

**City of Lambertville**  
**Regularly Scheduled Session of Mayor and Council**  
**Monday, April 9, 2012, 7 PM**  
**Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor DelVecchio with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, providing the required notice on Thursday, April 5, 2012 to the Beacon, the Democrat, the Times, posting the agenda to the bulletin board at City Hall, the website at [www.lambertvillenj.org](http://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: Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: Councilwoman Asaro.

Also present: Warren M. Korecky of Suplee Clooney, the City's Accounting Firm, Diane Sherry Buono, and the CFO for the City of Lambertville.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

Mayor DelVecchio asked those present to remain standing for the 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.

**ORDINANCE:**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2012: *An Ordinance to Establish a CAP Bank.*

Mayor DelVecchio read the Ordinance into the record by title and he informed the members of the public present that this ordinance is to establish a CAP Bank for 2012. Mayor DelVecchio explained that a CAP Bank is introduced and adopted upon first reading when the increase in appropriations (purchase of goods and services) in the budget from the prior year (2011) is less than the Cost of Living Adjustment. The municipality may bank the unused funds for use in the next two consecutive budgets. Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on Ordinance Number 09-2012.

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Ordinance Number 09-2012  
Calendar Year 2012  
*Ordinance to Establish a CAP Bank*

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et.seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 2.5% or the cost of living adjustment of 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations; and,

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$32,604.18 that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for comments from the public. Councilman Sanders asked if this meant, if needed, the City could exceed the 2% CAP by \$32,604.18 in the 2013 budget year. Mr. Korecky commented yes, indicating this was a correct statement. There being no further comments from the public, he asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 09-2012.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 09-2012. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt on second reading and final approval, Ordinance Number 09-2012, establishing a CAP Bank.

Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 09-2012. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

## **RESOLUTIONS.**

### RESOLUTION NUMBER 79 -2012: A Resolution to Adopt the 2012 Budget.

Mayor DelVecchio addressed the members of the public present regarding the 2012 Budget. He stated that the total assessments are down by \$1.3 million dollars. The average house is assessed at \$356,451. The 2012 budget includes clean-up week, a 2% raise for all non-union employees, and weekly recycling. The Mayor advised the public that the City has continued to look for ways to save money and has entered into two shared services agreements: Animal Control Officer with West Amwell Township, Delaware Township and East Amwell Township; and Construction Services with Frenchtown with Lambertville serving as the lead agency. The City of Lambertville is a member of the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative (SHREC) and recently participated on an online auction of electric which will save the City approximately \$4,000 in this budget. In this budget, the City will pay down \$130,757 more debit than in 2011. Due to storms in 2011, we have \$51,642 in emergency notes to pay off in the next five budget years from Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee and the Nor'easter of October 29. Staffing is down, 1 person in public works, 1 person in the police department, ½ person in the Clerk's Office, and ½ person in the Court. The tax rate for this year is .308. This is a .14% increase and will cost tax payers, with a property value \$356,451, which is the averaged assessed value, \$6 more than in 2011.

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WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville held a special session on Thursday, March 8, 2012, for the purpose of introducing the 2012 CAP Bank Ordinance and the 2012 Calendar Year Budget, and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk noticed the papers of the special session on Monday, April 9, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the following is a list of Mayor and Council Members with their respective term expiration dates: David M. DelVecchio – Mayor, Term Ends 12-31-2012, Beth Asaro – Councilwoman, Term Ends 12-31-2014, Wardell Sanders – Councilman, Term Ends 12-31-2013, Steven M. Stegman – Council President, Term Ends 12-31-2013, Elaine Warner – Councilwoman, Term Ends 12-31-2014, and

WHEREAS, Cynthia L. Ege, Certificate Number C-1629 is the Registered Municipal Clerk, Diane Sherry Buono, Certificate Number N-0880 is the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Lambertville, Bonnie J. Eick is the Certified Tax Collector, Certificate Number T-1232, and Robert B. Cagnassola is the Registered Municipal Accountant, Certificate Number 50 and Phillip J. Faherty, III is the Municipal Attorney, and

WHEREAS, the publication of the summary of the 2012 Budget was advertised in the legal section of the March 22, 2012 edition of the Beacon, and

WHEREAS, three certified copies of the 2012 budget and the required attachments introduced on March 8, 2012 were forwarded to the Director, Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, a full copy of the introduced budget was posted to the City's website at [www.lambertvillenj.org](http://www.lambertvillenj.org), a copy was sent to the Free and Public Library on March 22, and a copy will be made available for public inspection at City Hall during the hours from 9 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and

WHEREAS, on Monday, April 2, 2012, the Division of Local Government Services notified the City the budget was approved for adoption on April 9, 2012.

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 2012 Calendar Year is hereby adopted with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilman Sanders.

Adopted: April 9, 2012

Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on the 2012 calendar year budget. He asked if there were any comments from the public on the 2012 budget.

Warren Korecky, representing Suplee Clooney, the City's Accounting firm, stated that this budget is below the 2% CAP.

Mayor DelVecchio stated that this year the City didn't have a CAP problem, like they experienced in 2010 and again in 2011. The garbage fee in 2010 provided the revenue needed to alleviate the CAP issue in 2010. The referendum helped with the budget in 2011.

Council President Stegman commented that the City has been able to work through the challenges with the CAP in prior years and in hind sight, the garbage fee helped the City to focus on recycling.

Mayor DelVecchio and Elaine Warner stated they had agita with concerns over the state funding cuts.

Mayor DelVecchio asked if there were any comments from the public. There being no further comments, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing on the 2012 calendar year budget.

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 asked for a motion to adopt the budget for the 2012 calendar year. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt the budget for the 2012 calendar year. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – none.

**APPOINTMENTS** – none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6: All City Offices are closed in observance of Good Friday. Garbage and Recycling will be picked up on Thursday, April 5.

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

LANDLORD REGISTRATION was due April 1, 2012. All registrations received after April 1, 2012 will incur an additional \$50 late fee.

SHAD FESTIVAL is scheduled for April 28 and 29. Come and enjoy the festivities!

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PETITIONS OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.**

Mayor DelVecchio informed Sandy Hanna that the City received news of the award of the grant from NJDOT, which is one piece of the pie. We submitted a letter to another funding prospect but have not heard back yet. He will call his contact if the City doesn't receive a response by Friday, April 13.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilman Sanders. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cynthia L. Ege*

Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk

*Approved at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council held on Monday, April 16, 2012.*