

**City of Lambertville**  
**Reorganization Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 1, 2013, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville**  
**Minutes**

Mayor DelVecchio called the annual reorganization session to order at 11:08 a.m. with a statement of compliance with the open public meeting act, providing the required notice on Friday, December 28, 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: Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Girl Scout Troop 80567 represented by: Keziah Groth-Tuft, President, Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 80567, Charlie Groth, Leader, Troops 80109 and 80567, Troop 80119 represented by : Jeanna Korzun, President, Cadette Girl Scout Troop 80109, Adelaide Groth-Tuft, Treasurer, Cadette Girl Scout Troop 80109, and Sharon Hallanan, Leader, Troop 80109 and Boy Scout Troop 49 represented by: Robert Tomenchok, Marc Gambino, Michael Gambino, Casey Carter, Jason Barrett, Andrew Underwood, Bryce Pietras, Doug Carter, Terry Underwood and Kent Carpenter, and Pack 32 represented by Jack Jones.

**INVOCATION.**

Invocation by Sister Sandra DeMasi.

**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.

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in a moment of silence in memory of Marie Warford, a retired Councilwoman who passed away on Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. Marie served four terms as a Councilwoman, was on the South Hunterdon Regional High School Board of Education, worked for the Lambertville Public School, and was very involved in many facets of the community.

**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION.**

Mrs. Ege read the certification of the election as follows: The following is the statement of the election held November 6, 2012 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:

David M. DelVecchio was duly elected Mayor of the City of Lambertville for the term ending 12-31-2015 with 3,296 permanent register of voters and 2,361 whole number of names voted the Mayor received 1,778 votes.

**OATH OF OFFICE.**

The Oath of Office for the position of Mayor, to fill one three year term was administered by Judge Ronald Pittore to David M. DelVecchio with his wife, Karen J. Kominsky, and children: Alexander DelVecchio and Matthew DelVecchio holding the Bible.

### **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a nomination for the position of Council President. Councilman Sanders nominated Steven Stegman. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. Mayor DelVecchio asked if there were any further nominations for the position of Council President. There being no further nominations, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a roll call vote. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

### **OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

Municipal Court Judge Ronald Pittore administered the Oath of Office to Steven M. Stegman for Council President to fill a one year term, while Councilman Sanders held the Bible.

### **ASSEMBLYWOMAN BONNIE WATSON-COLEMAN**

Mayor DelVecchio introduced Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman to the members of the public. Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that her father was a Mercer County Freeholder, and Chaired the Budget Committee while in the Assembly. Her father came out of the hospital to nominate the Mayor when he ran for congress.

Assemblywoman Watson-Coleman congratulated the Mayor on his re-election and thanked the Council members for serving the community. She stated that as an African American woman, she had a period of reflection, a thanksgiving if you will, and hopes that in 2013 we are safer, more judicious, had wisdom, knowledge, courage, empathy and understanding for the value of life. In the Assembly, they will work hard, hopefully have no cliffs. She asked for everyone's good wishes as they work with those at the State and thanked everyone for the tremendous opportunity to serve. She is excited to represent Lambertville and ended with a thank you and God Bless.

### **PROCLAMATIONS.**

*Proclamation honoring Ron Sworen for his years of service as a Freeholder with Hunterdon County.*

Mayor DelVecchio asked Ron Sworen to join him at the front of the room. Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that Ron Sworen served his community as Mayor, and served Hunterdon County as a Freeholder. He thanked Mr. Sworen for his community service. Mayor and Council members took turns reading the proclamation into the record.

#### **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Ronald M. Sworen is a long time resident of the Borough of Frenchtown having resided in the Borough since 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald M. Sworen began serving the Borough of Frenchtown as a Councilman in 1979 through 1995 and serving as Mayor from 1996 through 2011; and

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**WHEREAS**, Ronald M. Sworen has served the County of Hunterdon as a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders since 2007 with his term ending on December 31, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, while serving as a member of the Freeholder Board, Ronald M. Sworen has been a member to the Planning Board and served as Liaison to: the Vocational Board of Education (Polytech), the Department of Public Safety/Emergency Management, the Division of Information Technology, the Library Commission, the Parks and Recreation Division, the Open Space Advisory Board and the Health Services Division; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald M. Sworen has served the residents of the County of Hunterdon through his activity with the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Business and Government Committee; Co-Founder of the Delaware Valley Municipal Alliance; Trustee and Elder for the Frenchtown Presbyterian Church; Hunterdon County Municipal Officers Association; Hunterdon Economic Partnership; New Jersey Department of Transportation Coordinator Management Committee for Route 29; New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLOM) COAH Task Force Committee and Conference; NJLOM Land Use and Environmental Committee; NJLOM Hometown Security Task Force; NJLOM Heavy Truck Task Force; Executive Board of the NJLOM; Board of Directors for the New Jersey Association of Counties; New Jersey Conference of Mayors President and Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald M. Sworen has held the titles of New Jersey Mayor of the Year; Frenchtown Lions Club Citizen of the Year; New Jersey League of Municipalities Elected Officials Hall of Fame and the New Jersey League of Municipalities Mayor's Hall of Fame.

**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 hereby recognizes Ronald M. Sworen for his outstanding contributions to the County of Hunterdon and his many accomplishments while in office; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Ronald M. Sworen is wished much success in all his future endeavors.

**ADOPTED: January 1, 2013**

David M. DelVecchio, Mayor

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to adopt the Proclamation honoring Ron Sworen. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Ron Sworen thanked the Mayor for his support and for showing him the ropes. He said today was his first day as a civilian in 35 years. He considered Mayor DelVecchio to be his mentor and friend. Ron mentioned his accomplishments as the Mayor of Frenchtown and credited the Mayor for providing assistance in obtaining funding. Mr. Sworen said that Frenchtown was a better place because of Mayor DelVecchio.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

The following Resolution Numbers were grouped together as one motion: 01-2013, 02-2013, 03-2013, 04-2013, and 05-2013.

Resolution Number 01-2013: 2013 Temporary Budget

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**Resolution Number 01-2013**  
**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET**  
**FOR THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE**  
**TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR 2013**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payment is to be made prior of the final adoption of the annual Municipal budget, Temporary Appropriations shall be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner ad time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the Temporary Appropriations shall be adopted within the first 30 days of the Municipality's fiscal year, and shall not exceed 26.25% of the prior year's adopted Budget, exclusive of appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements and Public Assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount appropriated in the 2012 Municipal Budget, as detailed above was \$4,013,240.94; and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the above amount is \$1,053,475.75

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council, that the following Temporary Appropriations be approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an additional sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated for Debt Service, Capital Improvements and Public Assistance, for a total Temporary Budget of \$1,173,475.75

ADOPTED: January 1, 2013

Resolution Number 02-2013: Designating Official Newspapers

The Beacon, the Democrat and the Times

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-2013**  
**"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 03-2013: Designating 2013 City Council Meeting Schedule

Third Tuesday of each month.

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

Time: 7:00 pm Open to the Public.

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-2013**  
**“DESIGNATING MEETING SCHEDULE”**

**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 following is the regular meeting scheduled for 2013:

**TUESDAYS**

Tuesday, January 1, 2013  
Tuesday, January 15, 2013  
Tuesday, February 19, 2013  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
Tuesday, April 16, 2013  
Tuesday, May 21, 2013  
Tuesday, June 18, 2013  
Tuesday, July 16, 2013  
Tuesday, August 20, 2013  
Tuesday, September 17, 2013  
Tuesday, October 15, 2013  
Tuesday, November 19, 2013  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013  
Monday, December 30, 2013

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all meetings will be held at the Justice Complex, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville at 6:30 p.m. for closed sessions and open to the public at 7:00 pm prevailing time unless announced otherwise; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of this schedule shall be published in the January 10, 2013 issue of The Beacon.

Resolution Number 04-2013: Designating Annual Fee for Meeting Notices.

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 04-2013**  
**“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.

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**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.

Resolution Number 05-2013: Appointing Richard Carmosino as the Tax Assessor and Authorizing Tax Assessor to File Corrective Appeals.

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-2013**

**“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

**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.

Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 01-2013, 02-2013, 03-2013, 04-2013 and 05-2013. Councilman Sanders 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 grouped together as one motion: Resolution Number 06-2013, 07-2013:

Resolution Number 06-2013: Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Attorneys.

*City Attorney* – Phillip Faherty, III of Hunt and Faherty, \$140 per hour

*Municipal Prosecutor & Assistant Prosecutor* – Phillip Faherty, III,  
Sean Faherty, \$140 per hour

*Public Defender* – Stanley Troy, \$5,000 Annually

*Labor Attorney* – John Lanza, \$175 per hour

*Bond Attorney* – Thomas Hastie, Capehart Scatchard, \$4,000 plus \$.85  
per thousand, \$450 per ordinance, \$600 per multi-ordinance

*Planning Board Attorney* – William Shurts, \$150 per hour

*Zoning Board Attorney* – William Shurts, \$150 per hour

*Alternate Attorney for Planning and Zoning Board* – Stewart Palilonis,  
\$150 per hour

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-2013**

*“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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process bids were received on December 6, 2012 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 2013 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2013 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:

The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individuals for the year 2013, unless otherwise noted.

City Attorney: Philip J. Faherty III to serve as City Attorney at an hourly rate not to exceed \$140 per hour.

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.

Public Defender: Stanley Troy, an Attorney to serve as Public Defender for the Municipal Court at an annual rate not to exceed \$5,000.

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.

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 \$ .85 per thousands of dollars of notes for temporary finances with a minimum requirement of \$1,000.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 10, 2013 issue of The Beacon.

Resolution Number 07-2013: Authorizing Professional Service Contract for Municipal Auditor.

Robert R. Cagnassola, Suplee, Clooney & Co., \$37,400 audit, \$400 per SDS, \$75 to \$175 per hour.

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-2013**

*“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 6, 2012 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



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**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds are available in the 2013 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2013 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 2013:

Robert Cagnassola of Suplee, Clooney and Company, a Registered Municipal Accountant, for the year 2013. The contract shall read as follows:

Not to exceed \$37,400 for the 2012 Statutory Audit

Additional Services provided at an hourly rate of \$75 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 10, 2013 issue of The Beacon.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 06-2013 and 07-2013. Councilwoman Warner 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 grouped together: Resolution Number 08-2013, 09-2013, 10-2013:

Resolution Number 08-2013: Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Engineers.

*City Engineer* – Christine Ballard, T and M Associates, \$139 per hour, \$66 to \$210 per hour for other services.

*Planning Board Engineer* – Robert Clerico, Van Cleef Engineering, \$152 per hour.

*Zoning Board Engineer* – Richard Arrango, Remington Vernick, \$152 per hour.

*Special Projects Engineer* – Naik Consulting Group, P.C., \$150 per hour.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-2013**

*“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 6, 2012 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 2013 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2013 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 2013.
  - a. Christine Ballard, T&M Associates, to serve as City Engineer at an hourly rate not to exceed:
    - i. \$139 per hour, depending upon the engineer, rates varying from \$66 to \$210 per hour,
    - ii. 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 \$152 per hour,
  - c. Richard Arango, Remington & Vernick, to serve as Zoning Board of Adjustment Engineer at an hourly rate not to exceed \$152.
  - d. Naik Consulting Group, P.C., to serve as Special Engineer, at an hourly rate not to exceed \$150 per hour, and not to exceed 20% in aggregate in total soft cost for each project.
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 10, 2013 issue of The Beacon.

Resolution Number 09-2013: Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Planner and Grants Specialist.

Emily R. Goldman, P.P., AICP, Van Note Harvey, \$125 per hour.  
Ed Farmer of Millennium Strategies, \$500 per month plus \$90 per hour.

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-2013**

*“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 6, 2012 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 2013 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2013 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 2013:
  - a. Ed Farmer of Millennium Strategies, as grant consultant at annual salary not to exceed \$500 per month plus \$90 per hour.
  - b. Emily R. Goldman, P.P., AICP, Van Note-Harvey Associates, PC as city planner at a rate not to exceed \$125 per hour.
  - c. Emily R. Goldman, P.P., AICP, Van Note-Harvey Associates, PC, 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 10, 2013 issue of The Beacon.

Resolution Number 10-2013: Authorizing Professional Service Contract for City Architect.

Michael Burns, Michael Burns Architect, \$170 per hour, \$75 to 170 per hour for other services.

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-2013**

*“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 6, 2012 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 2013 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2013 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 2013:
  - 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 10, 2013 issue of The Beacon.

Councilwoman Warner made a motion to adopt Resolution numbers 08-2013, 09-2013 and 10-2013. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**RECOGNITIONS.**

Mayor DelVecchio recognized the following people in the audience: Sean Faherty – Assistant Prosecutor, David Burd – OEM Coordinator, Emily Goldman – Planner, Vince Uhl – LMUA Member, Richard Carosino – Tax Assessor, Paul Frieda – Auditor, Christine Ballard –

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Engineer, Bill Hauk – Administrator of Edna Mahon Center for Women, Al Komjathy – Chairperson for the Board of Fire Commission, Bruce Cocuzza - Police Director, and Keri Osmond of Assemblyman Reed Gusciora’s Office.

The following resolutions were grouped together as one motion: Resolution Number 11-2013, 12-2013, 13-2013, 14-2013 and 15-2013.

Resolution Number 11-2013: A Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan

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**Resolution Number 11-2013**  
*A Resolution to Adopt a Cash Management Plan for the City of Lambertville*

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-14 requires every municipality to adopt a Cash Management Plan on an annual basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following requirements be a part of the **2013 Cash Management Plan**, and be adhered to:

**I. Cash Management and Investment Objectives**

Preservation of capital; adequate safekeeping of assets; maintenance of liquidity to meet operating needs; diversification of the City’s portfolio to minimize risks associated with individual investments.

**II. Designation of Official Depositories**

The following banks are hereby designated as legal depositories for all municipal funds:

- Bank of Princeton
- Hopewell Valley Bank
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Bank of America
- PNC

Each depository must submit to the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer a copy of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) notification of eligibility, which is filed Semi-annually with the Department of Banking each June 30th and December 31st; This list may be amended or supplemented from time to time as Mayor and Council deems necessary.

**III. Cash Management**

All municipal funds received by any official or employee shall be either deposited within 48 hours to an account in the name of the City of Lambertville, or shall be turned over to the Treasurer within 48 hours of receipt, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-15;

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer shall minimize any accumulated idle cash in checking accounts, by assuring that excess balances are promptly swept into the investment portfolio;

Investment decisions shall be guided by the cash flow projections prepared by the Chief Financial Officer or the Treasurer; Change Funds and Petty Cash Funds are not required to be maintained in interest-bearing accounts.

**IV. Permissible Investments**

Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America, or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America; government money market mutual funds; any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors; bonds or other obligations of the local unit, or school districts of which the local unit is a part; any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments; Local Government investment pools; New Jersey State Cash Management Fund; Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities.

**V. Authority for Investment Management**

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer is authorized and directed to make investments on behalf of the City of Lambertville. All investment decisions shall be consistent with this plan, and all appropriate regulatory constraints.

**VI. Safekeeping**

Securities purchased on behalf of the City of Lambertville shall be delivered electronically or physically to the Township's custodial bank, which shall maintain custodial and/or safekeeping accounts for such securities on behalf of the City.

**VII. Procedures for Disbursement of Funds**

Payments shall be prepared by the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer and submitted to Mayor and Council for their approval;

No municipal funds shall be disbursed by the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer prior to approval of the governing body, except for: Debt Service payments; Investments; Payroll turnovers to agency accounts; Tax payments to Hunterdon County, the Lambertville Board of Education, the South Hunterdon Regional Board of Education, and the Lambertville Board of Fire Commission, District 1 shall be made in accordance with schedules provided by each taxing district;

Checks approved for payment shall be signed by any of the following three; 1) the Mayor, 2) the Treasurer, and 3) the City Clerk. One of the three signatures must be the Mayor or Council President.

Checks paid from the following accounts must contain three signatures:

Chief Financial Officer's Current Fund  
Trust Other Fund

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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

Wire transfers and Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments are to be made by the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer.

**VIII. Reporting**

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer shall report to the governing body all purchases of investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-15.2;

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer shall also report to Mayor and Council the available cash in each fund and/or bank account.

**Audit**

This Cash Management Plan shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-14.

Adopted at the reorganization meeting of Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, held on the 1st day of January 2013.

ADOPTED:      January 1, 2013

Resolution Number 12-2013: A Resolution to appoint Christie Ehret as Certifying Officer and Cynthia Ege as Supervisor for PERS/PFRS.

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2013**  
*“Appointing Christie Ehret and Cynthia Ege as Certifying Officer for PERS/PFRS”*

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

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville that Christie Eheret is hereby appointed as the Certifying Officer and Cynthia Ege is hereby appointed as the Supervisor for PERS/PFRS with a term expiration of December 31, 2013.

Resolution Number 13-2013: Authorizing Signatures on City Bank Accounts.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-2013**  
*“Authorizing Signatures on City Bank Accounts”*

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 2013 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 2013 checks drawn or withdrawals from these accounts be signed as follows:

City Clerk’s Account and Petty Cash Account:  
Cynthia Ege, City Clerk, or Christie Ehret, CFO and

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 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  
Christie Ehret, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

Chief Financial Officer’s Current Fund  
Trust Other Fund  
General Capital Fund  
Animal Control Fund  
Rehab Loan Repayment Account



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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  
 Christie Ehret, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

Resolution Number 14-2013: A Resolution Approving the Contract with Advanced Mechanical for Cleaning of All Office Space in the Amount Not to Exceed \$14,560 (in 2012, we paid \$15,132).

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**RESOLUTION 14-2013**

*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 8, 2012 edition of the Beacon, and sealed bids were received and publicly opened and read aloud on Thursday, December 6, 2012, and

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 quote received from 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	\$14,560 annually

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

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months beginning February 1, 2013 and ending January 31, 2014 at an amount not to exceed \$14,560 annually.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2013

Resolution Number 15-2013: Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison for the City of Lambertville.

Bambi Kuhl and Emily Goldman.

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**RESOLUTION 15-2013**

*“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 Emily R. Goldman, P.P., AICP, are hereby appointed by the Governing Body of Lambertville as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2013

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 11-2013, 12-2013, 13-2013, 14-2013 and 15-2013. Councilwoman Warner 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 grouped together as one motion: Resolution Number 16-2013, 17-2013, 18-2013, 19-2013, and 20-2013:

Resolution Number 16-2013: Utilization of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for all incident management in the City of Lambertville.

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-2013**

*“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 17-2013: Resolution naming Zach Edelman of Fairview Insurance as the Risk Manager for 2013.

**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 Zach Edelman of Fairview Insurance, as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws.

Resolution Number 18-2013: Payment of Taxes.

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**Resolution Number 18-2013**  
*"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, 2013; May 1, 2013; August 1, 2013 and November 1, 2013 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 10, 2013 issue of The Beacon.

Resolution Number 19-2013: Resolution appointing Cynthia Ege as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the City of Lambertville.

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-2013**  
*"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, 2013.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2013

Resolution Number 20-2013: A Resolution Authorizing Petty Cash Accounts for the Police Department and the Clerk's Office.

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**Resolution 20-2013**  
*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, 2013.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 16-2013, 17-2013, 18-2013, 19-2013 and 20-2013. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote in favor of the motion was taken by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

The following Resolutions were adopted with one motion: Resolution Number 21-2013, 22-2013, 23-2013, 24-2013, 25-2013, and 26-2013:

Resolution Number 21-2013: A Resolution Authorizing Change Funds for the Clerk's Office, Construction Office and the Tax Collector.

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**Resolution 21-2013**  
**Authorizing the Change Funds**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Change Fund in any county of 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:

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, 2013.

Resolution Number 22-2013: *A Resolution Appointing Lester Myers, the Acting Public Works Director, as the Right To Know Coordinator/Officer for the City of Lambertville.*

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-2013**

*“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, 2013.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2013

Resolution Number 23-2013: *A Resolution Authorizing TANS for the City of Lambertville.*

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-2013**

*“Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 Tax Anticipation Notes of 2013 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 2013,” 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

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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 2012 was \$12,802,838.69. The amount of miscellaneous revenues realized in cash during the fiscal year of 2012 was \$1,916,830.15, 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 2012, being 30 percent of the tax levy for all purposes for the fiscal year of 2012, plus 30 percent of the amount of miscellaneous revenues realized in cash during the fiscal year of 2012, is \$4,415,900.65.
3. The amount of notes outstanding in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the fiscal year of 2012, 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 \$4,415,900.65.
5. This Certificate is made with respect to \$2,000,000 of Tax Anticipation Notes of 2012, about to be authorized by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville.

Christie Ehret  
Chief Financial Officer &  
Treasurer

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

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.

All notes issued hereunder shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer.

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.

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.

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"):

- Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- Non-payment related defaults;
- Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- Substitution of credit or liquidity providers or their failure to perform;
- Adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security;
- Modifications to rights of security holders;
  - Bond calls;
  - Defeasances;
  - Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities; and Rating changes.



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.

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 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.

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.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2013

Resolution Number 24-2013: A Resolution Authorizing the Parking Permits for City Employees, Mayor and Council, and Board Members.

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**RESOLUTION 24-2013**

*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

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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, 2013.

**Resolution Number 25-2013: A Resolution approving the Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal with Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County.**

**City of Lambertville**  
**Resolution 25-2013**

*“Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for Waste Disposal/Covanta 4Recovery, LP”*

**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/Covanta 4Recovery, L.P. for waste disposal services from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 at a fee of \$68 per ton plus a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton.

BE IT FURTHER that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the agreement with Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County/Covanta 4Recovery, L.P.

**Resolution Number 26-2013: A Resolution Authorizing Contract with JWS Computers for Technology Services for 2013 at an amount not to exceed \$7,200 annually.**

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**RESOLUTION 26-2013**

*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

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, 2013

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to adopt Resolution numbers 21-2013 through 26-2013. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**RECOGNITION:**

Mayor DelVecchio recognized the following members of the audience: Stewart Palilonis – Chair of the Historic Preservation Board and the Board of Elections, John Holly – the conductor of the Trenton Symphony, Tim Korzun – Chairperson of the Planning Board, Pat Pittore – member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Paul Rotundi – Alternate of the LMUA Board, and Sister Angelia DelVecchio – the Mayor’s Aunt.

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING** – None.

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION** – None.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

Mayor DelVecchio nominated the following members to the Emergency Management Council: Emergency Management Council: OEM Coordinator: David Burd, term expires: 12-31-13, Deputy Coordinators: Paul Cronce and Brad Campbell, Radio: Raymond Force, Alex Palilonis, Craig Reading, Bruce Rock and Jeffery Schermerhorn, Members: Maureen Bentley, Edie Brower, Julie Burd, Bryan Conner, Scott Elliott, Jennifer Fernandez, Cathy Force, Cathy Frank-White, Richard Freedman, Bruce Harris, Donald Hart, Mark Hilton, Chris Kascik, Aladar Komjathy, Helen “Bambi” Kuhl, Sally Lelie, John Miller, David Morgan, Lisa Nichols, Kari Osmond, Barbara Parsons, Christianna Pollack, Toni Slack, Gene Venettone, John Weber, L.M. Zinda, Fire Chief – Matthew Hartigan, Rescue Squad Chief – Robert Musselman, Police Director – Bruce Cocuzza, Elementary School – Geoff Hewitt, High School – Mark Collins, City Clerk – Cynthia Ege, Mayor David M. DelVecchio.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to confirm the Mayor’s nomination. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio nominated the following people to fill positions on various boards:

Environmental Commission: Brad Campbell – three year term, Charles “Chuck” Kaufmann – three year term and Julie Anne Hujdusek – three year term.

Historic Preservation: Stewart Palilonis – four year term, William Dorman – four year term, and David Ringer – four year term.

Lambertville Free and Public Library: Paul Hamilton – three year term and Cynthia Ege – Mayor’s representative.

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Local Economic Assistance Board: Susan Rovello – One year term, Judith A. Bremer – two year term, and Leanne J. Parks – two year term.

Planning Board: David M. DelVecchio – Concurrent with term, Kenneth Rogers – Class II – one year term, Steven Stegman – Class III – one year term, Erin McManus-Keyes – three year term, Derek Roseman – two year term for Alternate I, and Gina Fischetti – Environmental Commission Representative – three year term.

Council President Stegman made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointments. 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 nominated the following people to fill positions on various boards:

Recreation Commission: Scott Conner – three year term and Loredana Cromarty – two year term

Shade Tree Commission: Art Legere – three year term.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: Pat Pittore – three year term, Philip E. Mackey – three year term, and Fred Eisinger – two year term.

Memorial Day Parade Committee: John Baker, George Hambach, and Glen Tetterer.

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

City Historian – Lou Toboz.

Division of Senior Services – Marie Rossiter and Trudy Compton.

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to confirm the Mayor's nominations. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

DOG AND CAT LICENSES are available for purchase starting Wednesday, January 3, 2013 at City Hall, 18 York Street. The fee for a spayed dog or cat is \$15. Licensing of dogs a requirement of the NJSA 4. A \$25 late fee imposed beginning March 1, 2013.

PARKING PERMITS for those residing on metered streets will be available for purchase starting the week of December 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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JUSTICE CENTER PARKING: space numbers 24 and 26 are available for lease. The fee is \$45 per month. For additional information, call Shelley at 609-397-0110.

LANDLORD REGISTRATION is due by April 1, 2013. 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 2013 REORGANIZATION MEETINGS**

Planning Board	January 2	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 8	7:00 p.m.	Library
<i>Second Tuesday of every month.</i>			
Recreation Commission	January 9	7:30 p.m.	Justice Center
<i>Second Wednesday of every month.</i>			
Historic Preservation	January 8	7:30 p.m.	Justice Center
<i>Second Tuesday of every month.</i>			
Environmental Commission	January 16	7:00 p.m.	Justice Center
<i>Third Wednesday of every month.</i>			
Office of Emergency Mgt	January 24, 2012,	7:00 p.m.	Justice Center
Shade Tree Commission	January 29	7:30 p.m.	Justice Center
<i>Last Tuesday of every month.</i>			
Board of Adjustment	January 31	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>			
<i>All meeting agendas are posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall and may be available on the City's Website.</i>			

**REMARKS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

**Councilwoman Asaro:** First – congratulations again Mayor for your reelection! These annual city reorganization meetings cause me to reflect on the year past. I had drafted some thoughts a few days ago – but then last night at a local annual new year’s eve party I met a lovely woman who moved to Lambertville just this past June with her 3 children – a couple at LPL and 1 at South. She moved here from North Jersey – where she had also grown up.

I have to say that meeting her, and her family, really synthesized my thoughts for today. We must have talked for over an hour. She told me that she had moved here because she felt that Lambertville was “the last” town in NJ that had reasonable taxes. She was paying taxes of almost \$40K a year in North Jersey. She felt that Lambertville was a true rare gem – a small town like she had always dreamed about – where she could raise her children in a similar way to the way she was raised. She said – it’s like a Norman Rockwell town – who knew towns like this still existed? I asked her if it was everything she thought it would be – she said yes and

more. She said she immediately felt strangely at home when she pulled into her driveway that first day she closed on the house.

She was already full of hopeful and happy stories about Lambertville. She's a working mom and she told me that she often has to leave home early in the morning before her kids wake up. As she did every morning when she had to leave early she called home to make sure the kids were up – there was no answer. She was a bit panicked. She called again and again – nothing. So she called LPS to see if the kids had arrived – no – also South? No. So the LPS Nurse, as we all know is Mrs. Nocar, offered to go to her house to wake the kids up. Neighbors offered too. She said WHERE ELSE DOES THAT HAPPEN? She was completely blown away that that could happen anywhere – ever. Certainly not her experience from where she lived before.

Then someone else at the party told another story about our school nurse – and another person piped in – the nurse had come to their house after school to check on their sick child while the mom was at work.

She then told me about the joy of allowing her son to walk into town to get hot chocolate by himself. She wanted to be sure he way ok – since it was his first time going out alone – so she drove down into town and sat outside of the store and watched him sip his cocoa – it was another defining moment for her – bliss for her to see him independent, happy and making his way in the world.

She was here through Hurricane Sandy – she saw us shine in one of our darkest moments. She went on and on – through her eyes I nodded to myself and confirmed everything I love about Lambertville – the people, the safety, the diversity, the river, the schools, the restaurants, the architecture, the community, the people – it all comes down to that. She was looking forward to Winter Fest, Shad Fest – and more...

She and I both know it's not perfect here, or anywhere, but we both agreed its just about as good as it gets.

I'd just like to close with a thank you – thanks for allowing me to continue to serve you as a member of the city council – it's an honor.

**Councilwoman Warner:** I wish I could say 2012 was an uneventful year for Lambertville, but Mother Nature once again intervened and challenged residents throughout the state of New Jersey. While Lambertville experienced a lengthy power outage, most residents were without power for 8 days while other remained in the dark a bit longer, we can count ourselves fortunate compared to many of our neighboring communities. Events such as Hurricane Sandy once again reaffirmed my belief that my family has chosen one of the most unique and caring communities to live in. I once again marveled at the resilience of our small city. Our police force patrolled throughout the city, reminding us all that they were ever vigilant and that our safety was their main concern. I personally found it easier to sleep knowing that our officers were working tirelessly to protect us and our property from those seeking an opportunity to benefit from a

nature disaster. The volunteers of the OEM, led by David Burd, provided information and assistance wherever there was a need. Mayor DeVecchio and Cindy Ege spent days and nights at City hall in constant contact with state officials in an effort to restore not only power but a sense of normalcy to our lives. Moving forward through 2013, we should not quickly dismiss the events of 2012, we should remember how we yet again came together as a community to help each other through a challenging and difficult time. We should embrace that spirit every day in the next year utilizing it in our daily interactions with other members of our community. Our response to each other in times of distress and difficulty are what makes me proudly say that I live in Lambertville.

*Councilman Sanders:* As the federal government's recent struggles with the fiscal cliff, and its completing views on around taxes and spending, we see the extraordinary impact of gridlock wrought by different visions for our country. And I am struck by the contrast of what is happening with our federal government and our local government. Here in Lambertville, we are blessed by what is generally a shared vision. We, the members of the governing body, may not always agree on everything, but one of the things that makes this job enjoyable is a feeling that we are all pulling roughly in the same direction, with purpose and commitment. And because of that we have been able to make strides at improving our community, in a way that has been responsive to community desires.

As I look back on the prior year, I am reminded by many events, that Government has as one of its key roles, the safety of its citizens: whether it is from natural disasters or human actions, we need to make sure that we are doing what we can to protect our citizens. I am proud to have worked with Police Director Cocuzza in making the Lambertville Police Department a partner in the *Project Medicine Drop*, an unused or expired medication disposal program, and I believe the first such drop in Hunterdon County. The program is designed to remove dangerous drugs from inappropriate disposal and from misuse – the consequences of which can be devastating. As I look forward, I think we need to continue to look at opportunities to improve traffic safety and to ensure that we are well positioned to prepare for and respond to natural disasters.

As I did in the past two years, I did want to mention a few of the unique things about Lambertville, which makes me proud to be a resident: Our residents' response to Super storm Sandy; Our town's commitment to exploring shared services; Achieving bronze-level status for Sustainable Jersey; Non-taxpayer funded Friday-night fireworks; Wing dam walks; Ramblers football, Vic Walker baseball, and LBA basketball; The first Lambertville 5-K run; "Block" parties, with broad definitions of what constitutes a "block"; That we are a community with such strong locally-owned businesses; Rabbi Cornfeld's menorah lighting and home-made latkes; and Our diversity and tolerance, and keen awareness of civil rights.

I look forward to working with Mayor DeVecchio, Council President Stegman, and Councilwomen Warner and Asaro as we face new challenges in this New Year.

**RECOGNITION:**

Assemblyman Reed Gusciora was introduced to the members of the public by Mayor DelVecchio. Assemblyman Gusciora wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that with the Mayor and Council President he knows everything in Lambertville is under control. He commented that with the redistricting, he lost Princeton but gained Lambertville. He enjoys the many fine restaurants in Lambertville. He recognized John Holly – the conductor for the Trenton Symphony and stated that it was great to have culture in Trenton.

***Council President Stegman:*** I don't know how many noticed when the meeting began that the Mayor made sure the doors in the back of the room were open. This shows how open the City is and always has been to the public. This is not only a symbol but is a true statement of how the Mayor has run the city for the past 21 years. He acknowledged the City Clerk, Cindy Ege for the time she devotes on and off the clock to the City of Lambertville. He complimented the Office of Emergency Management and stated there was none better. He recognized and thanked the 80 plus volunteers working for the City of Lambertville and congratulated the Mayor on his eighth term.

#### **RECOGNITION:**

Mayor DelVecchio recognized Mike Burdowski of Jingoli and Brothers Construction. He informed the members of the public present that when the City was in the construction phase for City Hall, Mike Burdowski and Neil Pellilo of Jingoli Brothers Construction were very helpful with problems that arose. He asked the City Clerk if she had anything to add. She stated that she was grateful for the assistance provided and it was a comfort to know that if there were any questions or problems that she had someone to reach out to.

#### **STATE OF CITY ADDRESS.**

As part of the Administrative Code of the City of Lambertville, during the month of January, I have to give the State of the City Address. I always choose to do it at the annual reorganization meeting.

Good morning, to the Council Members, thank you for your comments and hard work and to the public, on behalf of the Governing Body, I wish you all a happy new year.

I have just been administered the oath of office for the eighth time.

I am just as humbled to have your trust to serve as mayor now as I was in 1992, when I placed my hand on the bible for the first time.

My commitment to the job of mayor is just as strong.

My love for our city is just as strong.

In fact, the only thing that has changed in the past 21 years is that I am a little older, a little grayer and, hopefully, a little wiser.



I am just as concerned with doing right by our community as ever. And so long as I have the honor of serving as mayor, the only interest I will ever seek to serve is yours.

Our community is close-knit ... a model for every town and city throughout the state, and even maybe beyond.

When we see a neighbor in need, we lend a hand.

When a new family moves in or a new business opens, like Dawn Raia's of Caffe Galleria, we welcome them.

We take the word "community" seriously in Lambertville. And that is one of the reasons why I'm not only proud to serve as mayor, but to also be a resident.

Even when events turn against us, we see the very best of Lambertville.

And I can think of no better example of that than what we saw just two months ago, in the aftermath of Super storm Sandy.

The length of the blackout was completely unacceptable, as was JCP&L's response to our situation. While I know that tempers sometimes flared, we never lost our sense that we would pull through as a community.

One of the most satisfying sights was how City Hall became more than just a cell-phone charging station, but a community hub for us to escape the chill of our homes. I was heartened to hear stories of neighbors letting neighbors plug in to their generators, even if temporarily. And, as power began to return, it was satisfying to see residents opening their homes to those whose houses were still dark for hot showers and laundry.

As our restaurants and shops began to reopen, I saw residents make a conscious effort to eat and shop locally, not only welcome them back, but to help them recover financially from being dark for 10 days. Our business community is a special part of our city, and we must help keep them strong, too.

In the wake of the storm, I along with Council created a task force of residents to investigate ways that we can make our community better prepared to deal the next time we find ourselves not only without power, but also without hope that it will be restored in any expedited fashion.

I have directed them to take a broad look at the city's needs and capabilities, and to make recommendations as equally wide-ranging. No idea should be dismissed out-of-hand.

These issues must be addressed. It has become clear that regular maintenance of our power lines

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has not occurred. The way that JCP&L tracks outages is completely inadequate. And it is also clear that years of patchwork has left the city's power grid antiquated, where some homes get power while others on the same block remain dark.

We may not be able to solve every problem, but we must at least make sure that they become part of the public record and discussion. On Thursday, January 3, I am testifying with the New Jersey League of Municipalities at the Board of Public Utilities. I think that public works crews should be able to cut down trees affecting power lines. Rick Carmosino and Lester Myers saw firsthand that during Hurricane Sandy, it was the downed trees that caused the power outage. The City should not have to wait on the power company to hire someone to remove the trees if our crews are properly trained.

With such a crowd here today, I think it appropriate that we also take a moment once again thank Cindy Ege, our city clerk, and David Burd and his Office of Emergency Management team for being on-call non-stop throughout Sandy and its aftermath. I am ever thankful to the members of the Lambertville police and fire departments for their service to our city and its residents. And I thank the volunteers who helped out at City Hall to answer questions from residents and help keep up the morale of our city.

And I thank the linemen who came from Ohio, Tennessee and, in particular - Canada to turn our lights back on. We cannot forget that they traveled hundreds of miles to help perfect strangers.

We owe all of them a round of applause. [Applaud]

But while Sandy may have been the biggest news of 2012, there were many good things that happened in our city.

In the past year, we saw the beginning of our same-day trash and recycling program. I am grateful to Lester Myers and his team at the Department of Public Works for taking this idea and turning it into, I believe the best-run, most cost-effective and most-efficient municipally run trash and recycling program in New Jersey.

And, most importantly, I know that it has not only made recycling easier for residents, but it has also has the desired effect of lessening the amount of trash we send out to landfills, which has saved the City thousands of dollars.

The City is also saving money through a third-party purchasing agreement for our electricity, which is expected to save us 15 percent on our power bills over the next two years.

When coupled with the recent conversions of city buildings to natural gas heat, it means that we are going to have more efficient and money-saving systems all-around.

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And, in partnership with our police department, we instituted a new drop-off program for unused prescription drugs and other pharmaceuticals at police headquarters.

Our commitment to creating a more environmentally sustainable community has gained statewide recognition, with our recent award of Bronze status from Sustainable New Jersey.

This year saw us also break ground for new floodgates along the Ely Creek, a troubling source of flooding in the northern part of town. I especially commend the work of John Miller who has spent many hours in service to the city on this and other flood mitigation projects.

We may never be able to tame the waters that have flooded our area for generations, but hopefully we can lessen their impact on our homes and businesses.

Meanwhile, on the south end of town, the city entered into a new contract with Friends of Lambertville Library to provide a permanent home here at the Justice Center for their Acme Screening Room movie series.

Since 2008, the Friends have turned the Acme Screening Room project into a true cultural gem for our city, and I am proud that it will continue.

The City also instituted its new reverse 911 program this year ... and just in time. This tool was invaluable in making sure that residents were kept informed in the wake of Sandy. This was something learned from Hurricane Irene.

Finally, this year saw the installation of new light poles at Ely Field, ensuring that the Ramblers will enjoy a strong home field advantage for years to come.

This year, the City will aim to complete the purchase of the acres on the hill overlooking North Franklin Street for preservation, funded in part through a loan and grant received from Green Acres. Over the past several years, developers have produced proposals to build new homes on the hill, but I believe that some things just shouldn't be spoiled. Now, this hill won't be.

We will also take advantage of \$300,000 in Green Acres funding to renovate Cavallo Park. For families and visitors alike, Cavallo Park is a special place. My hope is that we will be able to create a true outdoor community center as well as an inviting gateway to Lambertville for those entering the city along the canal.

For the city, 2013 will bring upgraded backup generation at both City Hall and the Free and Public Library. Especially in the wake of Sandy, we saw how important it was to have ample power generation capabilities not only to ensure the ability of the City to function in an emergency, but to also allow residents a place to come in from the cold and recharge their phones and computers.

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With these projects, we will not only ensure that the City Hall remains a community hub during an emergency, but that the Library can also serve this vital purpose.

We will also continue our cost-sharing and cost-saving partnership with East Amwell, Delaware and West Amwell townships for animal control. And I am committed to continuing talks with our neighbors to bring efficiencies into the way we provide police and fire protection to our communities.

As you know, I am a long-standing and strong advocate for shared services. I believe that a community's identity or individualism is found in its people, not in the letters painted on the side of a truck.

When an emergency happens, the only thing that should be considered is how long it takes first responders to arrive ... not whose town's name is on the vehicle.

Shared services work. They save money and ensure the delivery of essential services. And so long as I am mayor, I will not shy away from considering sound proposals for shared services that make sense to our city and its taxpayers.

With the turning of the calendar, today we welcome Emily Goldman as our new City Planner.

A Lambertville resident ... and a new homeowner ... Emily has served with distinction on both the Environmental Commission and the Planning Board. She understands the importance of preserving the look and feel of our community while also ensuring it can welcome new development and infrastructure improvements.

I thank Linda Weber for her years of service to our city. And I know that with Emily the future of our city is in good hands.

And today we must also bid farewell to a friend of our city.

When the next Congress takes its seat in the coming days, Lambertville will no longer be represented by Congressman Rush Holt, who we have had the honor of knowing since he first took office in 1999.

Rush has been a strong advocate for our hometown, working alongside us with FEMA on flood issues in addition to the many individual constituent concerns that his office handled.

I am disappointed to see us leave Rush's district. But I am confident that our city will remain in good hands on Capitol Hill.

Representative Leonard Lance is no stranger to our city, having been our voice in Trenton for many, many years.

And while we may disagree with him on partisan matters, the true role of a Congressman goes much deeper than just casting votes ... it's also about looking out for the communities you represent.

Congressman Lance knows us well. He knows the challenges we face with flooding. As we continue our much-needed mitigation projects, I know he will make sure we get the attention we deserve, and I look forward to rekindling my working relationship with him and will gladly welcome him back to Lambertville.

Finally today, I will close with some reflections on the recent violence in Newtown, Connecticut.

In the days after the shootings, I was honored to participate in a candlelight vigil at Lambertville Public School in memory of the victims and in solidarity with those they left behind. I thank the PTA and the school administration for organizing the event, and I thank the teachers and staff of LPS for all they do to not only keep our children safe, but for being caring ears for our children in the wake of such tragic and senseless violence.

I have asked Police Director Cocuzza to sit down with Superintendent Kozak and Principal Hewitt to go over the current emergency protocols in place at LPS, and to take whatever steps they deem necessary to safeguard our children and their teachers.

However, let me state firmly my belief that schools are places for learning, not guns.

I have joined with the nonpartisan group Mayors Against Gun Violence, spearheaded by Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York, to urge our national leaders to take the steps necessary to enact sensible yet firm measures to control the flow of guns in our nation.

Because right now that is what we need ... common sense.

Prohibition will not work. However, neither will turning American society into one in which leaving the house with a gun would be as normal as picking up your cellphone on the way out the door.

There are many people in our community who hunt, or who wish to keep a firearm in their home for their own protection or for target shooting. That is their right. And is it one we must find common ground to support.

But there is no societal benefit in guns that can fire as many rounds as possible in as little time as possible, or for the ammunition clips that can hold so many bullets that someone bent on doing as much damage as possible can actually do that. And I do not believe a society in which every pedestrian is armed is a safer one.

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For better or worse, and for all its grammatical awkwardness, the 2nd Amendment exists. But just as one's First Amendment rights do not extend to being able to shout "Fire!" in a crowded theater, I do not believe the 2nd Amendment precludes the people, through their elected officials, from enacting sensible controls on guns and ammunition.

We are lucky. We live in a safe, close-knit community.

We have a vibrant downtown, full of culture. We have excellent schools. We are a place where people want to move.

But remember, those are exactly the same things people said about Newtown. And Aurora. And Columbine.

The challenge we face is one in which we must take seriously all facets of the problem, from closing the holes in mental health coverage to closing the loopholes in our gun laws.

But these challenges should not deter us from enjoying the presence of family and friends as we welcome a new year.

As the board outside LPS said in the early days of November, "Lambertville is stronger than Sandy."

And I can't think of anywhere else I'd rather live.

Thank you, and may you enjoy a healthy, happy and safe 2013.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Mayor DelVecchio invited the public back to his home at 11 York Street for a small gathering and celebration of his eighth term as Mayor of the City.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilwoman Warner. 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 January 15, 2013.*