

**City of Lambertville
Human Rights Council
7 PM Monday March 11th, 2019
Phillip J. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville, NJ
MINUTES**

WELCOME – John Woods, Chairperson. John Woods informed that we have complied with all public notice requirements.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - John Woods led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: John Woods – Chairperson, Lt. Bob Brown – Lambertville Police Force Liaison Representative, Roni Todd-Marino – Mayor’s Representative, Bambi Kuhl – Director of Public Assistance (by phone), Mary Jane Legere – Library Alternate, Leslie Darling – Resident/PTA President, Beth Caruso - Resident.

Absent: Beth Asaro – City Council President, Emily Carone – Library Representative Meagan Warner – South Hunterdon Regional School Board Member, Cindy Ege – City Clerk.

Visitors: Effie Castro – Resident, David Gardiner – Resident, Carly Isabella – LPS School Counselor, Joe Crosswick – Resident/Hibernia, Darlene LaRue – Resident/Hibernia.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of 2/11/19 meeting minutes – moved by Roni Todd-Marino, seconded by Beth Caruso, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- Carly Isabella, Lambertville Public School (LPS) Counselor, invited to speak to us by Mary Jane Legere, spoke about bullying at school and the HIB Law: Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (handout provided). The HIB program does not continue at South Hunterdon Regional High School (SHRHS). A topic on Social & Emotional Learning (handout provided) is being added and written into the curriculum. Carly is going to check to see if the LGBTQ club was still available to middle and high school students at SHRHS.
- For the upcoming Human Rights Commission Municipal Equality Index (HRC MEI) it was noted that Cindy Ege will need help in completing our survey and

they are due May 31, 2019. John Woods and Beth Caruso volunteered to assist Cindy Ege.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Joe Crosswick and Darlene LaRue, residents of the Hibernia Apartments, 25 South Main Street, Lambertville, brought their concerns regarding changes the owner is making to the building and the manner residents are being advised of these changes. There is an upcoming owner and resident building meeting scheduled for March 13th. However, Darlene did not feel that adequate notice had been given to the residents. John Woods agreed to attend the meeting.
- Effie Castro – resident, asked if the hours which the lights at the Ely Field Basketball court are on could be extended to allow adults to play basketball longer into the evening. Lt. Bob Brown advised that the playground hours apply to the basketball court, and all parks close at dusk.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:01pm with a motion made by John Woods and seconded by Beth Caruso. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED.