

# City of Lambertville Human Rights Council 7:00 PM, Tuesday, November 13, 2017 Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center 25 South Union Street, Lambertville, NJ

### **Minutes**

**WELCOME** – John Woods, Chairperson, Bambi Kuhl, Vice Chairperson.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by John Woods who informed the members of the public present that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, noticing the newspapers on Friday, October 27th, posting the agenda on the city's website at <a href="https://www.lambertvillenj.org">www.lambertvillenj.org</a> and on the bulletin board at City Hall.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll Call.

Present: Bambi Kuhl, Beth Caruso, Beth Asaro, Kari Osmond, Cynthia Ege, John

Woods, Lt Brown

Absent: Steven Stegman. Bruce Cocuzza, Daniel Seiter,

Chairman Woods introduced Hal Glasser coordinator of Somerset County Immigration Fairness & Fair & Welcoming Communities group. Mr Glasser explained that the Fair & Welcoming Communities program is country wide and has developed a series of values and policies to define F&W Communities.

Mr Glasser explained the progress of trying to get Somerset County to become F&W by recruiting citizens in towns to become F&W communities . He also noted that they had recently lost the person who was liasoning with this group from Hunterdon County.

Council members asked a number of questions and discussion ensued about the wisdom and usefulness. It was noted Further discussion to continue at another meeting.

# **MEETING MINUTES.**

Mr. Woods announced that meeting minutes from the October 2nd, 2017 meeting were still in progress

# **NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday January 29th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS.**

Our next meeting will be the annual reorganization and goal setting 2018.

# **OLD BUSINESS.**

Continue our own education of immigration issues and rights.

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Sponsor and co-sponsor community activities re Immigrant Rights and Community Inclusion consistent with our Mission and Vision.

Engage with other regional Human Rights groups to identify areas where we can work together to improve inclusiveness with different vulnerable groups.

Others: Kari Osmond felt it would be important to have an attorney sit on the Council. The makeup of the board was discussed. Since the board was created by ordinances and the ordinance specifically names the representation, it would need to be amended by ordinance. Discussion ensued. The board is just becoming active and will revisit this at a later date.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None**

# ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with a motion made by Councilwoman Asaro and seconded by Helen (Bambi) Kuhl. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.