**City of Lambertville**
**Human Rights Council**
**7 PM Monday April 8th, 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, Mary Jane Legere – Library Alternate, Leslie Darling – Resident/PTA President, Beth Caruso – Resident, Beth Asaro – City Council President, Meagan Warner – South Hunterdon Regional School Board Member.

Absent: Cindy Ege – City Clerk, Emily Carone – Library Representative

Visitors:  Joe Crosswick – Resident/Hibernia, Darlene LaRue – Resident/Hibernia, Zach Berliner – Fisherman's Mark, Doug Graver – Resident.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

- Approval of 3/11/19 meeting minutes – moved by Roni Todd-Marino, seconded by Beth Caruso, all in favor.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

- **SENIORS**.
  - Hibernia Apartments.  Joe Crosswicks and Darlene LaRue residents in attendance.  Adult Day Care being added by building owner and would use the entire first floor.  Residents were not noticed directly about the Zoning Board meeting but found out about it and some residents attended the Zoning Board meeting in March.  Hibernia Apartment Owner requested Zoning Board meeting delayed til 4/25/19.  John Woods investigated similar HUD-contracted housing rules and found that there must be a Residential Council that meets with the Owner periodically.  The idea was proposed that the LHRC members or council might assist in creation of the Residential Board.  Meagan

Warner committed to investigate possible next steps for the residents and understanding what the residents rights are. Also, MealsOnWheels will no longer be able to use the Hibernia Apartments kitchen if the Adult Day Care is approved, they are looking for possible alternate options.

- o Possible movie event at Heritage Village – update from Bambi Kuhl – negotiating continues.
- **IMMIGRANTS – Roni-Todd Marino provided update**
  - o Roni Todd-Marino brought Doug Graver who represented Indivisible. Doug talked about expanding access to driver's licenses now to increase road safety with more trained and tested drivers on the road. This project is called "Let's Drive NJ". Doug would like to bring this issue to the Shad Fest near the LHRC table.
  - o We Are One Picnic status, June 9th, 1-5pm
    - Roni Todd-Marino & Beth Caruso are co-leads
    - Beth Asaro asking Council to allow us permission to close Cavallo Parking Lot on just Sunday June 9th
    - Looking for sponsors a total of approx. $1000
    - Tent approx $700. Might council members be willing to sponsor? Tent company can also handle the porta-potties
    - Local musicians or DJ
    - Effie Castro will arrange potluck
    - Fisherman's Mark will sell beverages
    - Beth Asaro – ask Lester Myers for addtl trash and recycling cans
- **SHAD FEST LHRC table assignments**
  - o April 27 Sat 10-12: setup Beth Caruso, 12-5 Beth Asaro
  - o April 28 Sun 10-12: setup Meagan Warner, 12-5 John Woods
- **MENTAL HEALTH – John Woods provided update**
  - o Negotiating with presenter(s) regarding dates/locations/times.
- **LGBTQ – Meagan Warner provided update**
  - o Update from Meagan Warner, partner with Indivisible
  - o For the upcoming Human Rights Commission (**HRC**) Municipal Equality Index (**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 Asaro will assist Cindy Ege.
- **STUDENTS – Mary Jane Legere provided update**
  - o Straight-Gay Alliance; looking to expand into middle school
  - o MLK Day – expand events around town
  - o Community Service Hours available at We Are One picnic

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm 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.