

City of Lambertville
Reorganization Meeting
Sunday, January 1, 2012, 11:00 a.m.
Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville
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The meeting was called to order by Mayor DelVecchio at 11:10 a.m. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, stating that the following newspapers were noticed on Thursday, December 29, 2011, the agenda was posted to the bulletin board at City Hall, to the website at www.lambertvillenj.org, and notice was sent to assorted individuals on the list serve, department heads, the City Attorney and City Engineer.

ROLL CALL.

Mrs. Ege called the roll as follows:

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

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 80262, represented by Cathie Giambalvo – Troop Leader, Lauren Duggan - Junior Girl Scout, Grace Giambalvo - Junior Girl Scout, and Boy Scout Troop 49, represented by: Robert Tomenchok, Drew Mumich, Michael Gambino, Casey Carter, Jess Cally, Matt Cally, Troop Leaders: Jim Cally, Kevin Brady, Doug Carter, and Kent Carpenter together led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION.

Reverend Judith Gehrig, of the Centenary United Methodist Church, North Union Street gave the Invocation.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

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

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION.

Mrs. Ege read the certification of the election as follows:

The following is the statement of the election held November 8, 2011 of the determination of the Board of County Canvassers, certified by Stewart P. Palilonis, Chairman of the Board and Mary Melfi, County Clerk on the election of municipal officers and the decisions of the public questions:

Elizabeth “Beth” Asaro was duly elected Member of the City Council for the term ending 12-31-2014.

Elaine Warner was duly elected Member of the City Council for the term ending 12-31-2014.

OATH OF OFFICE.

ELIZABETH “BETH” ASARO

To Fill One Three Year Term Administered to: Elizabeth (Beth) Asaro with daughter Kate Asaro and partner Joanne Schailey holding the Bible.

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ELAINE WARNER

To Fill One Three Year Term Administered to: Elaine Warner, with husband, Robert Warner holding the Bible.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Mayor DelVecchio opened the nominations for the position of Council President.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to elect Councilman Steven M. Stegman as Council President. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for other nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a roll call. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Steven M. Stegman was sworn into office as Council President by City Attorney Phil Faherty with City Clerk Cindy Ege holding the Bible.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion on Resolution Number, 01-2012, the temporary budget, 02-2012 Designating the Newspapers, 03-2012 Designating the 2012 Meeting Schedule, and 04-2011 Designating the Annual Fee for Meeting Notices.

Resolution Number 01-2012: "2012 Temporary Budget"

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2012 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2011 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$3,839,731.61, and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2011 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$1,007,929.55

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Acting Chief Financial Officer for her records:

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS – 2012

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Municipal Clerk:	Salaries and Wages	\$23,625.00
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	Other Expenses	9450.00
Financial Administration:	Salaries and Wages	17,981.25
	Other Expenses	2821.88
Tax Assessor:	Salaries and Wages	7,563.41
	Other Expenses	1968.75
Maintenance of Tax Map:	Other Expenses	157.50
Tax Collector:	Salaries and Wages	9,860.03
	Other Expenses	2,756.25
Liquidation of Tax Title Liens		131.25
City Attorney:	Other Expenses	5,906.25
Municipal Prosecutor:	Other Expenses	10,500.00
Auditor:	Other Expenses	9,712.50
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY:		
Police:	Salaries and Wages	253,312.50
	Other Expenses	15,750.00
Dog Regulation:	Salaries and Wages	1,275.49
Emergency Management Services:	Other Expenses	26.25
Inspection and Code Enforcement:	Other Expenses	2,572.50
Municipal Court:	Salaries and Wages	16,397.06
	Other Expenses	2,625.00
PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:		
Public Works:	Salaries and Wages	45,530.94
	Other Expenses	8,741.25

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Solid Waste Collection:	Salaries and Wages	21,665.28
	Other Expenses	40,687.50
Street Lighting:	Other Expenses	9,187.50
Parks and Playgrounds:	Other Expenses	131.25
Buildings and Grounds:	Other Expenses	4,068.75
Snow Removal	Salaries and Wages	2,625.00
Celebration of Public Events	Other Expenses	105.00
Contribution to Senior Citizens	Other Expenses	131.25
HEALTH AND WELFARE:		
Planning Board:	Salaries and Wages	1,713.34
	Other Expenses	328.13
Zoning Board of Adjustment:	Salaries and Wages	2,392.69
	Other Expenses	105.00
Historic Preservation	Salaries and Wages	131.25
	Other Expenses	13.13
Uniform Fire Safety Act:	Salaries and Wages	3,087.26
	Other Expenses	131.26
State UCC Construction Official:	Salaries and Wages	25,068.75
	Other Expenses	525.00
UTILITIES:		
Electricity:	Other Expenses	8,400.00
Telephone:	Other Expenses	4,462.50
Water:	Other Expenses	551.25
Fuel Oil:	Other Expenses	1,575.00

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Sewerage:	Other Expenses	393.75
Gasoline:	Other Expenses	8,686.63
Diesel Fuel:	Other Expenses	5,591.25
Natural Gas:	Other Expenses	1,968.75
Accumulated Leave Compensation	Salaries and Wages	6,537.83
Group Insurance For Employees:		97,387.50
All Other Insurance Premiums:		29,124.11
Worker's Compensation:		15,201.90
STATUTORY EXPENSES:		
Social Security Systems:		33,337.50
Contribution to Public Retirement System:		34,564.69
Contribution to Police and Firemen's Retirement System of NJ:		34,803.83
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan:		105.00
OUTSIDE CAP EXPENSES:		
Maintenance of Free Public Library		67,790.90
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND		15,000.00
DEBT SERVICE		241,908.13
ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	Salaries and Wages	3,597.04
	Other Expenses	105.00
TOTAL		\$1,169,864.91

Resolution Number 02-2012: "Designating Official Newspapers"

**City of Lambertville
 RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-2012
 "DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS"**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:53-1 et seq. that "*The Beacon*" be designated as the Official Newspaper; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that official notices may also be published in the daily newspaper "*The Trenton Times*", or "*Hunterdon Democrat*" to meet time requirements.

Resolution Number 03-2012: "Designating 2012 City Council Meeting Schedule"

Time: 6:30 pm for Closed Session, unless otherwise specified on the agenda.

Time: 7:00 pm Open to the Public.

Tuesday, January 17, 2012	Monday, August 20, 2012
Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Monday, September 17, 2012
Monday, March 19, 2012	Monday, October 15, 2012
Monday, April 16, 2012	Monday, November 19, 2012
Monday, May 21, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012
Monday, June 18, 2012	Thursday, December 27, 2012
Monday, July 16, 2012	

Resolution Number 04-2012: "Designating Annual Fee for Meeting Notices."

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 04-2012
"DESIGNATING ANNUAL FEE FOR MEETING NOTICES"

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4 6 et seq., that the fee for mailing a copy of all meeting notices and agendas shall be \$.05 per page plus actual cost of the postage, estimated at \$.64 per month, per board, and at no fee for faxing or emailing of agendas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this does not apply to the representatives of "The Beacon", "Hunterdon County Democrat", "The Trenton Times" or other City Officials and Boards members.

Councilwoman Warner made a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 01-2012, 02-2012, 03-2012 and 04-2012. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution Number 05-2012: "Appointing Richard Carmosino as the Tax Assessor and Authorizing Tax Assessor to File Corrective Appeals."

Mayor DelVecchio read Resolution Number 05-2012 into the record. He asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-2012
"RE-APPOINTING RICHARD CARMOSINO AS THE TAX ASSESSOR AND AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE CORRECTIVE APPEALS"

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council hereby re-appoint Richard Carmosino as the Tax Assessor for the City of Lambertville, and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, have been informed by the Tax Assessor that from time to time errors are made in computing the tax assessment covering certain property located within the City of Lambertville; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has requested that the Mayor and Council authorize him to file corrections of such errors with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor is called upon to defend tax appeals filed with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation and to agree to stipulations of appeals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor of the City of Lambertville be and is hereby authorized to file corrective appeals with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors have been made, to represent the City of Lambertville in defense of appeals filed with said Board and to sign stipulations of appeals on behalf of the City of Lambertville which he feels are proper and in the best interests of the City of Lambertville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor sends copies of such corrected assessments to the individuals involved.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution 05-2012, re-appointing Richard Carmosino as the Tax Assessor and authorizing the Tax Assessor to file corrective appeals. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Number 06-2012: *“Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Attorneys.”*

Mayor DelVecchio read the following appointments into the record: City Attorney: Philip J. Faherty, III, \$140 per hour, Municipal Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor: Philip J. Faherty, III and Sean Faherty, at an hourly rate of \$140 per hour, not to exceed \$40,000 annually, Public Defender: Stanley Troy, not to exceed \$5,000 Annually, Labor Attorney: John Lanza, \$175 per hour, Bond Attorney: Thomas Hastie of Capehart Scatchard, \$205 hourly, \$450 per single bond, \$600 per multipurpose bond, Planning & Zoning Board Attorney: William Shurts of Felter Cain & Shurts, \$150 per hour, Planning & Zoning Board Alternate Attorney: Stewart Palilonis, \$150 per hour, Redevelopment Attorney: Windells Marx Lane & Mittendorf, \$365 per hour. He asked for a motion on Resolution 06-2011.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-2012
“Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Attorney”

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Attorneys to serve as City Attorney, Municipal Prosecutor, and Public Defender for the Municipal Court, to handle labor related matters, to handle bonds and other financial matters and to advise the City in land use issues; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids and the contracts themselves must be available for public inspection; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process bids were received on December 8, 2011 for City Attorney, Municipal Prosecutor, Labor Attorney, and Bond Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposals and documents have been reviewed and the bidders have been found to be the most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2012 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2012 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individuals for the year 2012, unless otherwise noted.
 - a. City Attorney: Philip J. Faherty III to serve as City Attorney at an hourly rate not to exceed \$140 per hour.
 - b. Municipal Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor: Philip J. Faherty III & Sean Faherty of Hunt and Faherty, Attorneys to serve as Municipal Court Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor at an hourly rate of \$140, not to exceed \$40,000 annually.
 - c. Public Defender: Stanley Troy, an Attorney to serve as Public Defender for the Municipal Court at an annual rate not to exceed \$5,000
 - d. Labor Attorney: John Lanza of Thatcher and Lanza, an attorney to serve as Labor Consultant at a rate not to exceed an hourly rate not to exceed \$175.
 - e. Bond Attorney: Thomas Hastie of Capehart Scatchard, a Bond Attorney to serve as Bond Counsel at an hourly rate not to exceed \$205, a rate not to exceed \$450 per single purpose ordinance and \$600 for each multipurpose ordinance, \$4,000 per bond sale plus \$1 per thousand dollars of bonds issued, and \$.75 per thousands of dollars of notes for temporary finances with a minimum requirement of \$1,000.
 - f. Planning Board Attorney: William Shurts of Felter Cain and Shurts, an attorney to represent the City of Lambertville in all matters related to land use and the Planning Board at a rate not to exceed an hourly rate not to exceed \$150.
 - g. Zoning Board Attorney: William Shurts of Felter Cain and Shurts, an attorney to represent the City of Lambertville in all matters related to the Zoning Board of Adjustment at a rate not to exceed an hourly rate not to exceed \$150.
 - h. Planning Board and Zoning Board Alternate Attorney: Stewart Palilonis, an attorney to represent the City of Lambertville in all matters related to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment as an alternate at a rate not to exceed an hourly rate not to exceed \$150.
 - i. Redevelopment Attorney: Windells Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, an attorney to represent the City of Lambertville in all matters related to redevelopment at an hourly rate not to exceed \$365 per hour.
2. These contracts are being awarded as described above without competitive bidding as a Professional Services” as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law since the above mentioned individuals are members in good standing of their respective profession.
3. Notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 12, 2012 issue of The Beacon.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to approve Resolution Number 06-2012. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution Number 07-2012: "Authorizing Professional Service Contract for Municipal Auditor"

Mayor DelVecchio read the following appointments into the record: Robert Cagnassola of Suplee, Clooney & Co., \$37,200 for annual audit, \$150 to 175 per hour for additional services and \$400 for supplemental debt statement preparation. He asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 07-2012.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-2012
"Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for Municipal Auditor"

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Registered Municipal Accountant to serve as City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process one bid was received on December 8, 2011 for Municipal Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposal and documents have been reviewed and the bidder has been found to be the most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contracts themselves must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2012 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2012 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individual for the year 2012:

Robert Cagnassola of Suplee, Clooney and Company, a Registered Municipal Accountant, for the year 2012. The contract shall read as follows:

Not to exceed \$37,200 for the 2011 Statutory Audit

Additional Services provided at an hourly rate of \$150 to 175 per hour

*\$400 for the preparation of Supplemental Debt Statements, there shall be no fee for phone consultations.

*Shall be provided on an as needed basis.

2. The contract is being awarded as described above without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law since the above mentioned individual is a member in good standing of his respective profession.
3. Notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 12, 2012 issue of The Beacon.

Councilwoman Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 07-2012. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution Number 08-2012: “Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Engineers”

Mayor DelVecchio read the following appointments into the record: City Engineer: Christine Ballard of T and M Associates at a hourly rate: \$151 for Engineers, \$200 for surveying crews, Planning Board Engineer: Robert Clerico of Van Cleef Engineering at an hourly rate of: \$150, Zoning Board Engineer: Richard Arango at an hourly rate of \$152, and Special Engineer: John Miller at an hourly rate of \$161. He asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-2012

“Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Engineer and Special Projects Engineer”

WHEREAS there exists a need for Professional Engineers to serve as City Engineer and to advise on special projects; and

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids and the contracts themselves must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process bids were received on December 8, 2011 for City Engineer and Special Project Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposals and documents have been reviewed and the bidders have been found to be the most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS sufficient funds are available in the 2012 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2012 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individual for the year 2012.
 - a. Christine Ballard, T&M Associates, to serve as City Engineer at an hourly rate not to exceed:
 - i. \$151 per hour, depending upon the engineer,
 - ii. \$200 for surveying crews
 - iii. All projects shall not to exceed 20% in aggregate of the total soft cost.
 - b. Robert Clerico of Van Cleef Engineering, to serve as Planning Board Engineer at an hourly rate not to exceed \$150 per hour,
 - c. Richard Arango, Remington & Vernick, to serve as Zoning Board of Adjustment Engineer at an hourly rate not to exceed \$152.
 - d. Princeton Hydro, to serve as Special Engineer, at an hourly rate not to exceed \$161 per hour, and not to exceed 20% in aggregate in total soft cost for each project.

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2. These contracts are being awarded as described above without competitive bidding as a “Professional Services” as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law since the above mentioned individuals are members in good standing of their respective profession.
3. Notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 12, 2012 issue of The Beacon.

Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 08-2012. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution Number 09-2012: “Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Planners”

Mayor DelVecchio read the following appointments into the record: Grant Consultant: Edward Geubtner of Mullin and Lonergan at an annual rate of \$4,800, City Planner and Planning Board Planner: Linda Weber of Browne & Keener, aka the RBA Group at a rate of \$125 per hour. He commented that this was the last year for Linda Weber’s firm.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-2012
“Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Planners”

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Planner to advise on special projects; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Grants Consultant to handle the Community Development Program and explore new sources of revenue; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids and the contracts themselves must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process bids were received on December 8, 2011 for City Planner; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposals and documents have been reviewed and the bidders have been found to be the most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2012 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2012 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individual for the year 2012:
 - a. Edward Geubtner of Mullin and Lonergan, as grant consultant at annual salary not to exceed \$4,800.

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- b. Linda Weber of Browne & Keener, aka RBA Group as city planner at a rate not to exceed \$125 per hour.
 - c. Linda Weber of Browne & Keener, aka the RBA Group, as planner for the Planning Board at a rate not to exceed \$125 per hour.
2. This contract is being awarded as described above without competitive bidding as a “Professional Services” as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law since the above mentioned individual is a member in good standing of their respective profession.
 3. Notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 12, 2012 issue of The Beacon.

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to adopt Resolution 09-2011. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution Number 10-2012: “Authorizing Professional Service Contract for City Architect”

Mayor DelVecchio read the following appointment into the record: Michael Burns at a rate not to exceed \$170 per hour. He asked for a motion to adopt resolution 10-2012.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-2012
“Authorizing Professional Service Contract for City Architect”

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an Architect to advise on special projects; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids and the contracts themselves must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process bids were received on December 8, 2011 for City Architect; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposal and documents have been reviewed and the bidder has been found to be the most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2012 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2012 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individual for the year 2012:
 - a. Michael Burns, a Licensed Architect at rate not to exceed an hourly rate not to exceed \$170.
2. This contract is being awarded as described above without competitive bidding as a “Professional Services” as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law since the above mentioned individual is a member in good standing of their respective profession.

3. Notice of this action shall be printed in the January 12, 2012 issue of The Beacon.

Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt Resolution 10-2011. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record: 11-2012, 12-2012, 13-2012 and 14-2012 and asked for a motion to adopt:

Resolution Number 11-2012: *“Designating the Chief Financial Officer as Custodian of Funds and Naming Official Depositories”*

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion on Designating the CFO as the Custodian of Funds and Naming the Official Depositories.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-2012
*“Designating the Chief Financial Officer as Custodian of Funds
and Naming Official Depositories”*

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 provides that the governing body of a municipal corporation shall by a Resolution adopted by majority of the full membership thereof, adopt a Cash Management Plan, including the designation of depositories having their places of business in this State and organized under the laws of the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be designated as Custodian of all funds of this municipality and the same is directed to deposit such funds in one or more of the following financial institutions:

The Bank of Princeton
Hopewell Valley Community Bank
PNC Bank
Wachovia Bank NA
Bank of America

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to the deposit of any municipal funds in the above mentioned depositories, said bank shall file with the Chief Financial Officer a statement indicating that the bank is a public depository as defined by the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (N.J.S.A. 17:9-41); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that deposits may be made to such depositories as permitted in N.J.S.A. 17:9-44; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that deposit of funds pursuant to this Plan shall be made to assure to the extent practicable the investment of such funds in interest bearing accounts.

Resolution Number 12-2012: *“Resolution to appoint Susan Bacorn and Diane Sherry Buono as Certifying Officers for PERS/PFRS.”*

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion on Resolution 12-2012.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2012

“Appointing Diane Sherry Buono and Susan Bacorn as Certifying Officer for PERS/PFRS”

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2009 the governing body appointed Diane Sherry Buono as Director of Finance and Acting Chief Financial Officer;

WHEREAS, there is a requirement from the State of New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits to designate a Certifying Officer for PERS/PFRS.

WHEREAS, Susan Bacorn is hereby appointed as the assistant for the purposes of completing the paperwork required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville that Diane Sherry Buono and Susan Bacorn are hereby appointed as the Certifying Officer for PERS/PFRS with a term expiration of December 31, 2012.

Resolution Number 13-2012: “Authorizing Signatures on City Bank Accounts”

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion on Resolution 13-2012.

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2012 the governing body of the City of Lambertville met to hold the annual reorganization; and

WHEREAS, they designated the following employees as signers on City Bank Accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that through 2012 checks drawn or withdrawals from these accounts be signed as follows:

City Clerk’s Account and Petty Cash Account:
Cynthia Ege, City Clerk, or Diane Sherry Buono, CFO and Director of Finance

Tax Collector’s Account:
Bonnie J. Eick, Tax Collector, or Cynthia Ege, City Clerk

Municipal Court General Account and Bail Account:
Ronald Pittore, Judge, Barbara Halper, Municipal Court Administrator

Construction Official Account:
Kenneth Rogers, Construction Code Official, or Cynthia Ege, City Clerk

Bureau of Fire Safety Account:
John Barczyk, Fire Prevention Official, or Cynthia Ege, City Clerk

PATF II Account:
Helen T. Kuhl, Director of Public Assistance, or Cynthia Ege, City Clerk

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the accounts listed below by signed by three of the following officials, requiring a minimum of one elected official's signature:

David M. DelVecchio, Mayor
Steven M. Stegman, Council President
Cynthia Ege, City Clerk
Diane Sherry Buono, Chief Financial Officer & Director of Finance

Chief Financial Officer's Current Fund
Trust Other Fund
General Capital Fund
Animal Control Fund
Rehab Loan Repayment Account
Lilly Mansion Account
Brewery Loan Repayment Account
Urban Development Action Grant Account
Regional Contribution Agreement Accounts with the following:
 Township of Delaware
 Township of Franklin
SUI Reserve Fund
COAH Residual Interest Account
Miscellaneous Escrow Account

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Payroll Account be signed by two of the following officials:

David M. DelVecchio, Mayor
Steven M. Stegman, Council President
Cynthia Ege, City Clerk
Diane Sherry Buono, Chief Financial Officer & Director of Finance

Resolution Number 14-2012: *“Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance to Issue Certain Checks and to Remit Certain Payroll Fund Deductions by Electronic Transfer”*

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-2012

“Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Issue Certain Checks and to Remit Certain Payroll Fund Deductions by Electronic Fund Transfer”

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, have adopted ordinances establishing procedures for the payment of claims and payroll; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for certain remittances to be paid to the State of New Jersey for pension, State income tax deductions and fees from the issuance of dog licenses, marriage licenses and construction permits; to the appropriate agencies for Federal Income Tax deductions, Social Security deductions, Workforce Development and Healthcare Subsidy deductions, Wage Executions ordered by the Court, to recognized bargaining units for dues paid as a payroll deduction, dental benefits to the appropriate entity, for other voluntary payroll deductions and to the Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority for sale of tax liens; and

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WHEREAS, Federal and State of New Jersey payroll taxes and State pension payments must be made by Electronic Fund Transfer as required by law; and

WHEREAS, bond and note obligations are required to be paid by Electronic transfer of Funds; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Mayor and Council to pay county, fire, local school and regional school taxes and debt service charges at the required intervals; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary annually to re-establish the Petty Cash Account maintained by the City Clerk and the Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to prepare and the Mayor or Council President, the City Clerk and the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to sign the following checks, all drawn against Current Fund unless otherwise noted:
 - a. Payroll checks from the Payroll Account for all employees pursuant to established schedules and the transfer of funds from Current Fund. Only two signatures are required for payroll checks.
 - b. Remittance from the Payroll Account to the appropriate agencies for State of New Jersey and State of Pennsylvania Gross Income Tax employee deductions, for Federal Income Tax employee deductions, for Social Security employee deductions and employer share and for Workforce Development and Healthcare Subsidy deductions payable to the State of New Jersey, for State of New Jersey Public Employees and Police and Fire Retirement Systems and Contributory Insurance for employee deductions and to the SUI Reserve Fund for employee deductions as may apply and for dues payable to PBA #343, to appropriate agencies for wage executions to comply with court orders and to the appropriate entity for other voluntary payroll deductions.
 - c. Checks payable to the appropriate agency of the State of New Jersey for fees from the issuance of dog licenses, marriage licenses and construction permits. (Dog license fees from the Animal Control Account).
 - d. Check payable to the Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority for funds realized from the sale of tax liens at the Annual Tax Sale.
 - e. Checks payable to the County of Hunterdon for taxes upon receipt of a statement from the County Chief Financial Officer.
 - f. Checks payable to the Fire District #1 of the City of Lambertville upon receipt of a statement from the Business Administrator.
 - g. Checks payable to the Lambertville Board of Education and South Hunterdon Regional High School Board of Education upon receipt of statements from the respective Board Secretaries.
 - h. Checks payable to City Clerk's Petty Cash Account in the amount of \$500.00 to establish the account for the year 2012.
2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to remit Federal withholding, Social Security, Medicare Taxes, New Jersey Payroll and Pennsylvania State deductions and PERS and PFRS Pension Fund Deductions by ACH debit from the Payroll Account.

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3. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to remit maturity amounts on bonds or notes of the City of Lambertville by Electronic Funds Transfer from the General Capital Fund or Current Fund in the case of TANS.
4. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to arrange for loans made out of the Brewery Account and/or the UDAG Account and to receive loan payments due the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall include a statement of the issuance of such checks and EFT/ACH transactions as listed above as part of the Financial Report presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt Resolution 14-2012. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record: Resolution Number 15-2012, 16-2012, 17-2012 and 18-2012. He asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions from the Governing Body.

Resolution Number 15-2012: *“Appointing A Municipal Housing Liaison for the City of Lambertville.”*

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 15-2012

“Resolution Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison for the City of Lambertville”

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville petitioned the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) for substantive certification of its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on December 30, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Lambertville’s Fair Share Plan promotes an affordable housing program pursuant to the Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et. seq.) and COAH’s Third Round Substantive Rules (N.J.A.C. 5:94-1, et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq., the City of Lambertville is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of Lambertville’s affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, Lambertville will amend its ordinances to provide for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer Lambertville’s affordable housing program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon and the State of New Jersey that Helen Kuhl, Public Assistance Director and or Ed Geubtner, are hereby appointed by the Governing Body of Lambertville as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program.

Resolution Number 16-2012: *“Utilization of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for all incident management in the City of Lambertville.”*

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-2012

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“Utilization of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for all incident management in the City of Lambertville”

WHEREAS, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, and Local governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the 9-11 Commission recommended adoption of a standardize incident Command System; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that all Federal, State, and Local emergency management agencies and other public safety agencies coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State and Local organizations utilize standard terminology, standardized organizational structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resources management and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardize procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the ability to utilize State and Federal funding to enhance County and Local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, County and Local municipalities including all public safety and emergency response organizations training programs; and

WHEREAS, over fifty Federal grant programs mandate that NIMS be adopted as a prerequisite for obtaining these grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville hereby mandates that effective immediately that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) be utilized for all incident management in the City of Lambertville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management.

Resolution Number 17-2012: *“Appointing Diane Sherry Buono as the CMFO, Director of the Division of Finance.*

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-2012

“Appointing Diane Sherry Buono as the Certified Municipal Finance Officer and Director of the Division of Finance”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville hereby appoints Diane Sherry Buono as Certified Municipal Finance Officer and the Director of the Division of Finance effective January 1, 2012.

Resolution Number 18-2012: “*Resolution naming Raymond Hughes of Hughes-Plumer the Risk Manager for 2012.*”

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 18-2012
PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND
RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville, is a member of the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund ("PAIC") following a detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of PAIC require that each entity designate a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws and Risk Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate that PAIC shall pay each Risk Management Consultant a fee to be established by the Executive Committee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lambertville hereby appoints Raymond Hughes, as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 15-2012, 16-2012, 17-2012 and 18-2012. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record: 19-2012, 20-2012, 21-2012, 22-2012, 23-2012, 24-2012, 25-2012 and 26-2012. He asked for a motion to adopt said resolutions.

Resolution Number 19-2012: “*Payment of Taxes*”

City of Lambertville
Resolution Number 19-2012
“Payment of Taxes”

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that taxes shall be collected quarterly on February 1, 2012; May 1, 2012; August 1, 2012 and November 1, 2012 and that interest will be charged at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there will be a ten (10) day grace period after which unpaid taxes will be charged interest from the due date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to statute, if a tax delinquency is over \$10,000.00 at the end of the year, an additional flat penalty of 6% per annum shall be imposed; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be published in the January 12, 2012 issue of The Beacon.

Resolution Number 20-2012: *“Resolution appointing Cynthia Ege as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the City of Lambertville.”*

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-2012
“Appointing Cynthia Ege as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the City of Lambertville”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville hereby appoints Cynthia Ege as the Public Agency Compliance Officer effective January 1, 2012.

Resolution Number 21-2012: *“A Resolution Authorizing Petty Cash Accounts for the Police Department and the Clerk’s Office.”*

City of Lambertville
Resolution 21-2012
Authorizing the Petty Cash Funds

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county or municipality by application and resolution, and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the *City of Lambertville*, County of Hunterdon to establish such a fund for the following departments:

City Clerk’s Office, custodian for this fund is Cynthia Ege in the amount of \$500
Police Department, custodian for this fund is Bruce Cocuzza in the amount of \$200

and

WHEREAS, such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby Re-authorizes such action and that these accounts were previously approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Adopted this 1st day of January, 2012.

Resolution Number 22-2012: *“A Resolution Authorizing Change Funds for the Clerk’s Office, Construction Office and the Tax Collector.”*

City of Lambertville
Resolution 22-2012
Authorizing the Change Funds

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Change Fund in any county or municipality by application and resolution, and,

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WHEREAS, it is the desire of the *City of Lambertville*, County of Hunterdon to establish such a fund for the following departments:

Tax Collector, Bonnie Eick, in the amount of \$200
Construction Department, Ken Rogers, in the amount of \$20
Court, Barbara Halper, in the amount of \$50
Clerk's Office, Cynthia Ege, in the amount of \$50

and

WHEREAS, such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby Re-authorizes such action and that these accounts do not require approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Adopted this 1st day of January, 2012.

Resolution Number 23-2012: *"A Resolution Appointing Lester Myers, the Acting Public Works Director, as the Right To Know Coordinator/Officer for the City of Lambertville."*

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-2012

"Appointing Lester Myers as Right To Know Officer for the City of Lambertville"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville hereby appoints Lester Myers as the Right To Know Officer effective January 1, 2012.

Resolution Number 24-2012: *"A Resolution Authorizing TANS for the City of Lambertville."*

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-2012

"Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 Tax Anticipation Notes of 2012 of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey"

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than the majority of the full membership of the governing body) **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. In anticipation of the collection of taxes during the current fiscal year, there are hereby authorized to be issued tax anticipation notes of the City of Lambertville, each to be known as "Tax Anticipation Note of 2012," in amounts not exceeding \$2,000,000. The proceeds of such notes shall be applied only to purposes provided for in the budget or for which taxes are levied for the current year.

Section 2. The following certificate has been prepared by the City of Lambertville and is filed in the office of the City Clerk:

CERTIFICATE WITH RESPECT TO
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

I, Diane Sherry Buono, Acting Chief Financial Officer of the City of Lambertville, In the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. The tax levy for all purposes for the fiscal year of 2011 was \$12,278,770.32. The amount of miscellaneous revenues realized in cash during the fiscal year of 2011 was \$1,636,477.74, exclusive of amounts held as reserve for uncollected taxes.
2. The gross borrowing power in respect to tax anticipation notes for the fiscal year of 2011, being 30 percent of the tax levy for all purposes for the fiscal year of 2011, plus 30 percent of the amount of miscellaneous revenues realized in cash during the fiscal year of 2011, is \$4,174,574.42.
3. The amount of notes outstanding in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the fiscal year of 2011, except such notes as will be renewed by or paid from the proceeds of the notes to be issued, is \$0.
4. The net borrowing power, being the excess of the first over the second of the above two amounts, is \$4,174,574.42.
5. This Certificate is made with respect to \$2,000,000 of Tax Anticipation Notes of 2011, about to be authorized by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville.

Diane Sherry Buono
Chief Financial Officer, Director of
Finance

Section 3. The following matters in connection with the notes are hereby determined:

- (a) All notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than 120 days following the end of the fiscal year.
- (b) All notes issued hereunder shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer.
- (c) All notes shall be in the form prescribed by the Local Budget Law and otherwise as determined by the Chief Financial Officer and such officer's signatures upon the notes shall be conclusive as to such determination.
- (d) Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time, provided, however, that no renewal note shall be issued later than the last day of the fiscal year.
- (e) All notes shall be executed by the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer and attested by the City Clerk.

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Section 4. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to determine all matters in connection with the notes not determined by this or by a subsequent resolution, and such officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive as to such determination.

Section 5. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell the notes from time to time at public or private sale in such amounts as such officer may determine, at not less than par, and to deliver them from time to time to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof and payment therefor.

Section 6. Any instrument issued pursuant to this resolution shall be a general obligation of the City, and the full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on the obligations.

Section 7. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized and is directed to report in writing to the Mayor and Council at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this resolution is made; such report is to include the amount, description, interest rate and maturity of the notes sold, the price obtained, and the name of the purchaser.

Section 8. The Chief Financial Officer, in connection with other professionals of the City acting under her direction, is hereby authorized to prepare, and to update from time to time as necessary, a financial disclosure document for the City, as it may be so updated from time to time, to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the City. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the City.

Section 9. (a) Solely for purposes of complying the Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule"), and provided that an issue of notes authorized by this resolution is not exempt from the Rule and provided that an issue of notes is not exempt from the following requirements in accordance with paragraph (d) of the Rule, for so long as an issue of notes of the Issuer remains outstanding (other than an issue of notes which has been wholly defeased), the City shall provide in a timely manner to each nationally recognized municipal securities information repository ("National Repositories") or to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, and to the appropriate State information depository, if any ("State Depository," and together with the National Repositories, the "Repositories") notice of the following events with respect to an issue of notes, if material (herein "Material Events"):

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
 - (2) Non-payment related defaults;
 - (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
 - (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
 - (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
 - (6) Adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security;
 - (7) Modifications to rights of security holders;
 - (8) Bond calls;
 - (9) Defeasances;
 - (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities; and
 - (11) Rating changes.
- (b) The covenants and undertakings contained in this Section are made for the benefit of the holders or beneficial owners of the notes issued under this resolution.
- (c) The Chief Financial Officer shall determine, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the application of the Rule or the exemption from the Rule for each issue of notes prior to their offering. Such

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officer is hereby authorized to enter into written contracts or undertakings to implement this resolution and is further authorized to amend such contracts or undertakings as needed to comply with the Rule or upon the advice of Bond Counsel.

- (d) In the event that the City fails to comply with the resolution or the written contracts or undertakings, the City shall not be liable for monetary damages, remedy of the folders or beneficial owners of the notes being hereby specifically limited to specific performance of the covenants contained in this resolution or the written contracts or undertakings.

Section 10. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution Number 25-2012: *“A Resolution Authorizing the Parking Permits for City Employees, Mayor and Council, and Board Members.”*

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 25-2012

A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Issue Parking Permits

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2010-03 of the City of Lambertville was first introduced at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council on January 18, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance was the subject of a public hearing at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council of February 16, 2010 and was finally adopted at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council of March 15, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance was published and finally adopted on April 10, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the following positions are in need of parking permits and are hereby issued and limited to hours of employment in order to complete their jobs efficiently within the City of Lambertville: Police Director, Municipal Court Judge, Municipal Clerk, Construction Code Official, Electric Subcode Official, Plumbing Subcode Official, Fire Subcode Official, Fire Prevention Official, Substitute Official, Secretary to the Zoning Board, Planning Board and Historic Preservation and

WHEREAS, the membership of the following boards and commissions shall have the privilege of parking in the parking lot at the Justice Center during meeting times only: Mayor and Council, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, Office of Emergency Management, Fire Commission, Historic Preservation Board, Environmental Commission, and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk will provide a list of names and meeting dates to the Police Director for tracking purposes, and

WHEREAS, the permits issues shall be limited to the days and hours of current employment and it is the responsibility of the employee to bring any and all changes to the attention of the Acting City Clerk to ensure the proper authorities are advised.

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 City Clerk is hereby directed to issue parking permits to the above listed names of employees and membership of boards and commissions noting the limitations of approval as noted.

Introduced and adopted at the reorganization meeting of Mayor and Council of January 1, 2012.

Resolution Number 26-2012: *“A Resolution Requiring Taxes be paid prior to the Issuance of a Zoning Permit.”*

City of Lambertville
Resolution 26-2012

A Resolution Requiring Taxes Be Paid Prior to the Issuance of a Zoning Permit

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville requires Zoning Permits for all changes of use, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville requires that taxes be paid prior to an application being filed with Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment, and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville have reviewed and considered the request of the Zoning Officer regarding the requirement of taxes be paid prior to the issuance of a zoning permit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville hereby require taxes be paid prior to the issuance of zoning permits by the Zoning Officer.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2012

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to adopt the following Resolutions: 19-2012, 20-2012, 21-2012, 22-2012, 23-2012, 24-2012, 25-2012 and 26-2012. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record: 27-2012, 29-2012, 30-2012, 31-2012, 32-2012. He asked for a motion to adopt said resolutions.

Resolution Number 27-2012: *“A Resolution approving the Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal with Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County.”*

City of Lambertville
Resolution 27-2012

“Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for Waste Disposal”

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey do hereby direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for waste disposal services from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 at a fee of \$68 per ton plus a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton.

Resolution Number 29-2011: *A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Contract with Mundie for Accounting Software at an amount not to exceed \$3,800.*

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RESOLUTION 29-2012

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the contract with Mundie for Software services for the Finance Office in the City of Lambertville at a rate not to exceed \$3,800 annually.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2012

Resolution Number 30-2011: *A Resolution Authorizing Contract with JWS Computers for Technology Services for 2012 at an amount not to exceed \$7,200 annually.*

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 30-2012

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 one quote for Technology Services in 2011, and

WHEREAS, the quotes are as follows:

SRMS Network Technologies: no response
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 1, 2012

Resolution Number 31-2012: *A Resolution Approving the Contract with Advanced Mechanical for Cleaning of All Office Space in the Amount Not to Exceed \$15,132.*

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 31-2012

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 10, 2011 edition of the Times, and sealed bids were received and publicly opened and read aloud on Thursday, December 8, 2011, and

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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 \$2,625, and is exempt from advertising and bidding, and

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

Company	Annual Amount
Advance Building Maintenance 82 Wertsville Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844	\$291 per week \$15,132 annually
Urucorp Maintenance & Contractors, Inc. 197 South Main Street, Wharton, NJ 07882	\$299 per week \$15,548 annually
All Clean Building Services, Inc. 990 Spruce Street, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648	\$460.11 per week \$23,925.72

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 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 \$15,132 annually.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2012

Resolution Number 32-2011: A Resolution Establishing An Hourly Rate for the Laborer for Public Works, Anthony Grecco.

City of Lambertville
Resolution Number 32-2012

A Resolution Establishing an Hourly Rate for the Laborer for Public Works

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 1st day of January, 2012, by the governing body of the City of Lambertville that:

1. Anthony Grecco is hired as a Laborer for Public Works at a salary of:
 - a. Operator: \$15.82 hourly
 - b. Solid Waste Driver: \$17.26 hourly
2. Date of Hire is January 3, 2012.

Adopted: January 1, 2012

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt the following Resolutions: 27-2012, 29-2012, 30-2012, 31-2012, and 32-2012. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor and Council did not take action on the following resolution:

Resolution Number 28-2011: *A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract with Otis Elevator for Elevator Maintenance at a rate not to exceed \$215 per month or 2,580 annually.*

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 28-2012

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract with Otis Elevator Company for the Maintenance of the elevator at City Hall

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the contract with Otis Elevator Company for maintenance on the elevator at City Hall, 18 York Street in the City of Lambertville at a rate not to exceed \$215 monthly, \$2,580 annually.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2012

Resolution Number 33-2011: *A Resolution Establishing A Monthly Fee for the Position of Animal Control Officer with S. Nathaniel Barson.*

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that Mary Hoagland is retiring and the City is working on a shared services contract with East and West Amwell for Animal Control Services. Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 33-2011. He introduced Nate Barson to the members of the public present.

City of Lambertville
Resolution Number 33-2012

A Resolution Establishing a Month to Month Contract with S. Nathaniel Barson for the Position of Animal Control Officer at a Rate Not to Exceed \$500 per Month

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 1st day of January, 2012, by the governing body of the City of Lambertville that:

1. S. Nathaniel Barson is hired as the Animal Control Officer on a month-to-month basis at a monthly salary of \$500,
2. Mr. Barson will utilize his personal vehicle and equipment to provide the required services, and
3. Mr. Barson will prepare and provide a monthly report to Mayor and Council which outlines the calls received and answered for the City of Lambertville.
4. Date of Hire is January 1, 2012.

Adopted: January 1, 2012

Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt Resolution 33-2012. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution Number 34-2011: A Resolution Re-Appointing John Barczyk as the Fire Sub Code Official for a four year term.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion on resolution 34-2011, reappointing John Barczyk as the Fire Sub Code Official for the City of Lambertville.

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Resolution 34-2012
Appointing John Barczyk as Fire Prevention Official

BE IT RESOLVED BY Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that John Barczyk is hereby re-appointed as the Fire Prevention Official with a term expiration of December 31, 2015.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2012

Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt Resolution 34-2012. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING – NONE.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION – NONE.

Mayor DelVecchio recognized the following people: Sean Faherty – Assistant Prosecutor, David Morgan – Fire Commissioner and Planning Board, Matthew DelVecchio of the Lambertville Rambles, scoring 8 touchdowns in the 2011 season, Vice Chair for the Democratic Club – Karen Kominsky, and John Peter Holly of the Trenton Symphony.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Mayor DelVecchio asked the members of the public present if anyone was interested in serving on the Cable Television Advisory Committee. He asked them to submit their resume for consideration to the Clerk.

Mayor DelVecchio nominated the following members to serve on the Emergency Management Council: OEM Coordinator: David Burd, term expires: 12-31-12, Deputy Coordinators: Paul Cronce and Brad Campbell, Aladar Komjathy, Alex Palilonis, Barbara Parsons, Bruce Rock, Bryan Conner, Cathy Frank-White, Cathy Force, Raymond Force, Chris Kascik, Christiana Pollack, Craig Reading, David Morgan, Edie Brower, Donald Hart, Gene Venettone, Helen Bambi Kuhl, Jeffrey Schermerhorn, Jennifer Fernandez, John Miller, John Weber, Julie Burd, Kerry Osman, Lisa Nichols, Mark Hilton, Maureen Bentley, Reverend L. M. Zinda, Richard

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Freedman, Sally Lelie, Scott Elliott, Toni Slack, Mayor David M. DeVecchio, Acting Public Works Director Lester Myers, City Clerk Cindy Ege, Police Director Bruce Cocuzza, Construction Official Ken Rogers, Fire Chief – Ronald Tillett, Jr., LNHRs – Chief Patrick Eckard, LMUA – Thomas Horn, United Water – John Stevens, LPS – Greg Hewitt and SHRHS – Mark Collins

Council President Stegman made a motion to affirm the nomination of the Mayor for the members of the Office of Emergency Management. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DeVecchio nominated the following people to fill positions on the following boards:

Environmental Commission: Gina Fischetti, Julia Taylor.

Historic Preservation: Suzanne Gitomer – Alternate One, William Dorman

Lambertville Free and Public Library: Cynthia Ege – Mayor’s representative.

Local Economic Assistance Board: Susan Rovello, Richard McDonough.

Planning Board: Kenneth Rogers – Class II, Steven Stegman – Class III, Jackie Middleton, David Morgan – Alternate.

Recreation Commission: Meghan Hunter-Ruf, Loredana Cromarty – Alternate I.

LMUA: Eric Richards.

Shade Tree Commission: Emily Goldman.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: David Moraski, Fred Eisinger, Kate Dunn – Alternate I.

Memorial Day Parade Committee: John Baker, George Hambach, John Shurts.

Halloween Parade Committee: Cheryl Pittore, Muriel Meserve, Sharon Burd, Pamela Baker, Mary Freedman.

City Historian – Lou Toboz.

Division of Senior Services – Dennis Secula.

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to affirm Mayor DeVecchio’s nominations. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio recognized the following attendees: Lester Myers – Acting Public Works Director, Bruce Cocuzza – Police Director, Richard Carmosino – Tax Assessor, Nate Barson – Animal Control Person, Dave Burd – OEM Coordinator, Tom Hastie – Bond Attorney, Christine Ballard – Engineer, Bambi Kuhl – Welfare Director. He further commented that Bambi serves the City in many capacities and when someone is burned out or needs a place to stay, Bambi relocates them on a short term basis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor DelVecchio asked the City Clerk to read the announcements into the record.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES are available for purchase starting Monday, January 3, 2012 at City Hall, 18 York Street. The fee for a spayed dog or cat is \$10. Licensing of dogs a requirement of the NJSA 4. The fees will increase on or about January 18, 2012 to \$15 to license dogs and cats with a \$25 late fee imposed beginning March 1, 2012.

PARKING PERMITS for those residing on metered streets will be available for purchase starting the week of December 27th at City Hall. The annual fee is \$45 for a Permanent Residential Parking Permit, \$60 for a Transferrable Permit, and \$25 for a Temporary Parking Permit.

LANDLORD REGISTRATION is due by March 1, 2012. All rental units must be registered with the City of Lambertville (Ordinance 2010-23). All rental properties with two (2) or more rental units must also register with the State of New Jersey.

SCHEDULE OF 2012 REORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Planning Board	January 4	7:00 p.m.	Justice Center
<i>First Wednesday of every month, except November. December meeting date will be determined at the annual reorganization meeting.</i>			
Library Board	January 10	7:30 p.m.	Library
<i>Second Tuesday of every month.</i>			
Recreation Commission	January 11	7:30 p.m.	Justice Center
<i>Second Wednesday of every month.</i>			
Historic Preservation	January 10	7:30 p.m.	Justice Center
<i>Second Tuesday of every month.</i>			
Environmental Commission	January 18	7:00 p.m.	Justice Center
<i>Third Wednesday of every month.</i>			
Shade Tree Commission	January 31	7:30 p.m.	Justice Center
<i>Last Tuesday of every month.</i>			
Board of Adjustment	January 26	7:30 p.m.	Justice Center
<i>Last Thursday, except in November and December. Both Meetings Shall be combined and the date will be determined at the annual reorganization meeting.</i>			

All meeting agendas are posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall and may be available on the City's Website.

The following members were recognized by Mayor DelVecchio: Paul Freda – City Auditor, Joe Donnelly of the DRJTBC, Curt Yeske – A reporter with the Times, Sgt. Robert Brown with the Lambertville Police Department and his son, Alex DelVecchio.

REMARKS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilwoman Asaro: I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve another three years on the Lambertville City Council. My first three years were very rewarding. I am proud of my work on the Council and enjoyed serving with Ward on the South Hunterdon Regional High School Municipal Work Group, looking for less expensive telecommunications alternatives, working with the Mayor on the Police contract negotiation, and kicking off work with Council President Steve Stegman, and West Amwell, to explore the possibility of a walking trail along the railroad that connects our communities.

In 2012 I plan to work with the Recreation Commission to explore ideas about how to enhance the Halloween experience for residents and work closely with the Emergency Management Council to enhance our partnership with United Water.

Taking a queue from Ward's comments last year - I thought it would be a nice idea for me to mention my family's list of 'favorite things' about Lambertville today. Here's just a partial list of the Lambertville things we like – and not in any particular order:

- For my daughter Kate it's Sojourner's incredible selection of beads and baubles, LTC's special hot chocolate and the wings at Inn of the Hawke.
- For Joanne and I it's Boxwood's wonderful treasures, City Market's Brooklyn bagels, Greene Street's consignment finds, Friday night Fireworks, watching the turtles that sit under the bridge sunning themselves, Tony La Salle's bright and happy artwork on Bridge Street, Pastor Gehrig's Wednesday luncheons, and walking along quiet George Street on a cold fall night.

Thank you and I look forward to serving you for the next 3 years.

Councilwoman Warner: Serving on City Council has provided me with a unique opportunity to assist the members of my community. During the past year there have been many challenges, primarily presented by Mother Nature. During those trying episodes, it was the sense of community and the help offered to friends and neighbors that exhibited what makes Lambertville unique. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to continue to our community as Councilwoman.

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Council President Stegman: I found it interesting when I reviewed appointments to the 15 boards and committees of the City that there are 60 plus volunteers and on behalf of those volunteers, I am honored to serve this community.

Councilman Sanders: Mayor DeVecchio welcomed Councilman Sanders back from vacation. Councilman Sanders congratulated colleagues Beth Asaro and Elaine Warner on their victories in the November election. He noted it was his pleasure to work with them over the past few years. Councilman Sanders also congratulated Council President Stegman on his reelection as Council President. And finally, he noted a special thanks to Mayor Del Vecchio for his leadership, competence and good humor. He noted that the Mayor is a reflection of our City: with less than 4000 people, we are blessed with so many individuals whose talents make this city the best place in New Jersey to live and one that I'm proud to call home.

Councilman Sanders also commented on collegial atmosphere among the council and mayor. While they do not agree on everything, he noted that he felt that are all pulling in the same direction – with purpose and respect.

Councilman Sanders noted that looking back over the past year, he was most struck by this city's response to Hurricane Irene. Its impact was huge: 56 deaths in the US; \$7 billion in damages in the United States alone. In New Jersey, he noted: shore towns were evacuated with the Governor famously admonishing, "get the hell off the beach;" 1500 National Guard troops were deployed in NJ; and the Atlantic City Casinos were closed. Councilman Sanders noted that in Lambertville, he was struck by the overwhelming selflessness that so many exhibited: our emergency management team working around the clock; volunteer rescue and firefighters doing the same; city police, public works and city hall employees working hard under difficult circumstances; neighbors helping neighbors move furniture, clean out basements, share generators and pumps, bring in private dumpsters for hauling trash out of the city;

He noted that so many lent aid and showed acts of kindness and support: the SHRHS students helping to deliver storm updates, local restaurants supplied free lunches and pizzas to emergency workers, Waste Management answered the city's call for more dumpsters on an emergency basis when others were hard to find. From young to old, small business to large, flatlanders and hill residents – so many set good examples.

Councilman Sanders noted that in that same spirit, the Council and Mayor need to tackle the economic challenges faced by so many individuals and our city in these difficult times. He noted looking forward in this New Year to helping solve problems, to adapting to new economic realities while remembering not to get overwhelmed by the difficulty of the challenges facing the city.

Lastly, he noted that the recent reapportionment of legislative districts has changed the representation to our community and he welcomed and said he looked forward to working with Senator Turner, Assemblyman Gusciora and Assemblywoman Watson-Coleman.

STATE OF CITY ADDRESS – Mayor DelVecchio

Mayor DelVecchio gave the annual State of the City Address.

Good morning and May I wish each of you and your families a happy and healthy new year.

I for one, am glad to see 2011 quietly fade into the background, as opposed to either being buried in two feet of snow, or washed away in a hurricane. Those images are what most of us will remember from 2011.

But in between, we accomplished many things that will benefit our city for years to come, and for which we should be very proud.

Lambertville, despite its size, is a true leader in promoting progressive and responsible municipal governance – not just in our county or our region, but in our state.

For the past year, I have had the privilege of serving as president of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors.

From the governor to state legislators to my fellow mayors and council-members, what we do here in our small city is watched throughout New Jersey.

Getting those things done is a very tough job, and I am proud to have an engaged team our governing body.

I am incredibly lucky to have Council President Stegman, Councilman Sanders, and Councilwomen Asaro and Warner sitting up here.

Individually, they bring differing perspectives and fresh ways of looking at every issue before us. Together, we are a strong voice that stands up for our community's values.

I thank them for their service over the past year, and look forward to continuing our work together over the coming months.

And we will have plenty to discuss, as we have plenty of work ahead of us.

Once again, keeping our city's finances within the state-mandated limits while delivering the quality of services our residents demand and deserve will be our top priority.

The city will continue to seek every avenue for saving taxpayers' money – and when we do invest; we will ensure that the return will far outweigh the cost.

We put that mantra into action in 2011, when we upgraded both City Hall and the Free Public Library to natural gas heat, moving away from the costlier fuel oil and electric systems that had been in place.

And we continued our partnership in the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative, which is moving closer to breaking ground in West Amwell for a solar field that will power the high school – providing savings to Lambertville taxpayers – and which is also delivering much-needed direct aid to the city that is being reinvested in energy audits and efficiency projects to lower our operating costs.

This year, I am excited about our prospects for seeing our electric power delivered by a third-party, at a savings of 10 to 20 percent over what we currently pay.

We do have to keep the lights on at City Hall – we just don't want to have to pay dearly to do it.

And, speaking of lights, we will look to convert our downtown street lights to high-efficiency LED bulbs. While more expensive than conventional lighting, LED bulbs will use a fraction of the electricity while lasting exponentially longer – giving us two ways to save.

But we shouldn't just think of saving money when we think of the word "efficiency." Sometimes we just need to look at how we do things, and implement ideas that just make common sense.

One of those new ideas starts this week. No longer will you have to read the recycling calendar to figure out when to put out your recycling. Starting this week, the city will embark on a program of weekly recycling, the same day as your regular trash pickup.

Making it easier to recycle will boost our recycling rates and lessen what ends up in landfills and at \$71 a ton, it saves money and is better for our community.

I thank Acting Public Works Director Lester Myers for putting together this plan, keeping our commitment to keep our city clean, and ensuring that it remains green.

The efficient delivery of essential services is just one thing that increases our quality of life.

Another is preservation of our natural resources. And so, too, is the maintenance of our infrastructure.

In 2011, we enacted a new city ordinance amending our previous efforts to more closely regulate construction and disturbances on our steep slopes. This ensures that our hills remain a beautiful vista for the city.

One of those vistas, the hill directly behind Ely Field, will be one of our top land preservation projects in 2012. Our work there will guarantee the current view of the woods behind Ely Field will remain the same for ever and ever.

And, this year, we will also undertake much-needed upgrades to Cavallo Park.

When coupled with the recent upgrades to the MUA's sewage facility, the south end of the city will not only have a gathering place for friends and families, but it will have cleaner air, too.

Of course, to enjoy our parks and open space, you need to be able to get there.

I am pleased with the work recently completed on the reconstruction of the upper stretch of North Union Street, and especially with the agreement reached that finally witnessed the completion of the roads in the Lambert's Hill neighborhood.

With these projects, our streets will not only be better, but they will be safer, as well.

And, finally, for our out-of-town friends, we successfully replaced all of our outdated parking meters in the Central Business District with digital models that can handle any coin. It's a relatively small thing, but anything we can do to make someone's first visit to Lambertville that much easier means they will be more likely to come back and visit us again and again.

One thing that we don't want to have visit us again, though, are the flood waters that did so much damage to the homes of our friends and neighbors.

But it's amazing at how when we see the worst of Mother Nature, we so often see the best in our community.

Whether it was pitching in to help a friend clean their basement, filling sandbags together, neighbors sharing a generator to power a pump or recharge a cellphone, or offering a hot shower

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to someone without hot water, our community's response to September's storm showed the very best of Lambertville's spirit.

From the city's perspective, while we worked hard to cleanup, we also know there are things we can do better.

At the top of that list is how we communicate to you. A small dry-erase board outside City Hall is of little help to someone working hard in their flooded basement to save their belongings. And a photocopied piece of paper is only good if we can get it to you while it's still warm, before things change.

This year, the city will be implementing a reverse-911 call system that can be activated in the event of an emergency. This will allow us to reach every telephone in the city with timely updates.

For houses with landlines, these calls would be automatic. But for our increasing number of residents who only have cell phones, we will ensure our system will allow you to have your number registered, as well. All you have to do is sign up.

As a city, we need to modernize our emergency communications systems so that we never lose touch with residents. That includes the use of Twitter, Facebook and email.

I hope that we will never have to go through the type of events that we saw in September. But, if we do, I pledge that even if the power is out, you won't be left in the dark.

In the days after Hurricane Irene, I toured the city with Representative Rush Holt, Senator Shirley Turner, Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman and Assemblyman Reed Gusciora.

Thanks to the work of the state's Legislative Redistricting Commission, as of next Tuesday we will officially be part of the 15th Legislative District.

Shirley, Bonnie and Reed have always been good friends to Lambertville, but now they will no longer just be visitors, but our voices in Trenton. And I, for one, couldn't be happier.

Our community will finally have voices that closely mirror our own values.

Over the past several months, many of our friends have welcomed our new legislative team into their homes to meet us and get to know the issues that matter to Lambertville.

I look forward to welcoming Shirley, Bonnie and Reed back to Lambertville in the weeks, months and years to come.

And, I know they will come to know the Lambertville we all know – a close community, a walkable community. A community that cherishes the arts as much as it cherishes its own diversity.

We are a model community for our state. I could never be prouder of all we have achieved, nor more optimistic for the year ahead.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reverend Judith Gehrig thanked the community for the support of the Centenary United Methodist Church's weekly luncheon. On Wednesday, they will celebrate three years. She is retiring in June and is looking to the community to continue with this worthy and free luncheon.

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Mayor DelVecchio thanked Reverend Judy for her commitment to the community and said the City would honor the Centenary United Methodist Church with a proclamation at the January 18th session.

Councilwoman Warner invited the community to her house at 34 Elm Street for an after party.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m. with a motion made by Councilwoman Warner and seconded by Councilwoman Asaro. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Ege

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CMR, RMC
City Clerk

Approved at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.