city attorney and city engineer.

# **ROLL CALL.**

Mrs. Ege called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilwoman Asaro (phone), Councilman Sanders (phone), Councilwoman

Warner, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: None.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

# MOMENT OF SILENCE.

Mrs. Ege led the public in a moment of silence honoring those serving their country in the United States Armed Forces.

# ORDINANCES - FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION.

Ordinance Number 07-2016: An Ordinance to Establish a CAP Bank.

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that a CAP Bank allows the City to bank the funds that were not used in the 2013 budget for use in the next two budget years.

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#### **ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-2014**

CALENDAR YEAR 2014 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et.seq, provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 0.50% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, a municipality may, by ordinance, bank the difference between its final budget appropriations and the 3.5% increase authorized by this ordinance when said difference is not appropriated as part of the final budget; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lambertville City, County of Hunterdon, hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$102,524.19 that is not appropriated as part of the final

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budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION: April 7, 2014 SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION: May 8, 2014

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 07-2014. Council President Stegman made a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 07-2014. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

The public hearing on this ordinance will be on May 8, 2014.

## RESOLUTIONS,

Resolution Number 58-2014: A Resolution to Introduce the 2014 Budget.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that this resolution is to introduce the 2014 budget. He said that this budget represents 6.82% decrease in spending; however, the tax levy will increase by \$1 per month for the average home priced at \$350,875 in the City of Lambertville. The city downsized the police department by 1 patrolman, public works by 1 employee, ½ person in the clerk's office, ½ person in the Court. Employees will receive a 2% raise across the board. This is the first full year with a part-time tax collector with an overall savings of \$10,000. In the police department, one full time officer is retiring in May. The City has implemented several programs to help save money and they include: electric procurement through third party purchasing, phone services were awarded through a bid, pays almost \$20,000 for snow removal overtime and equipment expenses, and went long term for 20 years on bonds with a 3.09% rate and \$87,000 premium.

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Resolution Number 58-2014
A Resolution to Introduce the 2014 Calendar Year Budget

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville held a special session on Monday, April 7, 2014 for the purpose of introducing the 2014 CAP Bank Ordinance and the 2014 Calendar Year Budget, and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk noticed the papers of the special session on Friday, April 4, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the following is a list of Mayor and Council Members with their respective term expiration dates: David M. DelVecchio – Mayor, Term Ends 12-31-2015, Beth Asaro – Councilwoman, Term Ends

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12-31-2014, Wardell Sanders – Councilman, Term Ends 12-31-2016, Steven M. Stegman – Council President, Term Ends 12-31-2016, Elaine Warner – Councilwoman, Term Ends 12-31-2014, and

WHEREAS, Cynthia L. Ege, Certificate Number C-1629 is the Registered Municipal Clerk, Christie Ehret, Certificate Number N-0738 is the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Lambertville, Cynthia McBride is the Certified Tax Collector, Certificate Number T1142, and Robert B. Cagnassola is the Registered Municipal Accountant, Certificate Number 50 and Phillip J. Faherty, III is the Municipal Attorney, and

WHEREAS, the publication of the summary of the 2014 Budget will be placed in the legal section of the April 24, 2014 edition of the Beacon, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on the final adoption of the budget will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2014, and

WHEREAS, copies of this resolution along with three certified copies of the 2014 budget and the required attachments will be forwarded to the Director, Division of Local Government Services on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, and

WHEREAS, a full copy of the introduced budget will be posted to the City's website at <a href="https://www.lambertvillenj.org">www.lambertvillenj.org</a>, a copy will be sent to the Free and Public Library, and a copy will be made available for public inspection at City Hall during the hours from 9 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

NOW THEREFO	ORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the Count
of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the 2014 Calendar Year is hereby introduced with a motion	
made by	and seconded by
Adopted:	April 7, 2014

Mayor DelVecchio asked for questions about the budget.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to introduce the 2014 budget. Council President Stegman made a motion to introduce the 2014 budget. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the public hearing will be at 7 pm on Thursday, May 8 at City Hall, 18 York Street.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS.

LANDLORD REGISTRATIONS must be filed by April 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid the \$50 late fee.

PARKING STICKERS: It is time to renew your parking sticker for all residents who have meters on their street and meet the requirements of the ordinance.

STREET SWEEPER resumes its normal schedule on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The police will begin issuing tickets on Monday, April 7.

SHAD FEST will be celebrated on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. For details on the event, visit the Lambertville Chamber of Commerce's website at: www.lambertville.org!

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RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTS, PERSONNEL, ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND POTENTIAL LAW SUITS – not needed.

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PETITION OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that New Hope Celebrates Parade will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> and will begin in Lambertville and then move over the free bridge to New Hope. Staging for vehicles will be on Delevan Street and walkers will stage on York Street. Step off is at York Street and North Union.

# ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. with a motion made by Councilwoman Warner and seconded by Council President Stegman. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia L. Ege

CMR, RMC, City Clerk

The April 7, 2014 minutes were approved at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.