



**City of Lambertville  
Special Session  
Governing Body  
Monday, November 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m.  
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center  
20 South Union Street, Lambertville  
MINUTES**

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Mayor DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and read the following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and noticed was provided on November 16, 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](http://www.lambertvillenj.org), emailed to department heads, City Attorney, City Engineer and to various people on the list serve.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman (arrived at 6:30 pm), Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The City Clerk led the public in a moment of silence in honor of those serving in the United States Armed Forces.

**LED LIGHTS – Phase I, Bridge Street**

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that during the summer, the City adopted a resolution to support the Paris Accord and lower our carbon footprint by 2025. Changing the street lights over to LED Lighting is one way to achieve our goal. The City hired a contractor (Stephen Lohm) to review the lighting in the spring of 2013. The contractor recommended the City focus on changing street lights to LED Lighting. His report suggested that the City would not benefit because of the cost from making any other changes. The City pursued this, however, at the time; JCP&L did not have a tariff. The City was informed by JCP&L that they now are ready to start converting everyone to LED Lighting earlier this year. The City employed the City Engineer to prepare a report on the best areas to implement the project. She broke the project up into six or seven project areas. The City will begin with the 11 street lights on Bridge Street and then hold a public meeting with those next on the schedule.

Mayor DelVecchio introduced Stan Prater, JCP&L Area Manager to the members of the public present to review the plan to change Bridge Street over to LED Lighting for the street lights.

Mr. Prater informed the members of the public present that JCP&L had no rating in 2013. It was approved about 6 or 7 months ago and they just started rolling it out. The existing light has an 8

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foot arm with a cobra head light. There is no fee to the municipality as it is in the current billing and considered an investment over a 10 year period. There is a cost to change the light back to a sodium vapor light. The City Engineer's report was reviewed and turned over to the layout technician. The plan was field checked with a couple of minor changes. There are a total of 93 lights and this will be a cost savings to the municipality. The biggest savings is with the energy because the lights last longer. The new LED lights are softer and more in line with the sodium vapor lighting. Mayor DelVecchio commented that JCP&L is doing away with some of their lighting. Mr. Prater confirmed that they will no longer be using the mercury lighting. There are phases to this project and JCP&L will work with the police on the installation of the new lights. The plan is to begin on December 6<sup>th</sup>. They are currently waiting on DOT Permits to put their equipment in the road. They plan to install the 11 lights on Bridge Street in one night. Then, the City will hold a follow-up meeting to discuss the balance of the project. This will give the community time to view the new lighting and give input on the balance of the project. Mr. Prater said that the City may find they don't need 11 lights.

Mayor DelVecchio opened the meeting up for comments.

Councilman Sanders asked for the list of other communities with LED Lighting. Mr. Prater responded that they are in Morristown and New Providence. Councilman Sanders asked if they were well received. Mr. Prater responded that he has not had any negative comments. The billing is the only area that will need to be synced. Councilman Sanders asked if Bridge Street would be closed. Mr. Prater stated that they will allow two-way traffic and the strategy is to obtain no parking signs, pull the trucks as close to the curb as possible and change out the light fixture. It will take approximately ½ hour per light. Councilman Sanders asked about the noise. Mr. Prater commented that they may see or hear a strobe light. Councilwoman Asaro asked if the power will be turned off. Mr. Prater commented that it would not be turned off and the crew will work from 1 am to 6 am. If it rains, they will not work.

Dean Stephen, owner of the Lambertville Trading Company asked about the hue of the light. He commented that they are a great long term solution but he worries what it will look like. Mr. Prater commented that LED lights have come a long way and they are tinted and more directional than the sodium vapor lighting that spreads more lumens. Mayor DelVecchio commented that this is part of the City's effort to reduce our carbon footprint by 2025. The City Engineer looked at the street and suggested we implement the program in 5 or 6 zones. If it's the worst thing ever, we pay to undo it.

Lester Myers, Jr., the Public Works Director commented that New Hope just installed LED street lights on Bridge Street by the school.

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Dean Stephens asked what the Kelvin rating was. Mr. Prater commented that he didn't have that information with him but he would send it to the City Clerk.

Councilman Sanders asked if the wattage is different. Mr. Prater stated that the sodium vapor lights are 250-50 watts. Some are incandescent.

Mayor DelVecchio asked Mr. Stephens what the down side of the project is. Mr. Stephens commented that if they are too white, they are too bright and it gives the city a different feel. Mr. Prater commented that the City may find we don't need as many lights.

Councilwoman Asaro asked for a comparison. Mr. Prater stated that they formerly sent the capacity chart to the Clerk. A 50 watt LED has 6,000 lumens. 100 watt sodium has 6,600 lumens. The sodium lights have ballast that heats up and uses more energy. The LED lights do not have ballast.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the City spends \$36,000 in street lighting fees per year. He asked Mr. Prater what the date was for the install. Mr. Prater commented Tuesday, December 6.

Karl Kneidinger, a resident of Bridge Street commented that this was an excellent presentation. He likes the soft congenial attitude of the street because it isn't like Las Vegas. He is concerned for the directionality of the LED lights. Reducing the number of lights may create shafts and is concerned that LED lighting will destroy the atmosphere. Mr. Prater stated that the community would need to see it in place before we finalize the project.

Mayor DelVecchio commented that the City had our Engineer and Michael Burns both investigate LED Lights.

Dean Stephens has if the things change are the heads adaptable? Mr. Prater commented that he didn't know because the program is so new.

Councilman Sanders asked if there were other towns also considering moving to LED lighting. Mr. Prater commented that yes but they are waiting on Lambertville.

Mayor DelVecchio said we are used to being pioneers.

Councilwoman Asaro suggested that we take before and after photos.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DELAWARE RIVER TOWNS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Annual Thanksgiving Day Run, November 23, 2017.

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ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING: Sunday, November 26, 2017, 5 PM at the Corner of South Union and Bridge Street.

MENORAH LIGHTING: Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 6:30 PM at the Corner of South Union and Bridge Street.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PETITIONS OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

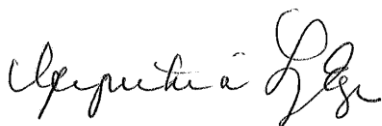
Mayor DeVecchio asked if there were any other public comments.

Karl Kneidinger commended the police department and said the officers were polite, congenial and in complete control in a friendly way.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders 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

*The November 20, 2017 special session minutes were approved at the regularly scheduled session held on December 19, 2017.*



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