

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

Mayor DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and read the following statement of compliance into the record: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice was provided to the Times and the Democrat, the annual schedule of the Governing Body was advertised in the January 8, 2018 edition of the Times; the meeting agenda was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the city's website at www.lambertvillenj.org and an email was sent out to members of the public on the list serve, department heads, the City Attorney and City Engineer on January 19, 2018 advising them of the meeting.

ROLL CALL.

The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilwoman Asaro, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman,

Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: Councilman Sanders.

CLOSED SESSION.

RESOLUTION

"Authorizing a Closed Session at the January 23, 2018 Lambertville City Council Meeting to Discuss Contracts, Personnel, Possible Litigation, and Appointments"

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lambertville is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that a closed session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by N.J.S.A 10:4-12(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville that a closed session shall be held on January 23, 2018, in the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, located at 25 South Union Street, Lambertville, to discuss the following matters: *Contracts, Personnel, Acquisition of Property, and Possible Litigation.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Lambertville Mayor and City Council.

ADOPTED: January 23, 2018

Mayor DelVecchio and City Council convened in closed session at 6:36 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilwoman Asaro. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio and City Council re-convened in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with a motion made by Councilwoman Asaro and seconded by Councilwoman Warner. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

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.

MINUTES, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS, BILLS LIST, MINUTES

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the minutes as listed on the agenda, the administrative reports, bills list and resolutions listed on the consent agenda, adding resolution number 43-2018 authorizing the one-month extension of the contract with TriEagle for eprocurement of electric.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

As submitted: December 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes, December 19, 2017 Closed Session Minutes, December 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes, December 27, 2017 Closed Session Minutes, and January 1, 2018 Reorganization Minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Tax Collector – Cynthia McBride, Municipal Court Administrator – Patricia Wozniak, Construction Official – Kenneth Rogers, Zoning Officer – Frank D'Amore, Fire Inspector – Frank D'Amore, Police Director – Bruce Cocuzza, Public Works Director – Lester E. Myers, Jr., City Clerk – Cynthia Ege, and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – Christie Ehret.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS LIST.

RESOLUTIONS.

Consent Agenda: The following resolutions on a consent agenda are considered routine and shall be enacted by one motion. Should any member of City Council seek separate discussion of any item, that item shall be removed and discussed separately.

<u>Resolution Number 35-2018</u>: A Resolution to Make Budget Transfers Between Appropriations in the 2017 General Fund Budget.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 35-2018

A Resolution to Authorize Budget Transfers Between Appropriations in the 2017 General Budget

WHEREAS, certain 2017 Budget Appropriation balances are expected to be insufficient for the remainder of the year;

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 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations in the 2017 budget for the City of Lambertville as follows:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	FROM	то
O&E			
7-01-26-290-200	DPW OE	\$1,050.00	
7-01-26-305-200	Solid Waste OE		\$1,050.00
7-01-31-430-271	Electricity	200.00	
7-01-31-446-270	Natural Gas		\$75.00
7-01-31-461-274	Diesel		\$125.00
TOTAL:		\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00

ADOPTED: January 23 2018

Resolution Number 36-2018: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Discharge of Mortgage Papers for 81 York Street, Block 1083, Lots 3 and 4 in the Amount of \$41,908.00.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 36-2018

A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Discharge of Mortgage for 81 York Street, Block 1083, Lot 3 and 4 in the Amount of \$41,908.00

WHEREAS, the mortgage held by the City of Lambertville for Grace Wicker, 81 York Street, Block 1083, Lots 3 and 4 in the amount of \$41,908.00 was paid in full on January 8, 2018 by First American Title Insurance Company – New Jersey;

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 Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk

are hereby authorized to sign the discharge of mortgage for Grace Wicker, 81 York Street, block 1083, lots 3 and 4.

ADOPTED: January 23 2018

Resolution Number 37-2018: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Discharge of Mortgage Papers for 45 Perry Street, Block 1017, Lot 30 in the Amount of \$8,000.00.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 37-2018

A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Discharge of Mortgage for 45 Perry Street, Block 1017, Lot 30 in the Amount of \$8,000.00

WHEREAS, the mortgage held by the City of Lambertville for Sarah Elizabeth Foy, 45 Perry Street, Block 1017, Lot 30 in the amount of \$8,000.00 was paid in full on April 26, 2010 by Foundation Title, LLC-Mercerville.

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 Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the discharge of mortgage for Sarah Elizabeth Foy, 45 Perry Street, block 1017, lot 30.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 38-2018: A Resolution Opposing the Proposed Beekeeping Regulations Which Would Have a Detrimental Effect on Beekeeping in the City of Lambertville as well as throughout Hunterdon County and the State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION 38-2018

A Resolution Opposing the Proposed Beekeeping Regulations Which Would Have a Detrimental Effect on Beekeeping in the City of Lambertville as well as Throughout Hunterdon County and the State of New Jersey

Whereas, the state insect of the Garden State of New Jersey is the honey bee (apis mellifera); and

Whereas, it is scientifically well established that honey bees are of significant benefit to mankind, and to the Garden State of New Jersey in particular, by providing plant pollination, recreation for the beekeeper, honey, wax, and other beneficial hive products; and

Whereas, the Garden State of New Jersey is among the leading states in agricultural products dependent on beekeeping throughout the United States, <u>i.e.</u>, second in blueberry production and third in cranberry production; and the Garden State of New Jersey imports over 15,000 honeybee colonies annually for crop pollination; and

Whereas, the Garden State of New Jersey is also the home of many gardeners who, just like commercial farmers, depend upon insect pollination for fruitful orchards and home gardens; and

Whereas, domestic strains of honey bees have been selectively bred for desirable traits, including gentleness, honey production, tendency not to swarm and non-aggressive behavior, which are all characteristics desirable for fostering and maintaining honey bee colonies within all populated areas; and

Whereas, gentle strains of honey bees can be maintained within populated areas in reasonable densities without creating a detriment to public health and safety, provided that the bees are properly located, housed, managed and maintained; and

Whereas, many State of New Jersey residents desire to provide sustainability and value for the Garden State of New Jersey's home gardeners, farms, and all homeowners with a variety of locally grown vegetables and fruits for the Garden State of New Jersey residents; and

Whereas, the honey bee assists the agricultural community to increase productivity and through sustained productivity maintain an environment that promotes agricultural land use as opposed to development; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture has published new beekeeping regulations in the New Jersey Register which are now open to public comment, which must be submitted by January 19, 2018: and

Whereas, these new regulations include a section on Apiary Standards which states that bee colony density will be regulated as follows: on a residential lot of less than one-quarter acre where agriculture has not otherwise been determined as permitted new (not already in existence) hives are not permitted; on a residential lot of less than one-quarter acre where hives are in existence as of July 31, 2015, the hobbyist beekeeper must seek a formal waiver in order to continue to keep bees; on a residential lot of one-quarter acre to less than five acres, a person wishing to keep bees as a hobbyist must seek a formal waiver in order to continue to keep two hives per lot; and

Whereas, these new regulations include a section on Apiary Standards which states that bee colony density will be regulated as follows: on a residential lot of less than one-quarter acre where agriculture has been determined as permitted, new (not already in existence) hives are not permitted; on a residential lot of less than one-quarter acre, where agriculture has been determined as permitted where hives are in existence as of July 31, 2015, the hobbyist beekeeper must seek a formal waiver; on a residential lot of one-quarter to less than five acres, where agriculture has been determined as permitted, a person wishing to keep bees as a hobbyist may keep two new hives; on a residential lot of one-quarter to less than five acres, where agriculture has been determined as permitted where hives are in existence as of July 31, 2015, a person wishing to keep bees as a hobbyist must seek a formal waiver in order to keep more than two hives; and

Whereas, these new regulations include a section on Location of Hives, which requires that all hives must be located at least 10 feet from any property line and at least 25 feet from any roadside, sidewalk, or path and 85 feet from any public place including playgrounds, sports fields, schools, parks or churches, unless permission is granted for educational or research purposes, as well as establishing a Flyway Barrier at least six feet in height consisting of a solid wall, fence, or dense vegetation parallel to the property line and extending 10 feet beyond the colony in each direction; and

Whereas, The Chapters of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association, in furtherance of their mission of educating and mentoring schoolchildren, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Eagle Scouts, 4H Clubs and the like, have been keeping bees at various public parks, green acres, schools, churches and the like, for decades without one complaint or report of stinging, and the existence of such hives would in most cases be in violation of the proposed regulations; and

Whereas, there are at least 8 beekeepers in the City of Lambertville all of whom would be negatively impacted by the Apiary Standards relating to hive density and Location of Hives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lambertville New Jersey wishes to go on record with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) that it is opposed to the proposed beekeeping regulations which would have a detrimental effect on beekeeping in the City of Lambertville as well as throughout Hunterdon County and the State of New Jersey, and urges the New Jersey State League of Municipalities to work towards creating legislation with straightforward regulations based upon facts, science, and best management practices, which, in the aggregate, will protect both beekeepers and non-beekeepers within the State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to: (i) the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, (ii) the New Jersey Beekeepers Association, (iii) the Northwest New Jersey Beekeepers Association, and (iv) all Hunterdon County municipalities, urging them to oppose the adoption of the new beekeeping regulations as proposed by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA).

ADOPTED: January 23, 2018

Resolution Number 39-2018: A Resolution to Cancel the Salary & Wage for Animal Control and the Shared Services Agreement for the Township of West Amwell for Animal Control, Effective 06/01/2017.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 39-2018

A Resolution to Cancel the Salary & Wage for Animal Control Officer in the Amount of \$4,369.25 and the Dog Salary & Wage for the Shared Services Agreement with the Township of West Amwell for Animal Control Services in the Amount of \$4,369.26

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 following appropriations in the 2017 budget are hereby cancelled retroactive to June 1, 2017:

Salary & Wage for the Animal Control Officer in the Amount of \$4,369.25

Dog Salary & Wage for the Shared Services Agreement with the Township of West Amwell in the Amount of \$4,369.26

ADOPTED: January 23 2018

<u>Resolution Number 40-2018</u>: A Resolution to Make Budget Transfers Between Appropriations in the 2017 General Fund Budget Retroactive to 12/31/2017.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 40-2018

A Resolution to Authorize Budget Transfers Between Appropriations in the 2017 General Budget
Retroactive to 12/31/2017

WHEREAS, certain 2017 Budget Appropriation balances are expected to be insufficient for the remainder of the year;

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 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations in the 2017 budget for the City of Lambertville as follows:

ACCOUNT TITLE	FROM	то
DPW Overtime	\$1,650.41	
DPW Snow Removal		\$1,650.41
Group Insurance	\$7,044.26	
Group Insurance – Waivers		\$7,044.26
	\$8,694.67	\$8,694.67

ADOPTED: January 23 2018

Resolution Number 41-2018: A Resolution to Bank the Open Space Funds Collected by the County of Hunterdon in the Amount of \$65,286.45 for Potential Use at Ely Field.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 41-2018

A Resolution to Bank & Reserve the 2017 Municipal Allocation of Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Funds in the Amount of \$65,286.45.

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Open Space & Historic Preservation Trusts Programs has announced the annual allocation of funds for 2017 for the City of Lambertville; and

WHEREAS, as per the agreement with the County of Hunterdon, the City of Lambertville must submit a resolution requesting that the remaining balance be banked and include the future and intent and purpose for Municipal Grant Funds and the anticipated timeframe for utilizing the program funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville is requesting that the \$65,286.45 for the 2018 municipal allocation be banked for future use for open space preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville has been working on a plan for Ely Field improvements which include an expansion of the football field, additional barrier free seating for guest and

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, hereby requests that the County of Hunterdon bank the 2017 allocation of Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Funds in the Amount of \$65,286.45 for future use for the Ely Park Football Field Project.

ADOPTED: January 23, 2018

Resolution Number 42-2018: A Resolution to Reject the Bids Received for the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, Changing the Scope of the Project To Incorporate An Alternate Bid for Aluminum Panels.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 42-2018

A Resolution to Reject the Bids Received for the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, Changing the Scope of the Project To Incorporate An Alternate Bid for Aluminum Panels.

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2018, the City of Lambertville received and publicly opened bids for the cleaning and stuccoing of the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, 25 South Union Street in the City; and

WHEREAS, we received two bids and they are as follows:

Company	Address	Base Bid	Alternate Bid	Total
Kunzman Construction	238 Oak Summit Road	\$43,000.00	\$4,800.00	\$47,800.00
	Pittstown, NJ			
Schneider Restorations,	856 Washington Crossing	\$43,200.00	\$6,500.00	\$49,700.00
Inc.	Road			
	Newtown, PA			

WHEREAS, after a review of the project, the City has decided to change the scope of the project and either only clean the façade or investigate the possibility of adding panels, dependent on the availability of funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby rejects the bids received for the project to clean and stucco the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, 25 South Union Street in the City because we are changing the scope of the project.

ADOPTED: January 23, 2018

<u>Resolution Number 43-2018</u>: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Agreement with TriEagle Energy for the One Month Extension of the Third Party Purchase of Electric (eprocurement) through the SHREC.

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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 Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the one month extension of the agreement with TriEagle Energy for the eprocurement of electric.

ADOPTED: January 23, 2018

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to approve the resolutions listed on the consent agenda. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING.

Ordinance Number 01-2018: An Ordinance of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Providing for Refurbishing and Repair of Heavy Equipment and Vehicles in and for the City, Appropriating \$40,000 Therefor, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$38,000 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance the Same.

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that this ordinance will fund major repairs to public work equipment.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR REFURBISHING AND REPAIR OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES IN AND FOR THE CITY, APPROPRIATING \$40,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$38,000 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 \$40,000, including the sum of \$2,000 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.

<u>Section 2</u>. 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 \$38,000, 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.

<u>Section 3.</u> (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the bonds or notes are to be issued is the refurbishment and repair of heavy equipment and vehicles to extend useful life for additional 5+ years, 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 \$38,000 authorized herein.
- (c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes authorized herein is \$40,000.

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 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.

<u>Section 5</u>. 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 \$38,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.
- (d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$2,500 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.
- <u>Section 7.</u> 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 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. Since there were no comments or questions from the public, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance Number 01-2018. Council President Stegman made a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance Number 01-2018. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Hearing is scheduled for February 20, 2018.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING – none.

CORRESPONENCE.

NJ TRANSIT NEWS.

NJDA BEEKEEPING PROPOSAL: Email from J. David Waldman about the proposed changes to the Beekeeping Law that will be detrimental to Lambertville, Hunterdon County and the State of New Jersey.

RELAY FOR LIFE Kick Off Dinner, Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS.

Mayor DelVecchio gave the following update on projects:

PennEast Pipeline Committee will continue to meet.

LED Street Lights: Bridge Street lights are up and no one has complained. The City will meet with residents of Route 29 beginning at Bridge Street and ending at Cherry Street, and Route 165/179 beginning at Mount Hope Street and ending at North Franklin Street to discuss JCP&L's proposal to replace the vapor lights with LED lighting. A letter is being mailed out and/or hand delivered to the residents inviting them to the meeting which is scheduled for February 8th at 6:30 pm.

D&R Canal Parking: The City will engage the State in March.

COAH Law Suit: the City is with the Court Appointed Master.

Recycling: the Third Can Food Waste Program has full participation from the restaurants participating in our garbage pick-up.

Ely Field: the City Engineer is preparing a cost estimate that will be available by February 1.

Clinton Street Phase 1: will be bid in February. We are waiting on the schedule from the City Engineer.

2018 Budget: We hope to introduce the budget on or around February 8th.

Swan Creek: The City Engineer is working on the list of items requested by DEP.

Community Aggregation: The city will hold a new auction after the eprocurement of electric for the City, LMUA and the Township of West Amwell.

Clinton Street Phase 2: The City will meet with residents of Clinton Street, Phase 2 on February 15th. Letters will be hand delivered.

CRS Committee: Councilwoman Warner will have an update at the February meeting.

Videotaping Council Meetings: Employees have completed one training session. The next training is scheduled for January 30th and it is a full day training session. We hope to be up and running for the March meeting.

Fence at Public Works: the fence at public works will be completed by April 15.

Summer Projects: Summer Camp and the North Union Street Park.

NEW BUSINESS.

Board Appointments.

Mayor DelVecchio nominated Amy Connelly to fill an unexpired term on the Lambertville Free Public Library Board, ending 12/31/2020 and Liz Magill Peer to the Environmental Commission to fill an unexpired term ending 12/31/2019. Councilwoman Warner made a motion to confirm the Mayor's nomination. Councilwoman Asaro 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 & CAT LICENSES are due by February 29, 2018 to avoid the \$25 late fee.

LANDLORD REGISTRATIONS are due by April 1, 2018 to avoid the \$50 late fee.

PARKING PERMITS for metered parking expired on December 31, 2017. The fee is \$45 and you must bring your driver's license and registration for the application.

JUSTICE CENTER PARKING: Currently space numbers 16 and 22 are available for lease at the Justice Center. The fee is \$55 per month. Call Shelley at 609-397-0110 for additional information.

SPECIAL JOINT SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE LAMBERTVILLE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS is scheduled for February 7, 2018 at 6 pm at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center located at 25 South Union Street in the City.

FEBRUARY OFFICE CLOSURES: All City Offices will be closed on the following dates in February: February 12, 2018 – Lincoln's Birthday, and February 19, 2018 for Washington's Birthday. The Third Can Recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, February 13 and February 20.

PUBLICPARTICIPATION/PETITION OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Mayor DelVecchio made a motion to adjourn. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken to adjourn by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk

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The January 23, 2018 regularly scheduled session minutes of the Governing Body were approved at the February 20, 2018 session.