



City of Lambertville
Reorganization Meeting Agenda
January 1, 2017, 11 AM
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, 25 South Union Street
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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and read the following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act on Tuesday, December 27, 2017 to the Democrat, the Times, posted the agenda to the bulletin board at city hall, the website at www.lambertvillenj.org, and noticed 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, Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Boy Scout Troop 49 and Girl Scout Troop 80109 led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

The National Anthem was sung by Giulia Reading.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

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

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION.

The City Clerk read the certification of the November 8, 2016 election into the record.

The Board of Canvassers of Hunterdon County, New Jersey has determined that Wardell Sanders and Steven Stegman were duly elected to City Council on November 8, 2016 for two (2) three-year City Council Seats. Election results were certified by Stewart P. Palilonis, Chairman, County Board of Canvassers and attested by Mary Melfi, County Clerk. Congratulations!

OATH OF OFFICE –

Steven Stegman was sworn into office by Philip J. Faherty, III with Cindy Ege holding the Bible. Mayor DelVecchio and Council Members congratulated Councilman Stegman on his election.

Wardell Sanders was sworn into office by Philip J. Faherty, III with his wife Erica Rubine, and his children Lily and Ian holding the Bible. Mayor DelVecchio and Council Members congratulated Councilman Sanders on his election.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for nominations from the floor for Council President. Councilman Sanders nominated Steve Stegman to serve as Council President for a one year term. Councilwoman Warner seconded the nomination.

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Mayor DelVecchio asked for additional nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the nominations for Council President. Councilman Sanders made a motion to close the nominations. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED. Steven Stegman was duly elected to serve as Council President for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Steven M. Stegman was sworn into office as Council President by Philip J. Faherty, III with Cindy Ege holding the Bible.

PROCLAMATIONS.

Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor DelVecchio invited members of the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce to join him at the dais while Council members took turns reading the proclamation into the record.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce, formerly known as the Lambertville Area Chamber of Commerce, is celebrating serving the business community for nearly 44 Years; *and*

WHEREAS, in 2016 the name was changed to reflect the communities it serves including the following eight municipalities located on both sides of the river: Lambertville NJ, New Hope PA, Stockton NJ, Centre Bridge PA, Frenchtown NJ, Lumberville PA, Washington Crossing PA and Point Pleasant PA; *and*

WHEREAS, all communities served are located directly on the beautiful Delaware River and boast unique characteristics that complement each other, *and*

WHEREAS, the Chamber includes destination towns of **Lambertville** – one of the “Top 15 Prettiest Towns in America,” “#1 weekend getaway city in New Jersey,” and “one of 12 “Perfect Cities to Get Married in;” and home of Shad Festival; *and* **New Hope** – one of the “Top 14 Cities for a First Date;” *and*

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce also includes revolutionary War towns of **Stockton** – home of Prallsville Mills Complex which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; **Centre Bridge** – originally named Reading’s Ferry after the proprietor of the original ferry, is the home of Centre Bridge Inn which sits at the crossroads of Routes 32 and 263; **Frenchtown** – lies in the rolling green fields of the Victorian village and is the host of three big festivals each year; **Lumberville** – is famous for its suspension footbridge that crosses the Delaware River and is listed on the National Historic Registry; **Washington Crossing** – most famous for Washington Crossing the Delaware; **Point Pleasant** – lies on both sides of the Tohickon Creek’s confluence with the Delaware River.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon in the State of New Jersey that the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce is hereby recognized for its many contributions to the business community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that November 19 is hereby proclaimed as the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce Day in the City of Lambertville.

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David M. DelVecchio, Mayor

Mayor DelVecchio and Council members congratulated the Chamber on their many accomplishments. Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce members present included: JoAnne DelVecchio, Glenn Davis, Kim Ward Basco and David Morgan.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the reason he wanted to recognize the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce was because of their growth and expansion to include Stockton, Centre Bridge, Frenchtown, Lumberville, Washington Crossing and Point Pleasant. He also congratulated them on the new Visitor's Center located at the corner of Bridge and Main Street.

Glenn Davis, the president of the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce thanked Mayor and Council for the proclamation and commented that he appreciated the support received from Mayor and Council in the past and future. David Morgan, the Executive Director of the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce commented that it's a trilogy of governments on both sides of the river. They grew the membership from 130 members to 400. They were able to obtain a grant from Visit Bucks County and one from the State of New Jersey Division of Tourism and Travel.

Councilman Sanders commented that he appreciated their efforts. Council President Stegman commented that the original founders of the Chamber would be proud and thanked them for their hard work.

Mayor DelVecchio commented that he always looks forward to Shad Festival, the first Fridays in June, July, August and September. He complimented the members present for their hard work and for using social media to bring the business organization representation of the whole area. He promised the Executive Director that he wouldn't crash future events as Santa Claus. All of the members present were introduced to the members of the public present.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt the proclamation honoring the Chamber. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt the proclamation and Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION.

Mayor DelVecchio recognized the follow: Sean Faherty – Assistant Prosecutor, Kim Nagy – PennEast Pipeline Committee, Emily Goldman – City Planner and Chairperson, Shade Tree Commission, Paul Kuhl – Planning Board Chairperson, Bambi Kuhl – Director of Public Assistance. He informed the members of the public present that Mrs. Kuhl also places people after a tragedy (flood, fire, etc.) so that people have a place to go. He also recognized Filomena Hengst, the Chairperson of the PennEast Pipeline Committee.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record by title and asked for a motion to adopt them from the members of Council:

Resolution Number 01-2017: A Resolution Adopting a Temporary Budget for the City of Lambertville for 2017.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-2017
RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR 2017

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payment is to be made prior of the final adoption of the annual Municipal budget, Temporary Appropriations shall be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner ad time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the Temporary Appropriations shall be adopted within the first 30 days of the Municipality's fiscal year, and shall not exceed 26.25% of the prior year's adopted Budget, exclusive of appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements and Public Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the total amount appropriated in the 2016 Municipal Budget, as detailed above was \$4,126,984.70 and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the above amount is \$1,083,333.49

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, that the following Temporary Appropriations be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an additional sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated for Debt Service, Capital Improvements and Public Assistance, for a total Temporary Budget of \$1,103,333.49.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 02-2017: Designating Official Newspapers

The Democrat and the Times

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-2017
"DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS"

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:53-1 et seq. that "The Times" be designated as the Official Newspaper; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that official notices may also be published in “*Hunterdon County Democrat*” to meet time requirements.

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Resolution Number 03-2017: Designating City Council Meeting Schedule for 2017.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-2017
“DESIGNATING MEETING SCHEDULE”

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4 6 et seq., that the following is the regular meeting scheduled for 2017:

Sunday, January 1, 2017
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Tuesday, June 20, 2017
Tuesday, July 18, 2017
Tuesday, August 15, 2017
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Tuesday, November 21, 2017
Tuesday, December 19, 2017
Wednesday, December 27, 2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all meetings will be held at the Justice Complex, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville at 6:30 p.m. for closed sessions and open to the public at 7:00 pm prevailing time unless announced otherwise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this schedule shall be published in the January 9, 2017 issue of The Times.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 04-2017: Designating Annual Fee for Meeting Notices.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 04-2017
“DESIGNATING ANNUAL FEE FOR MEETING NOTICES”

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4 6 et seq., that the fee for mailing a copy of all meeting notices and agendas shall be \$.05 per page plus actual cost of the postage, estimated at \$.64 per month, per board, and at no fee for faxing or emailing of agendas.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this does not apply to the representatives of “Hunterdon County Democrat”, “The Trenton Times” or other City Officials and Boards members.

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Resolution Number 05-2017: A Resolution Adopting A Cash Management Plan, Appointing Banks, Awarded through the Fair and Open Process.

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Resolution Number 05-2017

A Resolution to Adopt a Cash Management Plan for the City of Lambertville

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-14 requires every municipality to adopt a Cash Management Plan on an annual basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following requirements be a part of the **2017 Cash Management Plan**, and be adhered to:

I. Cash Management and Investment Objectives

Preservation of capital; adequate safekeeping of assets; maintenance of liquidity to meet operating needs; diversification of the City’s portfolio to minimize risks associated with individual investments.

II. Designation of Official Depositories

The following banks are hereby designated as legal depositories for all municipal funds:

Bank of Princeton

Bank of America

Northfield Bank

PNC

Wells Fargo Bank

Prior to opening an account, each depository must submit to the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer a copy of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) notification of eligibility, which is filed semi-annually with the Department of Banking each June 30th and December 31st;

This list may be amended or supplemented from time to time as Mayor and Council deems necessary.

III. Cash Management

All municipal funds received by any official or employee shall be either deposited within 48 hours to an account in the name of the City of Lambertville, or shall be turned over to the Treasurer within 48 hours of receipt, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-15;

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer shall minimize any accumulated idle cash in checking accounts, by assuring that excess balances are promptly swept into the investment portfolio; Investment decisions shall be guided by the cash flow projections prepared by the Chief Financial Officer or the Treasurer; Change Funds and Petty Cash Funds are not required to be maintained in interest-bearing accounts.

IV. Permissible Investments

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Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America, or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America; government money market mutual funds; any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors; bonds or other obligations of the local unit, or school districts of which the local unit is a part; any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments; Local Government investment pools; New Jersey State Cash Management Fund; Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities.

V. Authority for Investment Management

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer, and/or Deputy Treasurer is authorized and directed to make investments on behalf of the City of Lambertville with the consent of the Mayor. All investment decisions shall be consistent with this plan, and all appropriate regulatory constraints.

VI. Safekeeping

Securities purchased on behalf of the City of Lambertville shall be delivered electronically or physically to the City's custodial bank, which shall maintain custodial and/or safekeeping accounts for such securities on behalf of the City.

VII. Procedures for Disbursement of Funds

Payments shall be prepared by the Deputy Treasurer as authorized by the Chief Financial Officer/
Treasurer and submitted to Mayor and Council for their approval;

No municipal funds shall be disbursed by the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer prior to approval of the governing body, except for: Debt Service payments;
Investments;

Payroll turnovers to agency accounts; Tax payments to Hunterdon County, the South Hunterdon Regional School District, Board of Fire Commission, District 1 shall be made in accordance with schedules provided by each taxing district; the annual disbursement of the Petty Cash Check to the City Clerk and Police Department and permit fees for special projects;

Checks approved for payment shall be signed by any of the following; 1) Mayor, 2) City Clerk, 3) Police Director and 4) Council President and must contain three signatures:

Chief Financial Officer's
Current Fund
Trust Other Fund
General Capital Fund
Animal Control Fund
Lilly Mansion Account
Brewery Loan Repayment
Account
Urban Development Action
Grant Account
Community Development
Block Grant

Regional Contribution
Agreement Accounts with the
following:
Township of Delaware
Township of Franklin
SUI Reserve Fund
COAH Residual Interest
Account
Developers Escrow Account
COAH Trust
FSA Medical Account
Municipal Open Space
Tax Title Lien Account

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Checks paid from the following accounts must contain two signatures:
Payroll Fund
Wire transfers and Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments are to be made by the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer or by the Deputy Treasurer as authorized by the Mayor.

VIII. Reporting

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer and/or Deputy Treasurer shall report to the Governing Body all purchases of investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-15.2;

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer and/or Deputy Treasurer shall also report to the Governing Body the available cash in each fund and/or bank account.

Audit

This Cash Management Plan shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-14.

Adopted at the reorganization meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, held on the 1st day of January 2017.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 06-2017: A Resolution to appoint Susan Bacorn as Certifying Officer and Christie Ehret as Supervisor for PERS/PFRS.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-2017

"Appointing Christie Ehret as Supervisor and Susan Bacorn as Certifying Officer for PERS/PFRS"

WHEREAS, there is a requirement from the State of New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits to designate a Certifying Officer for PERS/PFRS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Lambertville that Susan Bacorn is hereby appointed as the Certifying Officer and Christie Ehret is hereby appointed as the Supervisor for PERS/PFRS with a term expiration of December 31, 2017.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 07-2017: Authorizing Signatures on City Bank Accounts.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-2017
"Authorizing Signatures on City Bank Accounts"

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2017 the governing body of the City of Lambertville met to hold the annual reorganization; and

WHEREAS, they designated the following employees as signers on City Bank Accounts.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that through 2017 checks drawn or withdrawals from these accounts be signed as follows:

City Clerk's Account and Petty Cash Account:
Cynthia Ege, City Clerk, or David M. DelVecchio, Mayor, and

Police Petty Cash Account:
Sally Lelie, Secretary, or Bruce Cocuzza, Police Director, and

Municipal Court General Account and Bail Account:
Ronald Pittore, Judge, Patricia Woznicki, Municipal Court Administrator

Construction Official Account:
Kenneth Rogers, Construction Code Official, or Cynthia Ege, City Clerk

Bureau of Fire Safety Account:
David M. DelVecchio or his designee, Fire Prevention Official, or Cynthia Ege, City Clerk

PATF II Account:
Helen T. Kuhl, Director of Public Assistance, or Cynthia Ege, City Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the accounts listed below be signed by three of the following officials, requiring a minimum of one elected official's signature:

David M. DelVecchio, Mayor
Steven M. Stegman, Council President
Cynthia Ege, City Clerk
Bruce Cocuzza, Police Director

Chief Financial Officer's
Current Fund
Trust Other Fund
General Capital Fund
Animal Control Fund
Rehab Loan Repayment
Account
Lilly Mansion Account
Brewery Loan Repayment
Account
Urban Development Action
Grant Account

Regional Contribution
Agreement Accounts with the
following:
Twp of Delaware
Twp of Franklin
SUI Reserve Fund
COAH Residual Interest
Account
Miscellaneous Escrow
COAH Trust
Tax, Title Lien,
Medical
Account

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Payroll Account be signed by two of the following officials:

David M. DelVecchio, Mayor
Steven M. Stegman, Council President
Cynthia Ege, City Clerk
Bruce Cocuzza, Police Director

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Resolution Number 08-2017: Re-Appointing Richard Carmosino as the Tax Assessor and Authorizing Tax Assessor to File Corrective Appeals.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-2017

"RE-APPOINTING RICHARD CARMOSINO AS THE TAX ASSESSOR AND AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE CORRECTIVE APPEALS"

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby re-appoint Richard Carmosino as the Tax Assessor for the City of Lambertville, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, have been informed by the Tax Assessor that from time to time errors are made in computing the tax assessment covering certain property located within the City of Lambertville; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has requested that the Governing Body authorize him to file corrections of such errors with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor is called upon to defend tax appeals filed with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation and to agree to stipulations of appeals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor of the City of Lambertville be and is hereby authorized to file corrective appeals with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors have been made, to represent the City of Lambertville in defense of appeals filed with said Board and to sign stipulations of appeals on behalf of the City of Lambertville which he feels are proper and in the best interests of the City of Lambertville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor sends copies of such corrected assessments to the individuals involved.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 09-2017: Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison for the City of Lambertville.

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RESOLUTION 09-2017

"Resolution Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison for the City of Lambertville"

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq., all municipalities with substantive certification from COAH, and those that are actively seeking substantive certification are required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of Lambertville's affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq.; and

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WHEREAS, the March 10, 2015 N.J. Supreme Court issued a ruling that transferred responsibility to review and approve housing elements and fair share plans from COAH to designated Mt. Laurel trial judges; and

WHEREAS, a municipality may no longer wait for COAH to adopt third round rules before preparing new third round housing plans and municipalities must now apply to the Court, instead of COAH, if they wish to be protected from exclusionary zoning lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville is actively seeking a Judgment of Repose from the Mt. Laurel trial judge, the court-equivalent of COAH's substantive certification, for the Third Round; and

WHEREAS, Lambertville amended its ordinances to provide for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer Lambertville's affordable housing program on May 7, 2003; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon and the State of New Jersey that Emily Goldman and/or Helen T. Kuhl, are hereby appointed by the Governing Body of Lambertville as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 10-2017: Utilization of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for all incident management in the City of Lambertville.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-2017

"Utilization of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for all incident management in the City of Lambertville"

WHEREAS, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, and Local governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the 9-11 Commission recommended adoption of a standardize incident Command System; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that all Federal, State, and Local emergency management agencies and other public safety agencies coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State and Local organizations utilize standard terminology, standardized organizational structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resources management and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

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WHEREAS, the NIMS standardize procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the ability to utilize State and Federal funding to enhance County and Local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, County and Local municipalities including all public safety and emergency response organizations training programs; and

WHEREAS, over fifty Federal grant programs mandate that NIMS be adopted as a prerequisite for obtaining these grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the City of Lambertville hereby mandates that effective immediately that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) be utilized for all incident management in the City of Lambertville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt resolution numbers 01-2017 through 10-2017. 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 recognized the following people: Rob Horowitz – the Director of Communications, Paul Frieda of Suplee Clooney and Company (the City's Auditors), Tim Korzun – Planning Board Attorney, Stewart Palilonis – Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney and Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Board, Elizabeth Mayer Muoio – Assemblywoman, the Reading Family, Dave Burd – OEM Coordinator, Krista Heinrich – City Engineer, Meagan Warner – PennEast Pipeline Committee, Rick Carmosino – Tax Assessor, and Lester Myers – Director of Public Works.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record and asked for a motion to adopt.

Resolution Number 11-2017: Payment of Taxes.

City of Lambertville
Resolution Number 11-2017
"Payment of Taxes"

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that taxes shall be collected quarterly on February 1, 2017; May 1, 2017; August 1, 2017 and November 1, 2017 and that interest will be charged at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any

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amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there will be a ten (10) day grace period after which unpaid taxes will be charged interest from the due date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to statute, if a tax delinquency is over \$10,000.00 at the end of the year, an additional flat penalty of 6% per annum shall be imposed; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be published in the January 9, 2017 issue of The Times.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 12-2017: Resolution appointing Cynthia Ege as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the City of Lambertville.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2017

"Appointing Cynthia Ege as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the City of Lambertville"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Lambertville hereby appoints Cynthia Ege as the Public Agency Compliance Officer effective January 1, 2017.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 13-2017: A Resolution Authorizing Petty Cash Accounts for the Police Department and the Clerk's Office.

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Resolution 13-2017

Authorizing the Petty Cash Funds

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any County or municipality by application and resolution, and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the *City of Lambertville*, County of Hunterdon to establish such a fund for the following departments:

City Clerk's Office, custodian for this fund is Cynthia Ege in the amount of \$500
Police Department, custodian for this fund is Bruce Cocuzza in the amount of \$200

and

WHEREAS, such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body hereby re-authorizes such action and that these accounts were previously approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Deputy Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue Petty Cash checks to the City Clerk and Police Department prior to the 01-17-17 regularly scheduled session of the Governing Body.

Adopted: January 1, 2017.

Resolution Number 14-2017: A Resolution Authorizing Change Funds for the Clerk's Office, Construction Office, Court and the Tax Collector.

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Resolution 14-2017
Authorizing the Change Funds**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Change Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution, and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the *City of Lambertville*, County of Hunterdon to establish such a fund for the following departments:

Tax Collector, Cynthia McBride, in the amount of \$200
Construction Department, Ken Rogers, in the amount of \$20
Court, Patricia Wozniak, in the amount of \$50
Clerk's Office, Cynthia Ege, in the amount of \$50

and

WHEREAS, such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body hereby re-authorizes such action and that these accounts do not require approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Adopted: January 1, 2017.

Resolution Number 15-2017: A Resolution Appointing Lester Myers, the Public Works Director, as the Right To Know Coordinator/Officer, the Recycling Coordinator, and the SWAC Coordinator for the City of Lambertville.

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Resolution Number 15-2017**

A Resolution Appointing Lester E. Myers, Jr. As the Right to Know Officer, Recycling Coordinator and the SWAC Coordinator for the City of Lambertville

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that Lester E. Myers,

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Jr. is hereby appointed as the Right to Know Officer, Recycling Coordinator and the SWAC Coordinator for the City of Lambertville for 2017.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 16-2017: A Resolution to Authorize the Contract with Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for Landfill (Bulky Trash Items) In An Amount Not to Exceed \$76 per Ton Plus a \$3.00 Recycling Fee.

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RESOLUTION 16-2017

A Resolution to Authorize the Contract With Pollution Control of Warren County At An Amount Not to Exceed \$76 Per Ton Plus a \$3 Recycling Fee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that governing body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract with Pollution Control of Warren County beginning March 1, 2017 and ending February 28, 2018 at a rate not to exceed \$76 per ton plus a \$3 recycling fee.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Note: 2016 was \$75 per ton plus the recycling fee.

Resolution Number 17-2017: A Resolution Authorizing the Parking Permits for City Employees, Mayor and Council, and Board Members.

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RESOLUTION 17-2017

A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Issue Parking Permits

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2010-03 of the City of Lambertville was first introduced at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council on January 18, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance was the subject of a public hearing at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council of February 16, 2010 and was finally adopted at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council of March 15, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance was published and finally adopted on April 10, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the following positions are in need of parking permits and are hereby issued and limited to hours of employment in order to complete their jobs efficiently within the City of Lambertville: Mayor, Municipal Court Judge, Municipal Clerk, Construction Code Official, Electric Subcode Official, Plumbing Subcode Official, Fire Subcode Official, Fire Prevention Official, Substitute Official, Secretary to the Zoning Board, Planning Board and Historic Preservation Secretary and

WHEREAS, the membership of the following boards and commissions shall have the privilege of parking in the parking lot at the Justice Center during meeting times only: Mayor and Council, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, Office of Emergency Management, Fire Commission, Historic Preservation Board, Environmental Commission, Human Relations Commission, and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor, Council President and Judge will be issued a permit to allow them to park at a metered space whenever they are on official City business; and

WHEREAS, the employees working at City Hall shall also be issued a parking permit to park in the Municipal Lot located at 18 York Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk will provide a list of names and meeting dates to the Police Director for tracking purposes, and

WHEREAS, the permits issued shall be limited to the days and hours of current employment and it is the responsibility of the employee to bring any and all changes to the attention of the City Clerk to ensure the proper authorities are advised.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon in the State of New Jersey that the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue parking permits to the above listed names of employees and membership of boards and commissions noting the limitations of approval as noted.

Adopted: January 1, 2017.

Resolution Number 18-2017: A Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Property Tax Credits and Delinquencies for 2017.

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RESOLUTION 18-2017

A Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Property Tax Credits and Delinquencies for 2017

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey have been informed by the Tax Collector that from time to time there are property tax credits or delinquencies on certain properties located within the City of Lambertville, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1 a resolution may be adopted by the Governing Body of a municipality authorizing a municipal employee to process without further action on the part of the governing body the cancellation of any property tax credit or delinquency of less than \$10,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel any property tax credit or delinquency of less than \$10 without further action on the part of the Mayor and City for the Calendar Year ending December 31, 2017 and that such action be noted in the Tax Duplicate for the City of Lambertville.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 19-2017: A Resolution to Authorize the Contract With Covanta for Solid Waste (Incinerator) at a Rate Not to Exceed \$71.95 Per Ton Plus \$3 Per Ton Recycling Tax.

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A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract with Covanta for Garbage Disposal at a Rate of \$70.89 per Ton plus \$3 Recycling Tax

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the contract with Covanta 4Recovery, L.P. for garbage disposal at a rate not to exceed \$71.95 per ton plus \$3 per ton recycling tax.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 20-2017: A Resolution to Appoint Custodian of Records for the City of Lambertville as follows: Cynthia L. Ege for the Clerk's Office and the Governing Body, Crystal Lawton for Construction, Planning, Zoning and Fire; Sally Lelie for the Police Department.

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RESOLUTION 20-2017**

A Resolution to Appoint Custodian of Records for the City of Lambertville as follows: Cynthia Ege for the Clerks' Office and All Matters Related to the Governing Body; Crystal Lawton for the Construction Office, Planning and Zoning Matters and Sally Lelie for the Police Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following people are hereby appointed as Custodian of Records for the City of Lambertville:

Cynthia L. Ege for the Clerk's Office and all matters related to the Governing Body; Crystal Lawton for the Construction Office, Planning & Zoning Boards of Adjustment; Sally Lelie for the Police Department

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt resolution numbers 11-2017 through 20-2017.

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 recognized the following person JoAnne DelVecchio – Library Board Member and Halloween Committee.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record and asked for a motion to adopt:

Resolution Number 21-2017: Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Attorneys.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-2017**

"Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Attorney"

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WHEREAS, there exists a need for Attorneys to serve as City Attorney, Municipal Prosecutor, and Public Defender for the Municipal Court, to handle labor related matters, to handle bonds and other financial matters and to advise the City in land use issues; and

WHEREAS, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 4, 2016 and received on December 8, 2016, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2016 for City Attorney, Municipal Prosecutor, Labor Attorney, Bond Attorney, Public Defender, Planning and Zoning Board Attorney and Redevelopment Attorney; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2017 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2017 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Members of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby confirms the nomination made by Mayor DelVecchio for the following positions:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individuals for the year 2017, unless otherwise noted.
 - a. City Attorney: Philip J. Faherty III to serve as City Attorney at an hourly rate not to exceed \$140 per hour.
 - b. Municipal Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor: Philip J. Faherty III & Sean Faherty of Hunt and Faherty, Attorneys to serve as Municipal Court Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor at an hourly rate of \$140.
 - c. Public Defender: Stanley Troy, an Attorney to serve as Public Defender for the Municipal Court at an annual rate not to exceed \$5,400.
 - d. Labor Attorney: John Lanza of Lanza and Lanza, an attorney to serve as Labor Consultant at a rate not to exceed an hourly rate not to exceed \$175.
 - e. Bond Attorney: Thomas Hastie of Capehart Scatchard, a Bond Attorney to serve as Bond Counsel at an hourly rate not to exceed \$205 per hour, \$4,000 per bond sale plus \$.90 per thousand dollars of bonds issued, and \$450 for each single purpose ordinance and \$600 for each multiple purpose ordinance; an hourly rate not to exceed \$65-205 per hour.
 - f. Planning Board Attorney: Timothy Korzun of Sheak & Korzun, PC, an attorney to represent the City of Lambertville in all matters related to land use and the Planning Board at a rate not to exceed an hourly rate not to exceed \$175 per standard submission, \$250 per hour for Attorney fees, \$50 per hour for paralegals, and copying at a rate of \$.15 per page.
 - g. Zoning Board Attorney: Stewart Palilonis, an attorney to represent the City of Lambertville in all matters related to the Zoning Board of Adjustment at a rate not to exceed an hourly rate not to exceed \$180.
 - h. Planning Board Alternate Attorney: Stewart Palilonis at an hourly rate not to exceed \$180 per hour.
 - i. Zoning Board Alternate: Timothy Korzun of Sheak & Korzun, PC at a rate not to exceed \$175 per hour for standard submissions, \$250 per hour for Attorney fees, \$50 per hour for paralegal fees and \$.15 per page for copying.

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- j. Special Attorney for Litigation: Anthony J. Danzo at an hourly rate not to exceed \$250.00 per hour.
2. These contracts are being awarded as described through the Fair and Open Process, "a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications," as defined under the N.J.S.A. 49:44-20.4.
3. Notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 9, 2017 issue of The Times, N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5 (d).

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 22-2017: Authorizing Professional Service Contract for Municipal Auditor.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-2017
“Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for Municipal Auditor”

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Registered Municipal Accountant to serve as City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 4, 2016 and received on December 8, 2016, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2016 for Municipal Auditor; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2017 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2017 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Members of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby confirms the nomination made by Mayor DeVecchio for the following positions:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individual for the year 2017:

Robert Cagnassola of Suplee, Clooney and Company, a Registered Municipal Accountant, for the year 2017. The contract shall read as follows:

Not to exceed \$39,850 for the 2016 Statutory Audit

*\$425 for the preparation of Supplemental Debt Statements, there shall be no fee for phone consultations.

2. Notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 9, 2017 issue of The Times.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 23-2017: Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Engineers and Special Project Engineers.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-2017

*"Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Engineer and Special Projects
Engineer"*

WHEREAS there exists a need for Professional Engineers to serve as City Engineer and to advise on special projects; and

WHEREAS, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 4, 2016 and received on December 8, 2016, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2016 for; and

WHEREAS sufficient funds are available in the 2017 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2017 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Members of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby confirms the nomination made by Mayor DelVecchio for the following positions:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individual for the year 2017.
 - a. T&M Associates, to serve as City Engineer at an hourly rate not to exceed:
 - i. \$193 per hour, plus 15% for subcontracting;
 - ii. All projects shall not to exceed 20% in aggregate of the total soft cost.
 - b. Robert Clerico of Van Cleef Engineering, to serve as Planning Board Engineer at an hourly rate not to exceed \$160 per hour,
 - c. Richard Arango, Remington & Vernick, to serve as Zoning Board of Adjustment Engineer at an hourly rate not to exceed \$165 per hour.
 - d. Princeton Hydro to serve as Engineer of Special Projects at an hourly rate not to exceed \$186 per hour.
 - e. Robert Clerico of Van Cleef Engineering to serve as Engineer of Special Projects at an hourly rate not to exceed \$160 per hour.
2. These contracts are being awarded as described above without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services" as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law since the above mentioned individuals are members in good standing of their respective profession.
3. Notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 9, 2017 issue of The Times.

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Resolution Number 24-2017: Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Planner, including Planner for COAH Matters and Planning & Zoning Board Planner, and Grants Specialist.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-2017

"Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Planner, including Planner for COAH Matters and Planning & Zoning Board Planner, and Grants Specialist"

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Planner to advise on special projects; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Grants Consultant to handle the Community Development Program and explore new sources of revenue; and

WHEREAS, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 4, 2016 and received on December 8, 2016, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2016 for; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2017 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2017 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Members of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby confirms the nomination made by Mayor DelVecchio for the following positions:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individual for the year 2017:
 - a. Ed Farmer of Millennium Strategies, as grant specialist at salary not to exceed \$500 per month to search for grants plus \$120 per hour to write grants,
 - b. Emily R. Goldman, P.P., AICP, Clarke Catton Hintz as City Planner, including all COAH Matters and Planner for Planning and Zoning Board, at a rate not to exceed \$210 per hour.
2. This contract is being awarded as described above without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services" as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law since the above mentioned individual is a member in good standing of their respective profession.
3. Notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 9, 2017 issue of The Times.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 25-2017: Authorizing Professional Service Contract for City Architect.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-2017

"Authorizing Professional Service Contract for City Architect"

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WHEREAS, there exists a need for an Architect to advise on special projects; and

WHEREAS, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 4, 2016 and received on December 8, 2016, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2016 for

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2017 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2017 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Members of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby confirms the nomination made by Mayor DelVecchio for the following positions:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individual for the year 2017:
 - a. Michael Burns, a Licensed Architect, of Michael Burns Architects at rate not to exceed an hourly rate not to exceed \$175 per hour.
2. This contract is being awarded as described above without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services" as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law since the above mentioned individual is a member in good standing of their respective profession.
3. Notice of this action shall be printed in the January 9, 2017 issue of The Times.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt resolution numbers 21-2017 through 25-2017. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record and asked for a motion to adopt:

Resolution Number 26-2017: A Resolution Approving the Contract with CNS Cleaning Company, Inc., of Bensalem, PA for All Office Space in the Amount Not to Exceed \$13,520 for all regularly scheduled cleanings, expiring December 31, 2017.

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RESOLUTION 26-2017**

A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Cleaning Contract

WHEREAS, the Cleaning Contract was awarded through the Fair and Open Process, with the initial bid received November 14, 2013 for the 2014 calendar year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that governing body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract with CNS Cleaning Company, Inc. for cleaning services for 12 consecutive months beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 at an amount not to exceed \$13,520 annually for regularly scheduled cleanings.

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ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 27-2017: Resolution naming Zach Edelman of Fairview Insurance as the Risk Manager for 2017.

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RESOLUTION 27-2017

A Resolution Appointing a Risk Management Consultant

WHEREAS, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals and qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 4, 2016 and received on December 8, 2016, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2016 for Risk Management Consultant;

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville, is a member of the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund ("PAIC") following a detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of PAIC require that each entity designate a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws and Risk Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate that PAIC shall pay each Risk Management Consultant a fee to be established by the Executive Committee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lambertville hereby appoints Zach Edelman of Fairview Insurance, as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws at a rate not to exceed 6 – 8% of the City's annual assessment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement/contract with Fairview Insurance for the position of Risk Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the notice of award of this contract will appear in the legal section of the January 9, 2017 edition of the Times.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 28-2017: A Resolution to Authorize the Participation in the New Brunswick Parking Authority Cooperative for 2017.

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RESOLUTION 28-2017

A Resolution to Authorize Participation in the New Jersey Parking Authority Cooperative for 2017

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that governing body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk

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to sign the contract with New Jersey Parking Authority Cooperative for 12 consecutive months beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 29-2017: A Resolution To Adopt the Policy and Procedure Requiring the Tax Assessor to File the tax Rate with the Mayor Annually.

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RESOLUTION 29-2017
A Resolution To Adopt the Policy and Procedure Requiring the Tax Assessor to File the Tax Rate With the Mayor Annually

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville that the Tax Assessor is hereby required to file the Tax Rate with the Mayor within 10 days of notification of the County of the new tax rate.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Resolution Number 30-2017: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Contract with Otis Elevator for the Inspection and Maintenance of the Elevator at City Hall in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,580 Annually (5 Year Contract).

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RESOLUTION 30-2017
A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Contract with Otis Elevator for the Inspection and Maintenance of the Elevator at City Hall in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,580 Annually (5 Year Contract).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville that the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk are authorized to sign the five year contract with Otis Elevator Company for the inspection and maintenance of the elevator located at 18 York Street in an amount not to exceed \$2,580 per year.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt resolution numbers 26-2017 through 30-2017. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution Number 31-2017: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Contract with Look First Technology, LLC for Technology Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$14,700 Annually For A 1 Year Term with the Option to Renew Annually for Two Additional Years.

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A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Contract with Look First Technology, LLC for Technology Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$14,700 Annually For A 1 Year Term with the Option to Renew Annually for Two Additional Years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville that the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk are authorized to sign the contract with Look First Technology, LLC for Technology Services in an amount not to exceed \$14,700 annually with the option to renew for two additional years.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 31-2017. 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 asked for a motion to approve the following resolution:

Resolution Number 32-2017: A Resolution to Appoint Frank D'Amore as the Fire Prevention Officer for the City of Lambertville.

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RESOLUTION 32-2017**

A Resolution to Appoint Frank D'Amore as the Fire Prevention Officer for the City of Lambertville

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey that Frank D'Amore is hereby appointed as the Fire Prevention Officer for the City of Lambertville.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2017

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve Resolution Number 32-2017. Councilwoman Warner made the motion. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ELIZABETH MAHER MUOIO

Mayor DelVecchio recognized Assemblywoman Muoio and invited her to address the public. Assemblywoman Muoio thanked the Mayor and commented that she attends a lot of reorganization meetings and congratulated the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce on their list of accomplishments. She thanked the Mayor for his invitation to attend the meeting and said Lambertville is an Arts Community with a great history of diversity. She further congratulated Councilman Sanders and Council President Stegman on their re-election and said she is looking forward to working with everyone in 2017. Congratulations to the Delaware River Chamber of Commerce and Happy New Year.

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Ordinance Number 01-2017: A Bond Ordinance to Fund the Purchase of Software and Hardware for the Fire Prevention Office in An Amount Not to Exceed \$15,000.

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that this ordinance will fund the equipment necessary for the Fire Prevention Officer to efficiently and effectively complete the inspections required by law.

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2017

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, IN
THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY,
PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF FIRE PREVENTION
SOFTWARE IN AND FOR THE CITY, APPROPRIATING
\$15,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF \$14,250 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE SAME.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE,
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the \$15,000, including the sum of \$750 as the down payment for the improvements and purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment has been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment or otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable bonds or notes are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$14,250, pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the bonds or notes are to be issued is improvements and equipment for the City's building and fire inspection functions, including but not limited to the acquisition of computer tablets and related software, such software being identified in the MobileEye's proposal to the City, dated December 20, 2016 on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and including all work and related materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes is \$14,250 authorized herein.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes authorized herein is \$15,000.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be

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determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time, at not less than par and accrued interest, at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget or temporary capital budget (as applicable) of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget or amended temporary capital budget (as applicable) and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are improvements or purposes the City may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, computed on the basis of respective amounts or obligations for the several purposes and the respective reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 5.00 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$14,250, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$15,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes.

(e) The City reasonably expects to commence the acquisition of the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, and to advance all or a portion of the costs in respect thereof, prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder. To the extent such costs are advanced, the City further reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount of bonds or notes authorized in Section 1 hereof.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the City is hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad

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valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 9. The City Council hereby covenants on behalf of the City to take any action necessary or refrain from taking such action in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the bonds and notes authorized hereunder as is or may be required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code"), including compliance with the Code with regard to the use, expenditure, investment, timely reporting and rebate of investment earnings as may be required thereunder.

Section 10. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for any questions or comments from the public. Being no questions or comments, he asked for a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance Number 01-2017.

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance Number 01-2017.

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 is scheduled for January 17, 2017.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION – None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Mayor DelVecchio made the following nominations:

Cable Television Advisory Board- a three year term expiring 12/31/2019: Wardell Sanders and John Weber.

Emergency Management Council - a one year term expiring 12/31/2017: Maureen Bently, Julia Burd, Edie Brower, Chuck Chamberlen, Scott Elliott, Jennifer Fernandez, Raymond and Cathy Force, Mary and Richard Freedman, Bruce and Lara M. Harris, Michelle F. Harris, Donald Hart, Mark Hilton, Chris Kascik, Aladar Komjathy, Helen "Bambi" Kuhl, Sally Lelie, John Miller, David Morgan, Kari Osmond, Alex Palilonis, Barbara Parsons, Bill Pisarra, Leslie Ramee, Craig Reading, Jeffrey Schermerhorn, John Weber, Gene Venettone

And the following statutory assignments: David M. DelVecchio, Mayor, Lester E. Myers, Jr., Public Works Director, Cynthia Ege, Municipal Clerk, Bruce Cocuzza, Police Director, Kenneth Rogers, Construction Official, Michael Barlow, Acting Fire Chief, Jason Strauss, LNHRSS Chief, Thomas Horn, LMUA Executive Director, David Fournier, Suez, Wanda Quinones, SHRSD – Elementary School, Jennifer MacKnight – SHRSD.

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Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to confirm his nomination. Council President Stegman made a motion confirming the Mayor's nominations. 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 made the following nominations:

Environmental Commission - a three year term ending: 12/31/2019: Jean Milman
Human Rights Commission - a five year term: Beth Caruso, Resident,
Historic Preservation Commission - a three year term: John Case, a two year
term/Alternate Position: Sarah Lechner.

Lambertville Free Public Library Board - a five year term - Jacqueline Sornstein,
Mayor's Representative, expiring 12/31/2018 - JoAnne DelVecchio.

Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority - a three year term: Paul Rotondi, a Two
year term/Alternate Position: Megan Hunter Ruf.

Local Economic Assistance Board - a One Year Term: Susan Rovello, a Two year
Term: Judith Bremer, Leslie Darling.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to confirm his nominations. Councilwoman Warner made a motion to confirm Mayor DelVecchio's nominations. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio made the following nominations:

PennEast Pipeline - Meagan Warner, David Fournier - Suez

Planning Board - One Year Terms: Kenneth Rogers – Class II, Steven M. Stegman – Class III; Three Year Terms: Paul Kuhl – Class IV, John Miller – Class IV; Two Year Term: Filomena Hengst – Alternate Position.

Recreation Commission - Three Year Terms: Robert Pierman, Johanna Ludwig; Two Year Terms: Marc Currie – Alternate.

Shade Tree Commission - Five Year Terms: Deborah Galen, Irene Rudolph.

Zoning Board of Adjustment - Three Year Terms: Fred Eisinger, Marcus Rayner, George Hambach; Two Year Term: Cullen McAuliffe.

Memorial Day Parade Coordinators - One Year Terms: John Baker, George Hambach, Glenn Tetteemer.

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Halloween Parade Coordinators - One Year Terms: Cheryl Pittore, Sharon Burd, Mary Freedman, Filomena Hengst and JoAnne DelVecchio.

Division of Senior Services Representatives - One Year Term: Barbara Burroughs.

City Historian - One Year Term: Lou Toboz.

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to confirm the Mayor's nominations. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor DelVecchio read the announcements into the record.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES are available for purchase starting Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at City Hall, 18 York Street. The fee for a spayed dog or cat is \$15. Licensing of dogs a requirement of the NJSA 4. A \$25 late fee imposed beginning March 1, 2017.

PARKING PERMITS for those residing on metered streets will be available for purchase starting the week of December 27th at City Hall. The annual fee is \$45 for a Permanent Residential Parking Permit, \$60 for a Transferrable Permit, and \$25 for a Temporary Parking Permit.

LANDLORD REGISTRATION is due by April 1, 2017. All rental units must be registered with the City of Lambertville (Ordinance 2010-23). All rental properties with two (2) or more rental units must also register with the State of New Jersey.

NOTICE OF REORGANIZATION MEETINGS: Please take notice that pursuant to NJSA 10:4-6, the following is a schedule of the 2017 Reorganization Meetings of Mayor and Council, Boards and Committees for the City of Lambertville.

Mayor and Council, Sunday, January 1, 2017 at 11 AM

Planning Board, Wednesday, January 4, 2017, 7:00 PM

Office of Emergency Management, Monday, January 9, 2017, 7:00 PM

Library Board, Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 7:00 PM at the Library, 6 Lily Street

Historical Preservation, Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 7:30 PM

Recreation Commission, Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 8 PM

Shade Tree Commission, Thursday, January 12, 2017, 7:30 PM

Mayor and Council, Regularly Scheduled Session, Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 6:30 PM

Human Rights Council, Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 7 PM

Environmental Commission, Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 7:00 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment, Thursday, January 26, 2017, 7:30 PM

All meetings are held at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, located at 25 South Union Street in the City of Lambertville, unless otherwise noted.

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A copy of all meeting agendas are posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act on the bulletin board at City Hall located at 18 York Street, and on the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org.

STATE OF CITY ADDRESS – Mayor David M. DelVecchio.

Good afternoon and a happy new year to you all.

I thank you for joining us here for our annual reorganization of the Governing Body and boards and commissions of our City.

I want to recognize our Council-- Council President Stegman, Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders, and Councilwoman Warner. Their strong voices, good ideas, and active cooperation make the work of governing not only productive, but enjoyable—at least most of the time.

And a special shout out to City Clerk Cindy Ege, who is always responsive and professional, making sure we keep it all together.

Today, I am pleased to be able to say that the State of Our City is strong and by building on this strong foundation together, we will make it even stronger in the coming year.

Let's take a moment now to consider what a great place Lambertville is to live and celebrate our high quality of life.

In the past year alone, we have been named one of the best 50 small towns in America for antiques and the second most gay-friendly municipality in New Jersey.

Last year, Lambertville was rated one of America's 15 prettiest towns.

With our award-winning Shad Festival, one of the premier Arts Festivals on the East Coast, our well-maintained historic buildings, our parks and river views, our active recreational opportunities for adults and children, our terrific restaurants and our thriving arts community, we truly live in a special place.

But I believe what truly makes Lambertville a place we are all proud to call home is its sense of community -- the caring and friendliness we extend to each other in good times and in times of challenge.

In City Government, we draw on this sense of community to enlist so many of you in serving our City, whether that is on a Board or Commission, or in a non-profit organization, or by offering a helping hand to your neighbors. Together, we continue to move forward, making the improvements that enhance our City and enrich our lives.

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It all begins with fiscal responsibility. We work hard to hold the line on taxes through cost-effective service delivery and sound long-term fiscal planning. We have streamlined city government, demonstrating that with dedicated employees, a well-conceived organizational structure, and new technology, it is possible to do more with less.

The results speak for themselves. As Moody's says in a report issued just last week, "The financial position of the City is robust". The respected bond rating agency goes on to say, "The ability to generate surplus operating margins exhibits strong financial management."

This attention to fiscal detail yields big dividends. We continue to have the lowest municipal property taxes of any full service municipality in Hunterdon County. And our excellent bond ratings mean that when we make investments in our city's future, we can do so at low interest rates.

We constantly seek new ways to keep costs down for residents and for the city government. Today, I am pleased to announce that our efforts to make our city more resilient and strengthen our flood protections will bring the added benefit of a 15% discount on annual insurance premiums for those insured by the National Flood Insurance Program. As many of you know, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recertifies the city every five years, As a result of the improvements we made FEMA lowered our FEMA Community Rating from Class 8 to Class 7 resulting in a 50% boost in the discount available to impacted City residents and businesses.

Beginning May 1st, this increased discount will be applied to all renewed and new policies. .We will soon mail out the details to the 246 National Flood Insurance Policy holders in our City, who, in aggregate, will save \$66,000 this year alone. Taken together, the discounts City Flood Protection Initiatives have earned from FEMA will add up to more than \$500,000 in savings to residents, businesses, and the City itself by 2022. I am very proud of this project and would like to recognize John Miller, who took command of the project, and Dave Burd and Cindy Ege who provided assistance.

We also save our residents money on their utility bills through our Community Energy Aggregation Program. Lambertville ratepayers, on average, save \$150 annually because the City purchases energy for the entire community. We are one of the few municipalities to do this. These savings are now enhanced through the partnership the City forged this past year with West Amwell Township—a partnership that increased our purchasing power

Our city continues to lead the way on the environment, setting an example for other cities and towns through effective ways to forge a green future. This starts with protecting our city from threats to its environment. That is why we are standing up together against the proposed PennEast Pipeline. This ill-advised project threatens our water supply, may trigger more flash flooding, and puts all the progress made in cleaning up the Delaware River at risk.

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Lambertville was one of the first municipalities to pass a resolution against the pipeline and we continue to take proactive steps to stop its construction. We are an official intervenor, repeatedly issuing detailed and substantive objections to the project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. We are proactively working with federal agencies, such as US Fish and Wildlife; state agencies; and state and federal elected officials to achieve maximum impact. Thank you to Assemblywoman Elizabeth Maher Muoio for her position on the PennEast Pipeline. I want to commend Councilman Ward Sanders for his outspoken and dedicated leadership on this issue, speaking at anti-pipeline rallies and providing invaluable strategic guidance.

To better coordinate all the efforts in this area, the City formed the PennEast Pipeline Committee. Chaired by Filomena Hengst of our Environmental Commission, it's comprised of Environmental Commission members Gina Fischetti and Lauren Rosenthal McManus; public members Sue Begent, Kelly Kappler, Kim Nagy, and Jeff Tittel; Councilman Sanders; and myself. The Committee is ensuring that our best efforts remain focused, effective, and cover all the bases.

But advancing a green future means more than just saying "No" to harmful proposals. We continue to devise, implement, and expand innovative programs that fulfill our vision of Lambertville as a "Green City".

In 2016, our Third Can Recycling Program, targeted at food waste and organic material, emerged as a big success with area restaurants and Lambertville public schools joining pioneering residents in participating. The result-- a 454% increase in the amount of food waste recycled.

This initiative was put forward by our Environmental Commission because they recognized that food waste comprises 15% of the city's waste stream. Combined with our *successful* single-stream recycling program, which removes more than a 1,000 tons each year from the waste stream, tackling food waste through the Third Can Program is saving substantial money and protecting our environment. We look forward to expanding participation further in the coming year.

We continue to make protecting open space and upgrading and maintaining our parks a high priority. This year we unveiled the new and improved Cavallo Park with the soil contamination that forced its closing completely cleaned-up. I thank Geoffrey Cook for his generous funding of the new playground equipment and other park improvements. This is a park that Lambertville families will be enjoying in 2017 and for many years to come.

This year, we made parking downtown a little more convenient for residents and visitors. Instead of feeding the meter, people can now use their phone to pay for parking. Through an arrangement the City has made with Parkmobile, a free smart phone app is available for this purpose.

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And the Lambertville Police, under the inspired leadership of Police Director Bruce Cocuzza, continues to do an excellent job of protecting public safety and working to ensure constructive relations with the community. Toward that end, this year all uniformed patrol officers began wearing body cameras. The cameras are activated on all motor vehicle stops, arrests, accidents, routine services, and police investigations. I believe the use of these cameras is already enhancing police-community relations by providing increased transparency.

The cameras and associated equipment were partially funded through the NJ State Body Worn Camera Assistance Program utilizing state forfeiture funds. And we are seeking available federal funds from the U.S. Department of Justice to defray the remainder of the costs. I would like to recognize Patrolman Albani and Weber who are standing at the back of the meeting room.

So as you can see, Lambertville enters 2017 well positioned to build on a strong foundation of accomplishment.

This year, we will continue to work to hold the line on taxes and seek other ways to leverage city spending and resources to save residents money. This means continuing community aggregation for lower utility bills and searching for new ways to make Lambertville affordable for all its residents. I know how important this is to our financially squeezed families and to our older residents living on fixed incomes.

We will continue our fight against the PennEast Pipeline. We can see that our work, along with the efforts of other river communities and environmentalists, is having an impact, forcing route changes and delays. But this is no time to rest on what we have done. The environmental agencies in the new Trump Administration are not likely to be as friendly to our cause. We must dedicate ourselves, as a city government and as a community, to this important fight.

We will also work to expand our New Third Can Program and continue to move Lambertville in a green direction.

I will continue to make upgrading and maintaining our infrastructure a high priority with the reconstruction of Clinton Street and Upper Ferry Street, among the projects planned for this year. These reconstructions will include significant drainage improvements in order to boost flood protection.

To further enhance our flood protection efforts, we are launching an all-out effort to secure state funds for the essential Swan Creek Flood Control Project.

And we will continue to establish new parks and maintain and upgrade existing ones. This year, we hope to move forward with the creation of the North Union Street Park at the northern end of the City.

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To relieve congestion downtown caused by a shortage of available parking, Council President Stegman along with Glenn David of the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce will meet with a Committee to discuss adding 150 parking spots at the D & R Canal.

Finally, we will launch our new city web site this year in order to facilitate better and more convenient communication between City government and residents. I would like to recognize the work completed by Council President Stegman, Councilman Sanders, Public Works Director Myers and City Clerk Ege and thank them for the time they devoted to this project.

Working together, I know we can make 2017 Lambertville's best year ever. Thanks to everyone present here today and to all of our residents, I am confident we will continue to ensure Lambertville is a place we are all proud to call home.

Happy New Year and thank you.

REMARKS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Council President Stegman: Good Morning and Happy New Year.

I often speak of protecting the Quality of Life we all enjoy in Lambertville. I recently found a tool that helps to measure this. It's called the Popsicle Index. The Popsicle Index is a quality of life measurement coined by [Catherine Austin Fitts](#) as the percentage of people - in a community who believe that a child in their community can safely leave their home, walk to the nearest possible location to buy a popsicle, and walk back home. We have that in Lambertville. A community that watches out for its neighbors.

By heritage or choice or fate we have come to or stayed in Lambertville, raise our families, make friends and live our lives. I was attracted by the look and feel of the City. But as you live you here, it's the fabric that keeps you here.

Our history passes by births & deaths, what is left behind is the brick and mortar reminders of our past. Streets were named for our founders, The Holcombes, the Coryell's, and the Lamberts. Here today are the descendants of the Reading Family, whose family dates back to the days before George Washington, still live in this City. Their contributions are being documented in a soon to be released in an extensive chronicle.

Our fabric is rich, especially here in a City that was a hub during the battle for independence. George Washington walked on the earth beneath our feet. The industrial Revolution turned Lambertville into a hub for manufacturing, commerce and transportation. The Liberty Bell was carried on a train that ran on the tracks across Bridge Street.

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Every building in this city has a story, I would say, a soul. It is our responsibility to protect them, tell their stories wherever and whenever possible. There will always be pressure to change what we see in our city's rich architecture, and it's easy to be swayed by studies, rational and trends to do so. We have the choice. Our buildings are more than brick and mortar. Their look and feel reflects their lineage, their place in history that tells OUR story. The story of a small city along the bank of Delaware River, for our generation and generations to come.

Councilman Sanders: I want to thank my friends and neighbors and the approximately 1800 people who voted for me to serve a fourth term as Councilperson for the City of Lambertville. I promise I will continue to work, hard, thoughtfully and honestly to earn those votes and the support of my neighbors. I am honored to for the opportunity to work for the citizens of the City of Lambertville now into my 10th year.

We live in a great City, in a great state, in a great country, and I'm reminded of that often, and especially as we start every Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, as I mentioned last year, a tradition that for me has more meaning with each passing year. And it was nice to add the *Star Spangled Banner* this year by Giulia Reading.

As I look back on this past year, one comment from a council meeting stood out for me. It was at our meeting on the PennEast Pipeline with over 140 residents packing this room. A resident got up and noted that in a year and time of lot of bickering and ugly political discussion, it was refreshing to see her City Council acting with common purpose and reflecting the values of our community. While as a governing body we may not agree with each other on every point, I like to think that we do act with common purpose and reflect the values of this community, a community that is inclusive, tolerant, progressive, and passionate about protecting our environment and our distinctive community.

As we move into 2017, I look forward to working on key issues affecting our City, including our work to protect our neighbors that live in the Swan Creek area, improving our City Parks, and advocating against the PennEast Pipeline and the proposed route intersecting Lambertville and our drinking water source. I look forward to soon rolling out our revised website, a move toward a virtual City Hall to give our residents better access to resources affecting this community and demonstrating the work of the many people that volunteer to help serve this city.

Lastly, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Governing Body and the Mayor, for helping make this job a labor of love. I would like to thank our local legislators in the 15th District, Senator Turner, Assemblyman Gusciora, and Assemblywoman Muoio, who have done a great job of representing this community in Trenton. And, a special thank you to my wife and children, who let me spend much of my time representing the City.

Thank you.

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Councilwoman Warner: Good morning, happy New Year. Welcome to the re-org meeting. It has been customary for many years for the mayor and council to take a moment to speak about the past year and the city's accomplishments and to express our thanks to both the citizens of the city of Lambertville and our constituents for allowing us to serve them on the governing body. For many people, 2016 couldn't end fast enough. They were happy to usher out what has historically been one of the most divisive years for this country's population in recent history.

For me, I didn't give much thought to 2016 and what I expected to happen in 2017 until November 8th of last year. What to me had seemed like a lark on the behalf of Donald Trump and the Republican Party has now turned into a grim reality for this nation. With that said, the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017 means saying goodbye to President Barrack Obama and watching the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump. A man, who does not reflect the better values of our nation, and who has made it clear that communities like ours, are at risk.

However, I have not lost hope. We, as a city, offer more than false dreams or hollow promises. To President-elect Trump and his supporters, I reply with the words of Dr. Angela Davis – "I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept." We are a diverse, beautiful community. Our elected officials represent that diversity. We possess vibrant, productive Latin-American population, Lambertville stands together in its knowledge that all are loved and respected here, regardless of race, religion or creed.

Donald Trump won the presidency via the Electoral College. He did not win the presidency via the popular vote. 2.8 million more Americans voting for Hillary Clinton indicates to me that we are not the minority, our values are embraced by the majority of this nation, and it is our collective duty to ensure that our voices are heard and that we continue to pave a path towards a more progressive, and tolerant nation.

I will not allow myself to idly watch racist, sexist, and xenophobic actions become what our country is recognized for. Instead, I will stand with those most threatened by President-elect's rhetoric, and the agendas of his cabinet appointments as well as those as he has chosen to put closest to him in the West Wing. And I urge all 68 million like-minded Americans to do the same.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to verbalize what I have been thinking for the last two months and the platform to do so. Thank you for continuing to build a community based upon acceptance, tolerance, and love, and for allowing me to represent that. Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Asaro: I am very proud of the work we continue to do on this Council. It's very satisfying to work with such a thoughtful, smart and caring group of fellow citizens who continue to think out of the box, reach for new ideas, and understand the value of what we do every day.

Today, for me, I'd like to offer 3 comments and some thanks regarding a couple of issues that I

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have been personally involved with this past year.

First, thank you to the entire Lambertville Environmental Commission, and Public Works Director Lester Myers, for the successful continuation and expansion of the Organic Waste Collection program. It's been a pleasure to work with you on the program – and I'm looking forward to much success and expansion in the future.

Second, thank you to our Lambertville Human Rights Council, in particular chairperson John Woods, Council President Steve Stegman, and City Clerk Cindy Ege, for a productive year and I'm looking forward to working with you to support and enhance the Human Right Council's impact in our community in 2017.

Third, I'd like to thank the residents, and all of those on City boards and commissions, for their support of the City and the Council.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to continue to serve you as a member of the City Council – it is an honor and I am looking forward to continuing to serve the City of Lambertville in 2017. And, I just want to warn you all that my daughter, Kate, is now driving.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Councilman Sanders invited all to a New Year's celebration at Councilman Sander's house located at 34 Jefferson Street in the City.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 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,



Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk

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The January 1, 2017 Reorganization Meeting Minutes were approved at the January 17, 2017 regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council.