



City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and noted the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice was provided on February 24, 2017 to the Times, Democrat, the agenda was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, on the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org, emailed to department heads, City Attorney, City Engineer and to various people on the list serve.

ROLL CALL.

Present: Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman (phone), Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: None.

CLOSED SESSION.

Mayor and Council did not go into closed session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

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

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2017: Ordinance to Establish a CAP Bank, banking \$103,116.78 to be retained as an exception to the final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

Mayor DelVecchio asked the clerk to find out how much money the City has in the CAP Bank.

City of Lambertville
Ordinance Number 12-2017

CALENDAR YEAR 2017

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 0.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations; and,

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lambertville City, County of Hunterdon, hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$103,116.78 that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

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

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

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

ADOPTED: February 28, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING: March 28, 2017

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance Number 07-2017. Councilwoman Warner made a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 07-2017. 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 informed the members of the public present that the public hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2017.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-2017: An Ordinance to amend the Salary & Wage Ordinance of the City of Lambertville for the Position of Matron.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-2017

An Ordinance to Amend the Salary & Wage Ordinance for the City of Lambertville of the Position of Matron

ARTICLE I. SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION ONE: The following shall be the range of compensation for the matron position of the City of Lambertville not covered by separate bargaining units:

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| Matron | \$12.00 - \$35.00 per hour |
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, by way of adoption of the Salary and Wage Ordinance for 2017, hereby authorize the Salary and Wage Ordinance for 2017.

First Reading and Introduction: FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Second Reading and Public Hearing: MARCH 28, 2017

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance Number 08-2017. Councilwoman Warner made a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 08-2017. Councilman Sanders 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 March 28, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 43-2017: A Resolution to Approve the 2017 Budget as introduced. The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2017.

Mayor DelVecchio reviewed the budget with the members of the public and gave the following commentary:

The 2017 budget increases costs to taxpayers by \$1,137,091, which is an increase of \$22.88 for 2017; based on Average Home Value of \$371,868, and Assessed Value of 759,962,804.

The Budget has no one-time revenue. Surplus broke \$1 million for 3rd year in a row.

Standard and Poor's just upgraded City's rating and cited strong budgetary performance; very strong budgetary flexibility; very strong liquidity; and strong institutional framework.

In 2017, the city should break \$1 million again in surplus generating \$539,124. The budget anticipates local revenues at \$34,250, funding from the LMUA in the amount of \$24,000, Delinquent Taxes \$20,000, MRNA's (municipal revenues not anticipated) in the amount of \$205,000, Taxes in the amount of \$190,000 for a total of \$1,012,374. State Aid is flat.

Two non-recurring items are: Reserve for Debt Service will have \$460,457 after appropriation; and Capital Fund Balance will have \$27,281.

Taxes are \$2,326,912; Salaries have 2% increase for non-union employees; Benefits have a 1.22% increase. Includes: Health Benefits; PERS; Social Security and PFRS VII; Professional services fees are flat and that line item includes: Auditor; City Attorney; Prosecutor and Public Defender.

The Library has 4.72% increase set by statute. Both a revenue and expense.

City utilities are 15.38% less the 2016 and that includes: Fuel Oil; Gasoline; Telephone; Diesel Fuel; Electricity; Sewerage; Water & Natural Gas. Decrease is due to Gasoline & Diesel Fuel.

OE (Other Expenses) is 13.10 less than 2016. Due to favorable recycling contracts and more food waste recycling; Street Lights where we benefited from favorable 3rd-party purchasing agreement; Insurance where are broker shopped and no retirees this year.

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Capital/Debt is 18.36% higher because the City is paying off more debt.

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Resolution Number 43-2017

A Resolution to Introduce the 2017 Calendar Year Budget

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville introduced the budget at the special session held Tuesday, February 28, 2017 for the purpose of introducing the 2017 CAP Bank Ordinance and the 2017 Calendar Year Budget, and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk noticed the papers of the special session on Friday, February 24, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the following is a list of Mayor and Council Members with their respective term expiration dates: David M. DelVecchio – Mayor, Term Ends 12-31-2018, Beth Asaro – Councilwoman, Term Ends 12-31-2017, Wardell Sanders – Councilman, Term Ends 12-31-2019, Steven M. Stegman – Council President, Term Ends 12-31-2019, Elaine Warner – Councilwoman, Term Ends 12-31-2017, and

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

WHEREAS, the publication of the summary of the 2017 Budget will be placed in the legal section of the March 7, 2017 edition of the Times, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on the final adoption of the budget will be held on March 28, 2017, and

WHEREAS, copies of this resolution along with three certified copies of the 2017 budget and the required attachments will be forwarded to the Director, Division of Local Government Services on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the 2017 Calendar Year Budget is hereby introduced with a motion made by _____ and seconded by _____.

Adopted: February 28, 2017

Mayor DelVecchio asked the members of Council and the public if they had questions about the 2017 budget. There being no questions, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to introduce the 2017 Budget as introduced. Councilwoman Warner made a motion to introduce on first reading the 2017 Budget. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion.

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Mayor DelVecchio asked for a roll call. 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 on the 2017 Budget will be held on March 28th.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 44-2017: A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of An Overpayment of First Quarter Taxes to Richard & Lorraine Carmosino for Block 1050, Lot 3 In The Amount of \$832.92.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the following resolution is to authorize the refund of an overpayment made by Richard and Lorraine Carmosino for block 1050, lot 3 in the amount of \$832.92 and has been reviewed and requested by the Tax Collector.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 44-2017
A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of Over Payment to Richard & Lorraine Carmosino for the First Quarter of 2017 to Block 1050, Lot 3 in the Amount of \$832.92

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the refund to Richard & Lorraine Carmosino for overpayment made in the first quarter of 2017 for the following property: Block 1050, Lot 3 in the Amount of \$832.92 is hereby authorized.

ADOPTED: February 28, 2017

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve Resolution Number 44-2017 authorizing a refund of an overpayment of first quarter taxes to Richard and Lorraine Carmosino in the amount of \$832.92. Councilman Sanders made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 45-2017: A Resolution of the Governing Body Authorizing the Environmental Commission's Submission of a grant application to Sustainable Jersey.

City of Lambertville
Resolution Number 45-2017
Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program.

THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville has determined that the Lambertville Environmental Commission should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, authorizes the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant.

ADOPTED: February 28, 2017

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt resolution number 45-2017. Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS LIST.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the Bills List. Councilwoman Warner made a motion to approve the Bills List. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DOG AND CAT LICENSE RENEWALS: All dog and cat licenses expired December 31, 2016. Please register your dogs and cats no later than February 28, 2017 to avoid the \$25 late fee.

PARKING PERMITS: All parking permits expired December 31, 2016. The annual fee is \$45 and you need to bring your drivers' license, registration and a copy of your tax bill, lease or utility bill to prove residency.

SPECIAL SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL: There will be a special session of the Governing Body and the Lambertville Committee Against the PennEast Pipeline on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7 pm at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center located at 25 South Union Street in the City.

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LANDLORD REGISTRATION: The deadline to file your landlord registration is March 31, 2017. An additional \$50 will be assessed to all applications received after March 31.

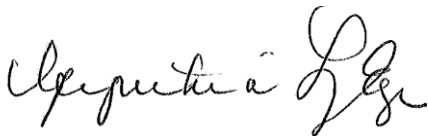
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PETITIONS OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Councilman Sanders informed the members of Council and the public that he received a call from the LAEF asking if the City would award the temporary naming rights for a street sign in Lambertville to their auction which is scheduled for March 25th. He will obtain additional information for discussion at the regularly scheduled session of the Governing Body scheduled for March 21st.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Councilman Sanders made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia L. Ege
CMR, RMC, City Clerk



The February 28, 2017 session minutes were approved at the regularly scheduled session held on March 21, 2017.