



**City of Lambertville**  
**Special Session of Mayor & Council**  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 7 p.m.**  
**Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center**  
**25 South Union Street, Lambertville**  
**Minutes**

Mayor DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a statement of compliance with the open public meeting act, providing the required notice on Friday, April 19, 2013 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 (by phone), Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

Mrs. Ege led the public in a moment of silent in honor of those serving their country in the United States Armed Forces.

**ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING.**

Ordinance Number 06-2013: An Ordinance to Establish a CAP Ordinance.

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He introduced Paul Freda of Suplee Clooney, the City's Auditing firm and asked him to explain the CAP Bank. Mr. Freda informed the members of the public present that a "CAP" ordinance allows the municipality to bank in the funds excess of 2% so that if you need it in the future 2 budget years it is available to you.

**City of Lambertville**  
**Ordinance Number 06-2013**  
**CALENDAR YEAR 2013 - TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**  
**(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, by ordinance, bank the difference between its final budget appropriations and the 3.5% increase authorized by this ordinance when said difference is not appropriated as part of the final budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$50,376.60 that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

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

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

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

INTRODUCED: March 20, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING: April 23, 2013

Mayor DelVecchio asked if there were any questions about this ordinance. There being no questions from the public, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance Number 06-2013 to establish a CAP Bank. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt on second reading and final approval, Ordinance 06-2013. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 06-2013 on second reading and final approval. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARING and SECOND READING: 2013 BUDGET.**

NOTES: the 2013 Budget was advertised in the March 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the Beacon; a copy of the 2013 budget was forwarded to the Lambertville Free and Public Library on March 26, 2013, and posted to the City's website at [www.lambertvillenj.org](http://www.lambertvillenj.org) and made available to the members of the public beginning on March 26, 2013.

Mayor DelVecchio read the 2013 budget by title into the record. Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on the 2013 Budget. He informed the members present that the assessed value of the homes in the City of Lambertville are down approximately 3 million dollars or about .5%; the average home value is: \$353,681; the average tax bill is up approximately \$12 per year or \$1 per month; the levy is up 1.6%; surplus is down \$15,000 or 6.6% but we are left with almost \$300,000 after appropriations; this budget includes a 2% raise for all personnel with no reduction in the work force; includes a savings in the budget of \$10,000 due to the recycling program; \$2,500 in fuel due to the change at City Hall from oil to gas; \$5,900 in electric fees due to the third party purchasing agreement; the City paid down debt in the amount of \$831,000 which is the most ever in one year; saved \$51,643 from FEMA and we were able to cancel our emergencies from Hurricane Irene; and the reserve for uncollected is up \$5,000 which is 1.54%.

Mayor DelVecchio asked if there were any questions from the public on the 2013 budget. He asked Mr. Freda to comment on the budget. Mr. Freda stated that the budget is in compliance with the appropriate cap and tax levy cap laws. Mr. Freda also stated that it was a good year, no over expenditures and stated that the refund from FEMA allowed the City to cancel the emergencies.

Mayor DelVecchio stated that this budget allows the city to continue to provide services without draining resources.

There being no questions from the public, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing on the 2013 Budget. Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken on the motion to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the adoption of the 2013 budget is delayed until we receive approval from the Director, DLGS. He asked for a motion to delay the adoption of the budget until public meeting after the City's receives approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to delay the vote on adopting the budget until the first public meeting after City receives notification of approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for the 2013 Budget. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mayor and Council did not go into closed session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

SHAD FESTIVAL: Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>!

SPARKLE WEEK IN LAMBERTVILLE: Tuesday & Wednesday pick-up days will be held on May 7 and 8, and Thursday & Friday pick-up days will be held on May 16 and 17. Please don't put anything out after your items have been picked up. Public Works will only make one trip to pick up your items. Visit the City's website at [www.lambertvillenj.org](http://www.lambertvillenj.org) for details!

300<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HUNTERDON COUNTY: will be celebrated in each Community in 2014.

350<sup>th</sup> FOUNDING OF NEW JERSEY: will be celebrated in 2014.

200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAMBERTVILLE/NEW HOPE BRIDGE will be celebrated through a DVD about the bridge.

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

None.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

**City of Lambertville**

**Regularly Scheduled Session**

**April 23, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**

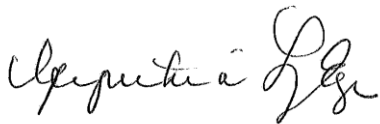
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The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilman Sanders. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cynthia L. Ege".

Cynthia L. Ege

CMR, RMC, City Clerk

*These minutes were approved at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013.*