

City of Lambertville
SPECIAL SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, 7 P.M., MAY 9, 2011
JUSTICE CENTER, 25 SOUTH UNION STREET, LAMBERTVILLE
MINUTES

The Meeting was Called to order by Mayor DelVecchio at 7 p.m. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, notice was sent to the Beacon, the Times and the Democrat on Friday, May 6, 2011, posted on the City's bulletin board and website, and sent to assorted individuals through the list serve of the website. The annual meeting notice was published in the January 13, 2011 edition of the Beacon.

ROLL CALL.

Present: Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders (phone), Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: Councilwoman Warner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mrs. Ege led the public in a Moment of Silence in recognition of the Lambertville citizens and all others serves with the United States Armed Services.

ORDINANCES – second reading and final approval.

ORDINANCE 07-2011: Public Hearing will be held on May 16,2011.

ORDINANCE 10-2011: An Ordinance to Establish A CAP Bank for 2011.

Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on Ordinance 10-2011 to establish a CAP Bank ordinance. The City's Accountant, Warren Korecky of Suplee Clooney was present to explain what a CAP Bank Ordinance is. He commented that a CAP Bank is banking the spending cap which differs from the Levy Cap. The City was under the cap which the difference between 2% and 3.5% or \$31,456.98. If the City does not use all of the funds permitted, they can bank the balance for use in the subsequent 2 year period of time.

City of Lambertville
Ordinance 10-2011
2011 CAP Bank Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et.seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 2.0% or the cost of living adjustment of 3.5% over the previous years final appropriations; and

WHEREAS, a municipality may, by ordinance, bank the difference between its final budget appropriations and the 3.5% cost of living adjustment when the said difference is not appropriated as part of the final budget; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby determines that this difference is in the amount of \$31,456.98 that is not appropriated as

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part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote include thereon; be filed with the said Director within five days after such adoption.

INTRODUCED: April 4, 2011

PUBLIC HEARING: May 9, 2011

Mayor DelVecchio asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There being no comments from the public, he asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 10-2011 to establish a CAP Bank. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion on second reading and final approval of Ordinance 10-2011.

Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt on second reading and final approval, Ordinance 10-2011. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2011 BUDGET.

Mayor DelVecchio opened the hearing on the 2011 budget. He said the budget represents a \$230 tax increase on the average priced home in the City of Lambertville, but the garbage and recycling fee will disappear. The budget includes \$10,000 in election fees, which is an estimate; clean up, pays off more debt than we have in the past, funds \$762,000 in benefits. The court has 1.5 people on the payroll, public works has 5 employees, the clerk's office has 2 employees, and there are 9 police officers.

Warren Korecky of Suplee Clooney, the Registered Accountant for the City of Lambertville commented that the referendum will provide permanent relief to the City. This means in subsequent years, there will be a \$9,000 increase in the levy CAP.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing on the budget. Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present and on the phone. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS.

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RESOLUTION 81-2011: A Resolution to Amend the 2011 Budget, to include health benefits waivers, which will lower the amount appropriated for health benefits.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public that this resolution amends the budget by appropriating \$27,000 of health benefits for the health benefits waivers, which is a new requirement of the budget process.

This amendment will reduce the Group Insurance Plan for Employees Line Item from \$371,000 to \$344,000 and adding a new line item titled Group Insurance Plan – Health Benefit Waiver in the amount of \$27,000.

A copy of the resolution adopted is attached to the minutes and will be forwarded to the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the amendments to the 2011 budget. Council President Stegman made a motion to approve the amendments to the 2011 budget. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote in favor of the motion was taken by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 82-2011: A Resolution on final adoption of the 2011 Budget.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion on final adoption and approval of the 2011 Budget.

City of Lambertville
Resolution 82-2011
A Resolution to Adopt the Budget

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville introduced the 2011 budget on Monday, April 4, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Municipal Budget was advertised in the April 14, 2011 edition of the Beacon giving the date of the Public Hearing as Monday, May 9, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the referendum to exceed the 2% CAP was ratified by the voters at the April 27, 2011 election, and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Budget was reviewed by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and

WHEREAS, John DeCristofano, of the Division of Local Government Services confirmed the City was able to proceed with the public hearing and adoption of the 2011 Budget.

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 2011 budget is hereby adopted, noting the following:

- introduced on April 4, 2011,
- advertised in the April 14, 2011 issue of the Beacon,
- was the subject of a referendum to exceed the levy cap on April 27, 2011,
- a copy of the budget was given to the Free and Public Library of the City of Lambertville on Monday, May 2, 2011, and
- public hearing was held on May 9, 2011, after which it was finally adopted.

ADOPTED: May 9, 2011

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I, Cynthia L. Ege, CMR and Acting City Clerk certify this to be a true copy of the resolution adopted by Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville at the special session held on Monday, May 9, 2011 at the Justice Center located at 25 South Union Street in the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon in the State of New Jersey.

Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, Acting City Clerk

Copy: Director, Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey
Hunterdon County Board of Taxation

Council President Stegman made a motion to approve on final reading the 2011 budget. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote in favor of the motion was taken by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE JUSTICE CENTER: The Justice Center has spaces 20 and 27 available for leasing. The fee is \$45 per space per month. Please contact Shelley at City Hall for additional information. She can be reached at 609-397-0110.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Delvecchio led the public in a moment of silence for Elaine Warner's mother who is in the hospital.

Council President Stegman asked for a moment of silence in honor of Wendy Cox's Grandmother who recently passed away. She was 101 and served the community of Annandale.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

NONE.

Councilman Sanders signed off at 7:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilwoman Warner. An affirmative roll call voice vote in favor of the motion was taken by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Ege

Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, Acting City Clerk

Approved at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council held on Monday, May 16, 2011.