

City of Lambertville
Special Session of Mayor and Council
Wednesday, August 1, 2012, 6 PM
Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor DelVecchio with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, providing the required notice on Friday, July 31, 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, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: Councilwoman Warner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

Mrs. Ege led the public in a Moment of Silence honoring those serving their Country in the United States Armed Forces.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BILL KERSHAW: request for approval of the annual block party for Clinton and Perry Street residents.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to approve the request from Bill Kershaw for the Annual Block Party for Clinton and Perry Street residents. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present.
MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PETITIONS OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Paul Rotundi and David Sigafos, York Street residents, were present to request help from Mayor and Council with the water runoff from Route 179 onto their properties and to discuss the condition of York Street. The sidewalks and walls were damaged in Hurricane Irene.

Mayor DelVecchio responded by saying there are two issues. The first is the roadway and the City will add York Street to the next round of funding request from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation after North Union Street Phase III is complete. The second is a problem we have from the water way. Part of the issue is that Ely Creek is not recognized as a waterway and the damage sustained was to private property. Mr. Sigafos commented that if the state dumps the water into a waterway, it is their responsibility to fix the problem and he asked if the City would research the issue. Mayor DelVecchio asked the City Clerk to prepare a letter to send to John H. Moyle from the Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Control requesting information on who has responsibility for the water flow. Councilman Sanders informed the York Street residents that the City dredged Ely Creek last year which should help with the water flow. Mayor DelVecchio informed them that the City is in the process of purchasing the rest of the hill for Open Space Preservation which means the property won't be developed. Concern was expressed for the condition of the roadway.

Mayor DelVecchio said the City would take the following actions: Send a letter to John Moyle from Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Control and add York Street to the list of streets for grant applications to the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation after North Union Street is completed. A copy of the letter will be sent to Paul Rotundi.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the following two resolutions are for the City's Sustainable Jersey Certification.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122-2012: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ANTI IDLING BEST PRACTICES.

City of Lambertville
Resolution 122-2012
A Resolution to Support "Idle Free New Jersey"

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville supports An Idle Free New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City to reduce motor vehicle idling, including gasoline and/or diesel powered vehicles, and

WHEREAS, idling for more than 3 minutes is PROHIBITED in New Jersey with limited exceptions, which include: N.J.A.C. 7:27-14 (Diesel Vehicles), N.J.A.C. 7:27-15 (Gasoline Vehicles), and

WHEREAS, idling is consider fuelish as you might as well be burning dollar bills and emissions are still present and harmful even when you can't see exhaust, and

WHEREAS, idling is unhealthy; Diesel exhaust is a likely human carcinogen, containing fine particles commonly called soot, Exhaust emissions worsen asthma, bronchitis, and existing allergies, The New England Journal of Medicine reports that exposure to air pollution may cause chronic decreases in lung functions by age 18, and Children breathe up to 50% more air per pound of body weight than adults, making them more susceptible to both acute and chronic respiratory problems like asthma, and

WHEREAS idling emissions kill; every year, hundreds of New Jerseyans die prematurely from exposure to diesel exhaust and the American Heart Association has concluded that air pollution increases the risk of death from cardiovascular disease.

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 following steps will be taken to reduce motor vehicle idling in the City of Lambertville;

1. Posting of the flyer titled: Idling ... what's the problem? On the website, on the bulletin board at City Hall, and in all correspondence mailed out of the Clerk's Office, and
2. A copy of this resolution with the flyer will be sent to the Lambertville Chamber of Commerce and to all of the businesses within the City of Lambertville, and
3. Posting of Anti Idling Signs in locations identified by the Lambertville Police Department and Public Works as problem areas and at the Lambertville Public School and all Parks within the City of Lambertville, and
4. All City Employees operating City owned vehicles will be required to observe the law, when possible, granting an exception where safety is a concern, and
5. Enforcement as outlined in the Stop the Soot program of NJDEP.

ADOPTED: August 1, 2012

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution 122-2012, An Idle Free Community. 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 121-2012: A RESOLUTION/PLEDGE FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE.

City of Lambertville
Resolution 121-2012
Sustainable Land Use Pledge

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality;

WHEREAS, poor land use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources;

WHEREAS, well-planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space and allow for continued use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land-use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we the City of Lambertville, resolve to take the following steps with regard to our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making Lambertville a truly sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in the next master plan revision and to update our zoning accordingly.

- I. **Facilities Siting** – *We pledge*, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikability, access to transit and proximity to other uses when siting new or relocated municipal facilities. The actions of a municipality when locating their own facilities can set a positive precedent and encourage other public and private sector entities to consider sustainable land-use considerations into account when location their own facilities.
- II. **Housing Variety** – *We pledge*, through the use of our zoning and revenue generation powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types to meet the needs of people from all ages and walks of life. A variety of housing options, from single family homes to one-bedroom apartments, including housing affordable to people with low, moderate and middle incomes, is vital to allow residents to live and work in a municipality through various stages of their lives.

III. **Natural Resource Preservation** – *We pledge* to preserve open space and create recreational opportunities within our municipality. As the most-densely populated state in the nation, open space in New Jersey is at a premium. Reserving what is left of our open space, for its ecological and recreational value, is critical for a sustainable future. FURTHER, if feasible, *we pledge* to complete a Natural Resources Inventory to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis and land use planning and zoning.

IV. **Transportation Choices** – *We pledge* to create transportation choices within our municipality by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects. Given that emissions from transportation, mainly passenger cars, make up the largest share of the state's carbon footprint, creating transportation alternatives at the local level is critical to reducing the state's overall carbon footprint.

V. **Mix of Uses** – *We pledge* to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of uses in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region. Development is not needed in every municipality. But where development makes sense, land-use patterns that segregate uses such as commercial and residential create an environment where the only feasible mode of transportation is the automobile. Allowing for a mix of compatible land uses, residential units above retail stores for example, can help reduce the necessity of driving by allowing people to walk to various destinations.

VI. **Green Design** – *We pledge* to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements. Green design strategies not only improve the environmental performance of buildings but lessen the impact of those buildings on the surrounding environment. Such strategies include energy efficiency, water conservation, indoor environmental quality, use of recycled renewable materials, construction waste reduction, reduced auto use, tree preservation, native planting and avoidance of environmentally sensitive features.

VII. **Regional Cooperation** – *We pledge* to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land use decisions, and to take into consideration their concerns when making regional level land-use decisions. Local land-use decisions can often have regional impacts, even though they are decided exclusively by one municipality. For example, in a large mall built in one municipality can affect traffic and retail opportunities in neighboring towns.

VIII. **Parking Regulations** - *We pledge* to reevaluate our parking requirements with the goal of limiting the amount of required parking spaces and promoting shared parking. In areas where walking, biking, and transit are possible, stringent parking requirements can hinder the goal of creating vibrant centers that have a critical mass of people to support local arts, shopping, and other services. Flexible parking requirements decrease the amount of land dedicated to parking lots, storm water runoff, land clearing, and heat island effects, while promoting transportation alternatives to individual automobile use.

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Evaluate areas to install safe and secure bicycle parking. Evaluate parking revenues, where fee for parking may be implemented or needs to be implemented.

Agenda and Date Voted: August 1, 2012

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to adopt Resolution 121-2012 supporting the land use pledge. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTS, PERSONNEL, ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND POSSIBLE LITIGATION.

RESOLUTION

“Authorizing a Closed Session at the August 1, 2012 Special Session of Mayor and Council to Discuss Contracts, Personnel, Acquisition of Property, Possible Litigation”

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lambertville is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that a closed session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by N.J.S.A 10:4-12(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville that a closed session shall be held on August 1, 2012, in the Justice Center 25 South Union Street, Lambertville, to discuss the following matters: *Contracts, Personnel, Acquisition of Property, Possible Litigation.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Lambertville Mayor and City Council.

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

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

Nays: None.

Mayor DelVecchio and City Council convened in closed session at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor DelVecchio and City Council re-convened in regular session at 6:35 p.m.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 116- 2012: A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DIANE SHERRY BUONO EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2012, FROM THE POSITION OF CMFO.

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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 resignation of Diane Sherry Buono is hereby accepted effective July 31, 2012.

ADOPTED: August 1, 2012

Councilman Sanders made a motion to accept the resignation of Diane Sherry Buono with regret. 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 117-2012: A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE CMFO AND TREASURER, EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2012.

Mayor DelVecchio nominated Christie Ehret to the position as Certified Municipal Finance Officer and Treasurer for the City of Lambertville.

City of Lambertville
Resolution Number 117-2012
A Resolution Appoint CMFO & Treasurer to a Part Time Position

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 Christie Ehret is hereby appointed as the CMFO and Treasurer effective July 31, 2012.

ADOPTED: August 1, 2012

Councilman Sanders made a motion to confirm the appointment of Christie Ehret as the Certificate Municipal Finance Officer and Treasurer for the City of Lambertville. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED TOGETHER: RESOLUTION NUMBER 118-2012, 119-2012, AND 120-2012.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 118-2012: A SALARY & WAGE RESOLUTION.

City of Lambertville
Resolution Number 118-2012
“Establishing the 2012 Salary and Wages for Officials and Employees of the City of Lambertville”

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 02-2012 established the salary range for officials and employees of the City of Lambertville; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish specific salary for specific positions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following salaries be established:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>2012 Salary</u>
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Christie Ehret	Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer	25,000.00
Susan Bacorn	Bookkeeper	32,600.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED: August 1, 2012

RESOLUTION NUMBER 119-2012: APPOINTING CERTIFIED OFFICER FOR PERS/PFRS.

**City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 119-2012
"Appointing Christie Ehret and Susan Bacorn as Certifying Officer for PERS/PFRS"**

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2012 the governing body appointed Christie Ehret as Treasurer and Chief Municipal 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 Christie Ehret and Susan Bacorn are hereby appointed as the Certifying Officer for PERS/PFRS with a term expiration of December 31, 2012.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 120-2012: "AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON BANK ACCOUNTS.

**City of Lambertville
Resolution Number 120-2012
Authorizing Signatures on Bank Accounts**

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:

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Cynthia Ege, City Clerk, or Christie Ehret, CFO and Treasurer

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the accounts listed below be 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

Christie Ehret, Chief Municipal Financial Officer & Treasurer

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:

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David M. DeVecchio, Mayor
Steven M. Stegman, Council President
Cynthia Ege, City Clerk
Christie Ehret, Chief Municipal Financial Officer & Treasurer

ADOPTED: August 1, 2012

Council President Stegman made a motion to approve Resolution Numbers 118-2012, 119-2012 and 120-2012. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ANNUAL FREE RABIES CLINIC will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 1 – 3 pm at the union fire house located on North Main Street in Lambertville.

HUNTERDON COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY will host the Computer & Electronics Collection Day on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 9 am to 1 pm, rain or shine, at the Hunterdon County Library Complex located at 314 Route 12 in Flemington.

HUNTERDON COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY will host the Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day on Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 9 am to 1 pm, rain or shine, at the Hunterdon County Library Complex located at 314 Route 29 in Flemington.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders 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

Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk

Approved at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council held on August 20, 2012.