

# STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

Mayor DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and read the following compliance statement into the record: Noticed was provided on March 23, 2017 to the Times, Democrat, the agenda was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, on the City's website at <a href="www.lambertvillenj.org">www.lambertvillenj.org</a>, emailed to department heads, City Attorney, City Engineer and to various people on the list serve.

# **ROLL CALL.**

Present: Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: Councilwoman Warner

# 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 - PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION.

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 read the ordinance into the record by title and informed the members of the public present that this ordinance will allow the City to bank the funds not used in this budget cycle in the next two budget cycles.

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,

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 5 days after such adoption.

INTRODUCED: February 28, 2017

ADOPTED: March 28, 2017

Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on Ordinance Number 12-2017 and asked for questions or comments from the public. There being no questions or comments, the Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing. 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 asked for a motion to adopt on second reading granting final approval of Ordinance Number 12-2017. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt on second reading. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-2017</u>: An Ordinance to Amend the Salary & Wage Ordinance of the City of Lambertville, Establishing Ranges.

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that this ordinance is to amend the Salary and Wage Ordinance which establishes ranges for salaries of public employees.

City of Lambertville
ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-2017

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

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 officials and employees of the City of Lambertville not covered by separate bargaining units:

Matron

\$12.00 - \$35.00 per hour

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 opened the public hearing for Ordinance Number 13-2017 and asked for questions and comments from the public. There being no questions or comments, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing. The motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Councilwoman Asaro. 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 on second reading granting final approval of Ordinance Number 13-2017. The motion to adopt on second reading was made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Councilwoman Asaro. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIES.

## RESOLUTIONS.

<u>RESOLUTION NUMBER 54-2017</u>: A Resolution to Approve the 2017 Budget as adopted.

Mayor DelVecchio reviewed the 2017 Budget with the members of the public. He confirmed that the budget was approved by the Department of Community Affairs on March 22, 2017.

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 3<sup>rd</sup>-party purchasing agreement; Insurance where are broker shopped and no retirees this year.

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

City of Lambertville Resolution Number 54-2017

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 for a March 28, 2017 public hearing; 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 was placed in the legal section of the March 7, 2017 edition of the Times and a copy of the budget as introduced was sent to the Lambertville Free Public Library, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a public hearing on the final adoption of the budget on March 28, 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 29, 2017, and

WHEREAS, a full copy of the adopted budget will be posted to the City's website at <a href="www.lambertvillenj.org">www.lambertvillenj.org</a>, 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 RESOI	LVED by Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in
the County of Hunterdon, in the Sta	te of New Jersey, that the 2017 Calendar Year is hereby
adopted with a motion made by	and seconded by

Adopted: March 28, 2017

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt the 2017 Budget. The motion to adopt was made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Council President Stegman. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>RESOLUTION NUMBER 55-2017</u>: A Resolution Authorizing Change Order Number 1 for the Justice Center Bathrooms in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,500.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that this resolution is to authorize change order number 1 for the bathrooms at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center. This will add a doorway between the Administrative Office and the second office so that the Judge will have a workspace.

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Resolution Number 55-2017

A Resolution to Authorize Change Order Number 1 for the Justice Center In An Amount Not to Exceed \$2,500

WHEREAS, the City Architect recommends the approval of change order number 1 for the installation of a private bathroom for the Judge at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified that funds are available.

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 Change Order Number 1 in the amount of \$2,500 is hereby authorized.

Adopted: March 28, 2017

Mayor DelVecchio asked for questions or comments. There being no public comment, he asked for a motion to adopt Resolution Number 55-217. Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt, and Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 56-2017: A Salary & Wage Resolution.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the Salary & Wage Resolution for the employees and city officials.

# City of Lambertville RESOLUTION NUMBER 56-2017

Establishing the 2017 Salary and Wages for Officials and Employees of the City of Lambertville

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 15-2016, amended by Ordinance Number 13-2017, established salary ranges for officials and employees of the City of Lambertville; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 calendar year budget included a 2% raise for non-union employees who have been working for the City of Lambertville consistently for more than 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 calendar year budget was formally adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon on Tuesday, March 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish specific salary for specific positions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following salaries are established:

EMPLOYEE	TITLE	2017 SALARY
David M. DelVecchio	Mayor	\$7,500
Steven M. Stegman	Council President	\$3,000
Beth Asaro	Councilwoman	\$1,000
Elaine Warner	Councilwoman	\$1,000
Wardell Sanders	Councilman	00.00
Bruce Cocuzza	Police Director	\$82,300
Sally Lelie	Senior Police Admin. Asst. FT	\$40,544
Tara Barlow	Part Time Secretary –Police	Hourly: \$12.73
Vernon Barlow	Crossing Guard – Part Time	Hourly: \$13.27
Michael Vecchio	Parking Enforcement Officer FT	\$35,304
Thomas VanGlahn	Parking Enforcement Officer PT	Hourly: \$12.24
Jeffrey Jones	Class 2 Patrolman	\$45,670
Sally Lelie	Police Matron (min. 3 hrs)	\$30.89
Tara Barlow	Police Matron (min 3 hrs)	\$19.09
Patricia Wozniak	Court Administrator	\$47,940
Julie Kosakowski	Violation's Clerk	Hourly: \$18.00
Ronald Pittore	Judge	\$13,514
	DWI Judge	
Christie Ehret	Certified Municipal Finance Officer and Treasurer	\$8,660
Susan Bacorn	Deputy Treasurer	\$43,194
Cynthia McBride	Certified Municipal Tax Collector	\$15,919
Richard Carmosino	Certified Municipal Tax Assessor	\$25,940.77
Richard Carmosino	Tax Assessor Reassessment Work	\$6,507.56
Cynthia L. Ege	Municipal Clerk	\$76,580
Shelley Corrado	Office Clerk/Deputy Registrar	\$30,355
Shelley Corrado	Finance Clerk	\$974
Shelley Corrado	Tax Clerk	\$4,456
Crystal Lawton	Planning Board Admin. Officer	\$7,351

Crystal Lawton	ZBOA Admin Officer	\$3,714
Kenneth Rogers	Construction Code Official/Building	\$39,415.69
	Inspector	
Kenneth Rogers	Construction Code Official -	Quarterly payment as per
	Frenchtown	agreement.
Kenneth Rogers	Fire Subcode Official	\$5,630.81
Timothy Dieterman	Plumbing Subcode Official	\$13,785
Timothy Dieterman	Plumbing Subcode Official -	\$450
	Frenchtown	Quarterly
Richard McManus	Zoning Officer – Lambertville	\$7,140
Richard McManus	Zoning Officer – Frenchtown	\$3,264
Frank D'Amore	Fire Prevention Official	\$13,012
Staff	Assistant to Fire Prev. Official	\$4,000
Crystal Lawton	TACO	\$30,910
Victor Timpanero	Electrical Inspector – Frenchtown	Hourly: \$38.64
Victor Timpanero	Electrical Inspector – Lambertville	\$9,937
Lester Myers, Jr.	Public Works Director	Hourly: \$27.06
Robbin Worthington	Laborer	Hourly: \$19.44
Robbin Worthington	Sanitation Truck Driver	Hourly: \$21.76
David Kerr	Laborer	Hourly: \$17.82
David Kerr	Sanitation Truck Driver	Hourly: \$21.76
Anthony Grecco	Laborer	Hourly: \$17.47
Anthony Grecco	Sanitation Truck Driver	Hourly: \$19.06
Justin McKeown	Laborer	Hourly: \$12.50
Justin McKeown	Sanitation Truck Driver	Hourly: \$17.26
Inmates	Minimum Wage	Hourly: \$8.38
Helen T. Kuhl	Public Assistance Director	\$15,734
Lara M. Zinda	Historic Commission Secretary	\$1,104
Carolyn Murphy	ACO – Lambertville	\$8,000
Carolyn Murphy	ACO – West Amwell	\$8,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be retroactive to January 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED: March 28, 2017

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt resolution number 56-2017. Councilman Sanders made the motion to adopt and Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>RESOLUTION NUMBER 57-2017</u>: A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1087, Lot 11 In the Amount of \$12,520.25 Plus a Premium of \$1,100.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that this resolution is to authorize a lien redemption for unpaid taxes sold in the annual tax sale.

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#### **RESOLUTION 57-2017**

A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1087, Lot 11 In the Amount of

\$12,520.25 Plus a Premium of \$1,100

**WHEREAS,** Tax Lien Certificate 14-00016 issued on Block 1087 Lot 1 was sold to Leed Capital, 946 Main St, Hackensack, NJ 07601 11/25/4 and

**WHEREAS**, payment has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of the tax lien from Title Company

**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 check is hereby authorized to Leed Capital, 946 Main St, Hackensack, NJ 07601 for the redemption of tax lien certificate #14-00016 in the amount of: 12,520.25

In addition the City is holding a premium in the amount of \$1,100.00 and upon redemption this is due back to the lienholder.

2 checks for the lienholder -

Check 1= \$12.520.25

Check 2= for premium= \$1,100.00

ADOPTED: March 28, 2017

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt Resolution Number 57-2017. Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt the resolution and Councilwoman Asaro 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. Council President Stegman made a motion to approve the bills list. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

<u>NEW HOPE LAMBERTVILLE PRIDE</u>: The Annual Pride Parade will take place on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The request for road closures is as follows:

**Road Closure Alert for Saturday May 20th:** New Hope Celebrates is working with the Lambertville and New Hope authorities to minimize traffic delays for all residents. Please note the approximate times for road closures listed below.

## **Lambertville:**

York Street (8am to noon) – no parking Delevan Street (10am to noon) – no parking North Union from Delevan to Bridge (11am to noon) Bridge Street from Union to the bridge (11:30 to noon)

Additional restrictions and disruptions may also occur on side streets as recommended by the appropriate enforcement agencies.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the request made by New Hope Lambertville Pride for road closures. Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to approve the request. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>JOSEPH FINKLE & SON, INC</u>.: Request for approval of a block party in celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, in June 22 or June 29. The approval includes the invitation of Food Trucks, a Beer Garden/Station, live music, games for kids, giveaways, etc.

Mayor DelVecchio asked the Police Director and the City Clerk to obtain details about the event and to bring this back to the full Council at the April 18<sup>th</sup> session. Details include: time of the event, placement of the beer garden, did they discuss the event with their neighbors, road closures, etc.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**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.

**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.

Mr. Asoudegan asked when the meters on Ferry Street west of Union Street would be installed. Mayor DelVecchio stated that the Public Works Department would install them next week.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilman Sanders. An affirmative voice call vote was taken in favor of the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

Claritia Les

Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk

The March 28th special session minutes were approved at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.