

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session of Mayor and Council
Monday, February 13, 2012, 6 PM
Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor DelVecchio with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, providing the required notice on Friday, February 10, 2012 to the Beacon, the Democrat, the Times, posting the agenda to the bulletin board at city hall, the website at www.lambertvillenj.org, and noticing various people on the list serve, inclusive of department heads, city attorney and city engineer.

ROLL CALL.

Mrs. Ege called the roll as follows:

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

Absent: None.

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 honor of those serving their Country in the United States Armed Forces.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to approve the bills on the Interim Bills List. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS.

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS – RESOLUTIONS

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the Raffle Applications, Resolution Numbers 53-2012 through 56-2012.

Resolution Number 53-2012: A Resolution To Approve the Raffle Application filed by RAS St. Johns to Benefit the Jesus School, to be held on March 18, 2012.

City of Lambertville

Resolution 53-2012

A Resolution to Approve the Raffle Application Filed By RAS St. Johns to benefit the Jesus School to be held on March 18, 2012

WHEREAS, RAS St. John's made an application to the City of Lambertville for permission to hold a raffle, Identification Number 244-3-29169, on February 3, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the raffle will be held on March 18, 2012 in the Parish Hall of St. John's School, and is for the on premise draw of gift certificates from local restaurants, stores, sporting arenas, and spas, and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from this raffle will be used to fund tuition assistance, school maintenance, supplies and enrichment programs for the school, and

WHEREAS, Sr. Marie Conaughton, the Principal of the Jesus School and Member In Charge of the Raffle has been fingerprinted, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department was sent a copy of the application on February 3, 2012, and their report, dated February 13, 2012 indicates no issues with the review of the request,

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NOW THEREFOR 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 raffle application submitted by RAS St. Johns is hereby approved for submission to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, License Number 01-2012.

ADOPTED: February 13, 2012

Resolution Number 54-2012: *A Resolution To Approve the Raffle Application filed by the PTA Lambertville Public School to benefit the 6th Grade Class Trip to be held on March 21, 2012.*

City of Lambertville

Resolution 54-2012

A Resolution to Approve the Raffle Application Filed By PTA Lambertville Public School to benefit the Sixth Grade Class Trip to be held on March 21, 2012

WHEREAS, PTA Lambertville Public School made an application to the City of Lambertville for permission to hold a raffle, Identification Number 244-5-39016, on February 3, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the raffle will be held on March 21, 2012 at the Lambertville Public School, and is for the on premise draw of a four course dinner for 8 adults at Anton's at the Swan, and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from this raffle will be used to provide financial assistance to the sixth grade trip to Washington, DC, and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Duggan, the Member In Charge of the Raffle has been fingerprinted, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department was sent a copy of the application on February 3, 2012, and their report, dated February 13, 2012, indicates no issues with the review of the request,

NOW THEREFOR 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 raffle application submitted by PTA Lambertville Public School is hereby approved for submission to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, License Number 02-2012.

ADOPTED: February 13, 2012

Resolution Number 55-2012: *A Resolution to Approve the Raffle Application filed by the Lambertville Area Education Foundation to use as grant to area schools to be held on April 29, 2012.*

City of Lambertville

Resolution 55-2012

A Resolution to Approve the Raffle Application Filed By Lambertville Area Education Foundation to benefit the grants for area schools to be held on March 5, 2012

WHEREAS, Lambertville Area Education Foundation made an application to the City of Lambertville for permission to hold a raffle, Identification Number 244-5-33305, on February 3, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the raffle will be held on April 29, 2012 at the booth during the Shad Festival in the City of Lambertville, and is for the on premise draw of iPad2, 32 GB, and

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WHEREAS, the proceeds from this raffle will be used to fund grants to area schools for educational programs, and

WHEREAS, Jill Myers, the Member In Charge of the Raffle has been fingerprinted, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department was sent a copy of the application on February 3, 2012, and their report dated February 13, 2012 indicates no issues with the review of the request,

NOW THEREFOR 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 raffle application submitted by Lambertville Area Education Foundation is hereby approved for submission to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, License Number 03-2012.

ADOPTED: February 13, 2012

Resolution Number 56-2012: A Resolution to Approve the Raffle Application filed by the Lambertville Area Education Foundation to use as grant to area schools to be held on March 24, 2012.

City of Lambertville

Resolution 56-2012

A Resolution to Approve the Raffle Application Filed By Lambertville Area Education Foundation to benefit the grants for area schools to be held on March 24, 2012

WHEREAS, Lambertville Area Education Foundation made an application to the City of Lambertville for permission to hold a raffle, Identification Number 244-5-33305, on February 3, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the raffle will be held on March 24, 2012 in the City of Lambertville, and is for the on premise draw of winners choice of the Best of Live Auction, and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from this raffle will be used to fund grants to area schools for educational programs, and

WHEREAS, Jill Myers, the Member In Charge of the Raffle has been fingerprinted, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department was sent a copy of the application on February 3, 2012, and their report, dated February 13, 2012, indicates no issues with the review of the request,

NOW THEREFOR 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 raffle application submitted by Lambertville Area Education Foundation is hereby approved for submission to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, License Number 04-2012.

ADOPTED: February 13, 2012

Councilwoman Warner made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 53-2012 through 56-2012, raffle applications for RAS St. Johns, PTA Lambertville Public School, and the Lambertville Area Education Foundation. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

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Note: Council President Stegman arrived.

Resolution Number 52-2012: *A Resolution of Concurrence Approving the Speed Limit on Route 29, north of Cherry Street as Outlined in NJDOT letter of March 22, 2011.*

Mayor DelVecchio explained that this resolution is to lower the speed limit north of Cherry Street on Route 29.

City of Lambertville
Resolution Number 52-2012
*A Resolution of Concurrence Approving the Speed Limit Reduction on Route 29,
North of Cherry Street*

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville requested the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation provide signage and reduce the speed limit as you enter the City from Stockton on Route 29 from 40 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour, and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation responded on March 22, 2011 and requested a resolution of support from the affected municipal governing body.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the Speed Limit along Route NJ29 in both directions be reduced as follows:

Zone 4: 35 MPH between 375 feet south of Cherry Street and 800 feet north of Cherry Street (approximate mileposts 19.57 to 19.82); thence

Zone 5: 45 MHP between 800 feet north of Cherry Street and the City of Lambertville –Township of Delaware corporate line (approximate mileposts 19.82 to 19.93).

Adopted: February 13, 2012

Councilman Sanders made a motion to approve Resolution Number 52-2012 to approve the speed limit reduction on Route 29 North of Cherry Street. 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 57-2012: *A Resolution To Hold on the Issuance of Taxi Licenses Until the Ordinance is Updated.*

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public that this resolution is to put a temporary hold on the issuance of Taxicab and Livery Licenses until the City's Ordinance is updated to reflect the current changes in A- 1471P.L. 2011, c. 135.

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Resolution Number 57-2012
*A Resolution to Hold on the Issuance of Taxi Licenses in the City of Lambertville Until the Ordinance is
Adopted*

WHEREAS, Governor Christie signed a bill on sundry changes to taxicabs laws, A-1471, P.L. 2011, Chapter 135 which supersedes the City's ordinance, and

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WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 05-2012 will be considered for first reading at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council on February 21, 2012 with the public hearing tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2012, and

WHEREAS, this ordinance will amend Chapter V, General Licensing, section 5-1 Taxicabs and Liveries, to address and include the requirements of State of New Jersey A-1471, P.L. 2011, c.135, and

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 will not issue a taxicab license until after Ordinance Number 05-2012 has been reviewed and formally adopted, addressing the issues raised by State of New Jersey A-1471, P.L. 2011, c.135.

ADOPTED: February 13, 2012

Mayor DelVecchio asked if there was any public comment on this issue. There being no comment, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution 57-2012, placing a temporary hold on the issuance of Taxicab and Livery Licenses for the City of Lambertville. 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 51-2012: A Resolution to Approve the Grant Application to Green Acres for Cavallo Park.

Mayor DelVecchio informed Council Members and members of the public that this resolution authorizes the grant application to Green Acres for Cavallo Park. The public hearing was on Wednesday, February 8th. He stated he met with Lori Thompson and Christine Ballard of T and M Associates – the City’s Engineers, and Megan Ruf from the Recreation Commission regarding upgrades to Cavallo Park. Megan Ruf was working with Michael Burns, the City Architect on this project.

Megan Ruf stated that the upgrade started with a donation received from myyearbook.com in December of 2010. That donation paid for the new spinner at Cavallo Park. The owner from myyearbook.com is still actively involved in the plans and has committed additional funds as well as designing a website for the Friends of Cavallo Park so they can raise money to offset any additional fees required for the upgrade. They plan on applying for grant funds from Green Acres, Trails Application, Kaboom, and are looking for other funding opportunities. She stated that three members of the public came out to the public hearing and were supportive of the project.

Upgrades to the park include: a walk/bike path around the parameter of the park, kiosk at the entrance, water fountain, sculpture, replacing one pay structure with new and refurbishing the second structure with new features (climbing walls, sitting station, house), a pavilion, fireplace, picnic space, a pull down screen for outside movies, a sitting berm and two bathrooms. The fencing may need to be upgraded with new but will look like what is currently at the park.

The Recreation Commission is planning on renting out the pavilion for parties.

Councilman Sanders asked if they consulted with the neighborhood. Megan Ruf stated she did and has letters of support from the homeowner’s association and businesses in the area.

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Councilman Sanders asked if they planned on planting shade trees. Megan responded that the plans included strategically placing shade trees around the pavilion and park benches. They also will not remove any trees. They hope to keep the park open throughout construction and will phase the upgrades in so that the community can continue to use the park.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$485,771.00 from the State to fund the following project: Cavallo Park Improvements Project at a cost of \$485,771.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that David DeVecchio or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE LAMBERTVILLE CITY COUNCIL

1. That the Mayor of the above named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as the Cavallo Park Improvements Project;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$0;
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Ege do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Lambertville at a meeting held on the 13th day of February, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this 13th day of February, 2012

Cynthia Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk

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Mayor DeVecchio asked if there were additional comments from the public. There being no further comments, he asked for a motion.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to approve Resolution Number 51-2012 for the Green Acres Grant Application for Cavallo Park. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE - none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES are due. All registrations received after February 29th will incur an additional \$25 late fee.

LANDLORD REGISTRATION will be due starting March 1, 2012.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PETITIONS OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Jeff Apoian of South Franklin Street asked the Mayor and Council if they received news yet about the grant applications. Mayor DeVecchio asked the City Clerk when the response was due. The City Clerk informed the members of the public present that the grantee will let us know in April of 2012. Mayor DeVecchio reminded Mr. Apoian that the City applied for several grants and they include NJDOT, USDA, and FEMA grants. He also stated that he met with a potential additional funding source last week.

Mr. Apoian asked if the street could be worked on because the caretakers have a problem parking in the road with the ditch. Lester said he met with Sandy Hannah and will work on the road to address the issue.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with a motion by Councilman Sanders which was seconded by Councilwoman Warner. An affirmative voice call 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, February 21, 2012.