

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session of Mayor and Council
Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 6:30 PM
Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor DeVecchio at 6:35 P.M. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act noticing the Beacon, the Times, the Democrat, the bulletin board at City Hall, the website and assorted individuals.

ROLL CALL.

Mrs. Ege called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman and Mayor DeVecchio.

Absent: Councilwoman Asaro.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor DeVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

Mrs. Ege led the public in a Moment of Silence in honor of all those serving their Country in the Armed Forces.

Mayor DeVecchio led the public in a Moment of Silence in honor of Sargent Shriver who passed away today. Sargent Shriver visited Lambertville in the 1960's with Lady Bird Johnson.

RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

RESOLUTION

“Authorizing a Closed Session at the January 18, 2011 Lambertville City Council Meeting to Discuss Contracts, Personnel, Acquisition of Property, Possible Litigation”

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 18, 2011, in the Justice Center 25 South Union Street, Lambertville, to discuss the following matters: *Contracts, Personnel, Acquisition of Property, 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.

The resolution was adopted on a call of ayes and nays as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman, Mayor DeVecchio.

Nays: None.

Mayor DeVecchio and City Council convened in closed session at 6:36 p.m. p.m.

Mayor DeVecchio and City Council re-convened in regular session at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The following set of minutes were approved as amended with a motion made by: Council President Stegman and seconded by: Councilwoman Warner: December 20, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes, December 20, 2010 Closed Session Minutes, December 27, 2010 Special Session Minutes, December 27, 2010 Closed Session Minutes, and January 1, 2011 Reorganization Session Minutes. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

The following Administrative Reports were approved with a motion made by: Councilman Sanders and seconded by: Councilwoman Warner: Tax Collector – Bonnie Eick, Municipal Court Administrator – Barbara Halper, Construction Official – Ken Rogers, Zoning Officer/Fire Inspector – John Barczyk, Police Director – Bruce Cocuzza, Public Works Director – Paul Cronic, Acting City Clerk – Cynthia Ege and Acting Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance – Diane Sherry Buono. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST.

The bills on the bills list were approved with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilwoman Warner. An affirmative roll call vote in favor of the motion was taken by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of Council and the public that he received Lora Hambach's resignation from the Library Board and he nominated the following people to fill vacancies on boards:

- Cable Television – Richard Carmosino and Wardell Sanders.
- Recreation Commission – Loredana Cromarthy
- Halloween Parade – Mary Freedman
- Library –
 - Accept the resignation with regret from Lora Hambach.
 - Appoint Paul Hamilton to fill her unexpired term.

Council President Stegman made the motion to accept Lora Hambach's resignation from the Library Board with regret and to approve the nominations made by Mayor DelVecchio. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution Numbers 28-2011 through 38-2011 and the Proclamation for Read Across America Day were approved with one motion.

Resolution Number 28-2011: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract with Munidex, a soft ware system for the Clerk's Office for Dog and Cat Licensing at an annual fee not to exceed \$385.

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 28-2011

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract with Munidex for the Software Program for Dog Licensing in the Clerk's Office

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the contract with Munidex for Software services for the licensing of dog and cats in the City of Lambertville at a rate no to exceed \$385.00 annually.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2011

Resolution Number 29-2011: A Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Sign the Contract with Munidex, a soft ware system for Finance at an annual fee not to exceed \$3,800.

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 29-2011

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract with Munidex for the Software Program for Finance Office

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the contract with Munidex for Software services for the Finance Office in the City of Lambertville at a rate no to exceed \$3,800 annually.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2011

Resolution Number 30-2011: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract with JWS Computers for Technology Services at an annual fee not to exceed \$7,200.

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RESOLUTION 30-2011

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract with JWS Computers, Inc. for Technology Services

WHEREAS, Technology Services for Municipalities require a skilled professional who is highly trained in municipal functions, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville has solicited for quotes and received two quotes for Technology Services in 2010, and

WHEREAS, the quotes are as follows:

SRMS Network Technologies: \$11,400
JWS Computers, Inc.: \$7,200

WHEREAS, JWS Computers, Inc. is the most responsive and responsible, price and other factors considered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the contract with JWS Computers, Inc. for Technology services for the City of Lambertville at a rate no to exceed \$7,200 annually.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2011

Resolution Number 31-2011: A Resolution to Cancel Taxes for Block 1048, Lot 23.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 31-2011
A Resolution to Cancel Taxes for Block 1048, Lot 23

WHEREAS, the Veterans Act permits disabled veterans total tax relief of their primary residence property taxes; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2011, the Tax Assessor of the City of Lambertville approved the total veterans disability status for Anthony Rocco effective with the February 1st quarter, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Rocco's primary address is 142 South Main Street, Lambertville, which is Block 1048, Lot 23.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby direct the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes of Anthony Rocco of Block 1048, Lot 23.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2011

Resolution Number 32-2011: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Cleaning Contract with Advance Building Maintenance at an annual fee not to exceed \$226 per week with extra services charged at rates not to exceed the rate schedule, for 12 month basis beginning February 1, 2011 and ending January 31, 2012.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 32-2011
A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Cleaning Contract

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville completed the professional bid requirements for cleaning services and advertised the request for proposals in the November 3, 2010 edition of the Times, and sealed bids were received and publicly opened and read aloud on Friday, December 3, 2010, and at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council of December 20, 2010, all bids for cleaning services were rejected as the bid amount was in excess of the proposed budgeted amount, and

WHEREAS, the Acting City Clerk reviewed the cleaning services available under State contract and determined the hourly rate of \$90 was in excess of what the City was previously paying, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A., 40A:11-5 (Solicitation of Quotes), the cleaning contract would not exceed the bid threshold of \$17,500, but would be in excess of the 15% of the bid threshold or \$3,900, and is exempt from advertising and bidding, therefore quotes were solicited

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from Advance Building Maintenance Company of Hillsborough, All Clean of Lawrenceville, and Bed Bath & Linen from Lambertville, and

WHEREAS, Advance Building Maintenance submitted a proposal on December 29, 2010 and Bed Bath & Linen first submitted their proposal on January 5, 2011 inclusive of as needed services, then at the request of the Acting City Clerk amended and resubmitted on January 10, 2011 with the weekly amounts separated from the extra services, and

WHEREAS, Attorney Faherty reviewed both quotes and has determined that Advance Building Maintenance is the most advantageous, responsive and responsible quote, price and other factors considered.

Company	Annual Amount	As needed
Bed Bath & Linen	\$260.78 weekly rate \$13,560.56 annually	.22 steam cleaning .28 waxing vinyl
Advance Building Maintenance	\$226.00 weekly rate \$11,752 annually	\$300 per clean and wax \$75 – 400 per carpet cleaning, dependent on the site

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and Acting City Clerk to sign the contract with Advance Building Maintenance for cleaning services for 12 consecutive months beginning February 1, 2011 and ending January 31, 2012 at an amount not to exceed \$11,752 annually for regular cleanings, \$300 per clean and way of vinyl, and \$75 to 400 per carpet cleaning dependent on the site.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2011

Resolution Number 33-2011: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Contract with TelVue Care Product, utilizing Comcast Funds to Install Cameras to Televis Council Sessions.

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 33-2011

A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Contract With TelVue Corporation to Televis Council Meetings

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville received grant funds in the amount of \$32,000 from Comcast to provide equipment, installation and services which will allow the City of Lambertville to televise Council meetings, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has been actively soliciting for companies who can provide assistance to complete this tasks, and

WHEREAS, this is an extraordinary unspecified service; and

WHEREAS, TelVue Corporation has submitted a proposal for services, inclusive of equipment and installation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and Acting City Clerk to sign the contract with TelVue Corporation to televise Council Sessions for 12 consecutive months beginning February 1, 2011 and ending January 31, 2012, at an amount not to exceed \$32,000.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2011

Resolution Number 34, 2011: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Acting City Clerk to sign the Contract for Automated Photo Enforcement with Red Flex.

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 34-2011

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Acting City Clerk to sign the Contract with Red Flex Traffic Systems for the Automated Photo Enforcement System

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville completed a formal bid process for Automated Photo Enforcement Systems and all bid submissions were due to the City of Lambertville by Friday, December 10, 2010, and

WHEREAS, three companies picked up bid documents, and

WHEREAS, Red Flex Traffic Systems was the only company to submit a formal proposals, and

WHEREAS, Attorney Faherty reviewed the proposal and has deemed it to be the most advantageous, responsive and responsible, price and other factors considered and

WHEREAS, the projected amount in numbers per month, per approach of 1-2 lanes is \$4,340 with a Cost Neutrality Guarantee Assurance from Redflex for the lifetime of the contract.

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 Mayor and Acting City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract with Redflex for the Automated Photo Enforcement System.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2011

Resolution Number 35-2011: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Acting City Clerk to sign the contract with Mobile Veterinary Service and Clinic LLC for Veterinary Services to cover stray animals.

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 35-2011

“A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Mobil Veterinary Service and Clinic LLC”

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville has a need for a holding facility for stray animals, and

WHEREAS, the Dr. Chad Kendall of Mobile Veterinary Service and Clinic, LLC, located at 39 Upper Creek Road in Stockton, NJ, has submitted a contract for these services, and

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WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville has previously utilized the services of the Mobile Veterinary Services in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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 authorize the contract with Dr. Chad Kendall of Mobil Veterinary Service and Clinic LLC” for holding of all stray animals for a period of 8 days.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2011

Resolution Number 36-2011: A Resolution Authorizing the redemption of a tax lien on Block 1002, Block 20.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 36-2011
“A Resolution Authorizing a Tax Redemption on Block 1002, Lot 20”

WHEREAS, Tax Lien Certificate 10-01 on Block 1002, Lot 20 in the amount of \$1,782.23 was sold to Daniel Whitaker on June 30, 2010, and

WHEREAS, payment has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of the tax lien from the property owner,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that a check is hereby authorized to Daniel Whitaker for redemption of Tax Lien Certificate Number 10-01 in the amount of:

\$1,782.23 representing the amount of the certificate plus
\$ 402.41 interest and costs
\$2,282.22 subsequent liens paid

\$4,466.86 Total Amount Due.

Steven Stegman, Council President

David M. DelVecchio, Mayor

ADOPTED: January 18, 2011

Resolution Number 37-2011: A Resolution Authorizing the Acting CFO to issue a check to the Postmaster for the bulk rate mailing of the Garbage and Recycling Schedule at an amount not to exceed \$500.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 37-2011
A Resolution to Authorize the Acting CFO to issue the check to the Postmaster for Bulk Rate Mailing

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville annually mails the Garbage and Recycling Schedule to the residents of Lambertville, and

WHEREAS, the mailing is handled as a bulk rate mailing, which discounts rates from .44 cents per item to approximately .21 cents per item, and

WHEREAS, the mailing will be ready prior to the next session of Mayor and Council and so not to hold up the mailing and to prevent the issuance of a check for an amount in excess of the required funds, Mayor and Council are authorizing the issuance of one check to the Postmaster at an amount not to exceed \$500 for the bulk rate mailing of the Garbage and Recycling Schedule.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Acting Chief Financial Officer of the City of Lambertville to issue the check to the Postmaster for the bulk rate mailing of the Garbage and Recycling Schedule at an amount not to exceed \$500.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2011

Resolution Number 38-2011: A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO EXEMPT THE RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES FROM THE 2% CAP

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 38-2011

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO EXEMPT THE RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES FROM THE 2% CAP

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2010, Governor Christie signed into law P.L. 2010, c. 44, which reduced the cap on the property tax levy from 4% to 2% and limited the number of exemptions; and

WHEREAS, when the property tax levy was reduced, the exemption for the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes was removed; and

WHEREAS, in addition to collecting property taxes for its own operations, the municipality also serves as the collection agent for the county, school districts, fire districts and other special local entities; and

WHEREAS, the municipality must provide those entities with the full amount they deem necessary for their operations, regardless of the actual collection rate; and

WHEREAS, due to myriad factors beyond local control, the actual collection rate never equals the total local levy, especially during an economic downturn, when unemployment soars and property values plummet, causing an increase in tax appeals, which the municipality must defend and which subject the municipal budget to further losses, when successful; and

WHEREAS, to account for the shortfall and potential losses, State law requires the municipality to budget an appropriation in a line item known as the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes, which is generally determined through a formula driven calculation in which the variables change year to year; and

WHEREAS, without a levy cap exemption, municipalities will be forced to further cut their own operations, in order to meet the 2% tax levy cap to provide the county, school districts, fire districts and other special local entities the full amount they deem necessary for their operations; and

WHEREAS, those other local entities, which do not have to budget for collection rate short-falls or the impact of declining property values, have been granted levy cap exceptions to address factors beyond their control; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymen McKeon and Burzichelli has recently introduced A-3603, which excludes increases in appropriations to the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes in excess of two percent, from calculations of the municipal adjusted tax levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the (*INSERT NAME OF THE GOVERNING BODY*) of the (*INSERT NAME OF MUNICIPALITY*) hereby urge the swift passage and signing of A-3603;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that consideration also be given to providing a levy cap exception to account for the impact of tax appeals on local operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to New Jersey Governor Christopher Christie, to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, to Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, to our State Senator, to our two Representatives in the General Assembly, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Proclamation for Read Across America Day, March 2, 2011.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Lambertville stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is the key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, NEA's Read Across America, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 2, 2011, which would have been 107th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, Read Across America – NJ, is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon in the State of New Jersey calls on the citizens of Lambertville to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2011;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses NEA's Read Across America and Read Across America-NJ and recommitts our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2011

Council President Stegman made a motion to approve Resolution numbers 28-2011 through 38-2011 and the Proclamation for Read Across America Day. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote in favor of the motion was taken by all members present.
MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION.

Ordinance 02-2011: An Ordinance to Amend the Salary and Wage Ordinance for the City of Lambertville, adding hourly rates and establishing part time rates for Sub Code Officials.

City of Lambertville
ORDINANCE 02-11

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

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:

Police Director	\$50,000 - \$80,000
Senior Police Administrative Assistant	\$23,000 - \$40,000
Secretary, Part-time	\$11.00 - \$18.00 per hour
Crossing Guard	\$10.00 - \$15.00 per hour
Parking Enforcement Officer, Full Time	\$12.00 - \$20.00 per hour
Parking Enforcement Officer, Part-time	\$11.00 - \$18.00 per hour
Class I Special Police Officer	\$11.00 - \$15.00 per hour
Police Officer, Part-time	\$12.00 - \$45.00 per hour
Matron	\$12.00 - \$30.00 per hour
Court Administrator	\$26,000 - \$45,000
Deputy Court Administrator Part Time	\$11.00 - \$20.00 per hour
Municipal Court Judge	\$10,000 - \$20,000
Municipal Court Judge, DWI	\$110.00 - \$150.00 per hour
Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance	\$7,000 - \$55,000 or \$29 to 60 per hour
Tax Collector	\$25,000 - \$43,000
Tax Assessor	\$20,000 - \$35,000
Tax Assessor, Reassessment work	\$5,000 - \$10,000
City Council	\$1,000 - \$7,499
Municipal Clerk	\$50,000 - \$75,000
Administrative Assistants	\$20,000 - \$35,000
Bookkeeper	\$20,000 - \$35,000
Planning Board Administrative Officer	\$3,000 - \$7,000
Zoning Board Administrative Officer	\$3,000 - \$7,000
Zoning Officer	\$4,000 - \$8,000
Construction Code Official	\$17,000 - \$35,000
Electric Subcode Official	\$9,000 - \$15,000
Plumbing Subcode Official	\$4,000 - \$20,000
Fire Subcode Official	\$4,000 - \$13,000
Fire Prevention Official	\$10,000 - \$18,000
Sub Code Officials – Hourly Rate	\$18.00- \$40.00 per hour
Fire Prevention Secretary	\$10.00 - \$18.00 per hour
Construction Control Person	\$18,000 - \$35,000
Substitute Official/Inspector	\$18.00 - \$40.00 per hour
Custodian	\$11.00 - \$20.00 per hour
Public Works Director	\$26.00 - \$50.00 per hour
Public Works Foreman	\$16.00 - \$40.00 per hour
Solid Waste Driver	\$15.00 - \$30.00 per hour
Solid Waste Collector	\$5.15 - \$10.00 per hour
Truck Driver/Labor	\$14.00 - \$25.00 per hour
Labor	\$14.00 - \$25.00 per hour
Public Works Operator	\$15.00 - \$30.00 per hour
Librarian	\$18.00 - \$30.00 per hour

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Children's Librarian	\$14.00 – \$25.00 per hour
Library Assistant	\$7.00 - \$20.00 per hour
Public Assistance Director	\$7,000 - \$30,000
Animal Control Officer	\$4,000 - \$6,000
Historic Commission Secretary	\$250 - \$500
Hourly Rate for Part Time Work	\$11.00 - \$40.00 per hour

WHEREAS, the establishment of a hourly rate is needed for positions that may not fall into a category listed above or to compensate an employee for work completed on an Inter Local Agreement, and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council recognize there is a need from time to time to hire a qualified individual to complete a job or tasks within the City of Lambertville.

NOW THERE FORE 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 2011, hereby authorize the Salary and Wage Ordinance for 2011.

Introduced: January 18, 2011

Ordinance 02-2011 to amend the salary and wage ordinance was approved on first reading and introduction with a motion 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.**

The Public Hearing for Ordinance 02-2011 to Amend the Salary and Wage Ordinance for the City of Lambertville will be held on February 22, 2011.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

A. None.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WINTERFEST REQUEST: Parade on Saturday, January 29th, Mayor and Council are invited to participate. The Committee also requested permission to use two parking spaces from 1 – 3 pm on Saturday, January 29th for the Philadelphia Eagles Van.

COUNTY OF HUNTERDON BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS: Letter requesting support to create and host basic web sites for municipalities.

Council President Stegman made a motion to approve a Resolution supporting the County of Hunterdon Board of Chosen Freeholders creation and hosting of basic web sites for municipalities. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RICHARD F. GREEN, PHD.: Letter regarding the Flood Mitigation Ordinances.

FRIENDS OF LAMBERTVILLE LIBRARY (FOL) would like to request permission from the City of Lambertville to place a video projector in the City park on the corner of Bridge and Main St. to project short films and artwork by local artists on the Wachovia Bank building, as part of

our ARTIST VISIONS FILM FESTIVAL 2011 first Friday and second Saturday of each month, June-August, 2011, from sundown – 11:30 pm.

Mayor and Council had questions regarding the request of the Friends of the Lambertville Library. The Acting City Clerk was directed to obtain the answers to the following questions:

1. What is the significance to the end time of 11:30 p.m. A 10:30 p.m. end time was preferred.
2. Approval letter is required from Wachovia/Wells Fargo Bank.
3. Comments from the Police Director.
4. Where will the film be shown on the Wachovia/Wells Fargo Building?
5. Noting the Fire Works may be an issue on Friday evenings.

NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES AND NJEA: Annual Read Across America Day is March 2, 2011. All public officials are encouraged to volunteer to read to a class.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF HEALTH: Annual accomplishments and request for membership.

RON WOOTTERS, 190 South Main Street: Letter requesting law enforcement to investigate and arrest people who violate Federal Immigration Laws.

HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD: Open Space Trust Program, allotting \$23,456.93 to Lambertville as the 10% Municipal Allocation.

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP: Notice of Ordinance 02-2011, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 109 of the Code of the Township of West Amwell to provide Regulations Regarding Renewable Energy Facilities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Update on various construction improvement projects.

Bike and Ped Grants: sidewalk issues remain at the corner of Coryell and N. Union Street.

City Hall: Punch list items remain.

LMUA Construction Update: no report for January. The Mayor asked if there would be a ribbon cutting. The Acting City Clerk will call the LMUA to find out.

Construction:

South Franklin Traffic Calming: the planters were ordered.

North Union Street: tree issues remain.

The following projects are on hold until spring: Delevan Street, McCready's Alley and Perry Street. We will be advertising Perry Street the last week of January and project a March award date.

South Franklin & Weeden Streets Drainage – no update.

Update on projects for flood relief.

Swan Creek: application approval is in Phase II.

Ely Creek: The City received partial funding from a FEMA grant. The Ordinance to fund the project will be adopted later in January.

Miscellaneous – none.

Update on various non-construction projects.

Shared Services: no update on the following projects: Frenchtown Interlocal Agreement, West Amwell, Tax Assessor, Recycling, East Amwell – Construction.

Other – none.

South County Renewable Energy Coop: The Mayor informed the members of Council and the public that contract for the PPA RFP is in process. The City applied for an EECBG grant which will include the Lambertville Public School and maximize the amount of funds (\$75,000) devoted to the City of Lambertville and the Lambertville Public School for the energy audit and energy efficiency. The Mayor, Lambertville Board of Education President Steve Wolock, Brad Campbell of Swan Creek Energy and the Acting City Clerk met with the Board of Public Utilities to discuss ways to make the most of the funds the City and the School were receiving through the PPA and the grant application.

RFP for Film Series will be out later this month.

Work Group on SHRHS: Councilman Sanders informed the public that the meeting scheduled for January was cancelled as it conflicted with the Council meeting date. The special needs audit was presented to the public on December 7th of 2010, and the written report is expected to be released at the end of January.

The Five-Year Plan was distributed in draft form. The Lambertville residents on the Work Group raised some concerns with the draft Plan. The SHRHS Board of Education is reviewing and is expected to distributed a revised draft in early February.

Committee on Snow Removal – nothing to report.

Committee on Garbage and Recycling – nothing to report.

b. CARRIED FROM THE NOVEMBER 15, 2010 AGENDA:

LAMBERTS HILL: request to reduce the speed limit from 35 to 25 by the walkway to Lamberts Hill at the intersection of Cherry Street and Route 29.

Mayor DelVecchio informed Members of Council and the public that Paul has been out plowing snow all night and the Police Director is ill. After some discussion regarding the request from Lamberts Hill, Mayor and Council decided to send a letter to the New Jersey Department of Transportation asking them to review the quarter of a mile stretch on Route 29/North Main Street by Cherry Street to reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour at a gradual rate, and to place pedestrian crossing signs on Route 29/North Main Street by the stairs leading to Lamberts Hill. Council President Stegman made a motion to send the letter with the request to reduce the speed limit and place pedestrian crossing signs on Route 29/North Main and Cherry Streets. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

SCOTT CONSOLI DRIVEWAY APPLICATION

Block 1046, Lot 8, 44 South Main Street – Continued to January 18, 2011 Meeting.
On Hold at the requests of Mr. Consoli.

NEW BUSINESS.

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

2010 GARBAGE AND RECYCLING FEES are over due. A \$10 late fee will be assessed on all late payments.

2011 DOG AND CAT LICENSES are available at City Hall. The fee is \$10 for all spayed animals and \$15 for those who are not neutered. There is a \$2 late fee after March 1.

2011 LANDLORD REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS are due by March 1.

THE 2011 GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE is available to download on the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org.

THE *PROPOSED* ANNUAL SPARKLE WEEK EVENT is scheduled for May.

*Tuesday or Wednesday pick up - Sparkle Week will be the week of May 9th.

*Thursday or Friday pick up - Sparkle Week will be the week of May 16th.

Mr. Charles Kaufmann, a member of the Environmental Commission and resident of Lamberts Hill informed Mayor and Council that the Environmental Commission is organizing a recycling program for clothing, electronics, and furniture. They hope to recycling electronics and to prevent them from ending up in a “grave yard for computers.”

THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 01-2011: An Ordinance to Purchase Block 1004, Lot 1.01, the lot at the corner of North Union and Cherry Street, is scheduled for February 22, 2011 at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS: The annual school board election for 2011 will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PETITIONS OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Council President Stegman asked Attorney Faherty to check into the property located on Weeden Street which received approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He wanted to know what happens to projects when they are incomplete, what recourse the City has to ensure they are completed to the specifications outlined in the approval granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and who is responsible for finishing the project or restoring the project to its original condition. Is there a performance bond? The work on the project stopped before the real estate crashed. Attorney Faherty will look into the issue.

Mr. Charles Kaufmann of Lamberts Hill asked when SHREC will start. Mayor DelVecchio responded in the spring. Mr. Kaufmann wanted to know when South will see it in their budget. Councilwoman Warner responded not until the 2012/2013 budget year. Mr. Kaufmann wanted to know if the Power Purchase Agreement is being negotiated. Mayor DelVecchio stated the PPA was awarded to Swan Creek Energy.

Curt Yeske, a reporter for the Times, asked about the Resolution to Authorize the Mayor and Acting City Clerk to sign the contract with TelVue. Mayor DeVecchio stated this was an extraordinary unspecified service which would provide equipment and services which would allow all public meetings held at the Justice Center to be televised through Comcast. It would also provide a Community Bulletin Board and other medial activities. Mr. Kaufmann asked if it would be interactive. Mayor DeVecchio stated it would not. Councilman Sanders asked who would be filming and Mayor DeVecchio said it would be completed by volunteers, school students, people with experience.

There being no further questions from the public, Mayor DeVecchio asked for a motion to authorize an Appraiser for the McCann property to assist with current value and negotiating price.

Council President Stegman made a motion to authorize the appraisals necessary on the McCann Property. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilman Sanders. An affirmative voice vote was taken by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.