



City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
Minutes

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor DeVecchio who read a statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act; noting that the annual meeting notice was published in the January 8th edition of the Beacon. The Clerk provided the required notice on Friday, February 13, 2015 to the Beacon, the Democrat, the Times, posted the agenda to the bulletin board at city hall, the website at www.lambertvillenj.org, and noticed various people on the list serve, inclusive of department heads, city attorney and city engineer.

ROLL CALL.

Mrs. Ege called the roll as follows:

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

Absent: Councilwoman Asaro.

**RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS
CONTRACTS, PERSONNEL, ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, AND
POTENTIAL LAW SUITS.**

PLEASE NOTE: Mayor and Council will go into closed session at 6:30 p.m. and reconvene in open session at 7 p.m.

RESOLUTION

“Authorizing a Closed Session at the February 17, 2015 Lambertville City Council Meeting to Discuss Contracts, Personnel, Acquisition of Property, Possible Litigation”

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville that a closed session shall be held on February 17, 2015, in the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, located at 25 South Union Street, Lambertville, to discuss the following matters: *Contracts, Personnel, Acquisition of Property, and Possible Litigation.*

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

ADOPTED:

Mayor DeVecchio and City Council convened in closed session at 6:32 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilwoman Warner. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES
PAGE 2

Mayor DelVecchio and City Council re-convened in regular session at 6:50 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilman Sanders. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET NEWS:

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the City's surplus was \$1,050,091 at the end of 2014. He anticipates the surplus to be at \$960,000 at the end of 2015. Capital Surplus had a balance of \$860,000 and \$150,000 was used leaving a balance of \$710,000. There were some changes in the budget which were under the 10% and they include: Colgate recycling will no longer pay the city for recycling and they are now charging \$10 per ton. Because of that, there is an increase of \$14,500 in solid waste. The Fire Commission Agreement will add approximately \$8,000 to the usage of diesel fuel. They will pay the city back, but we need to increase the expenses. Because of these changes, the following categories were increased: fuel oil, diesel fuel, gasoline, public works operating expenses. The Mayor is considering a new bond rating and is working with the Bond Council, Tom Hastie on this. He is also happy to report that the city will be videotaping and airing council meetings. We will have a proposal for consideration at the March meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

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

MOTION for MINUTES, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS, BILLS LISTS:

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the minutes, administrative reports and bills lists. Council President Stegman made a motion to approve the minutes, administrative reports and bills list.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 20, 2015 Regularly Scheduled Session Minutes, January 20, 2015 Closed Session Minutes, February 10, 2015 Special Session Minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Tax Collector – Cynthia McBride, Municipal Court Administrator – Barbara Halper, Police Director – Bruce Cocuzza, City Clerk – Cynthia L. Ege and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – Christie Ehret.

BILLS LIST: Bills List and Amended Bills List.

Mayor DelVecchio asked if there was any discussion. Council President Stegman asked how many reports were in the packet received by Council. The City Clerk stated that they received 4 reports in the binders and the Court report was received on 02-17-15. Council President Stegman asked if the department heads were aware of the meeting dates. Mayor DelVecchio asked the Clerk to prepare a memorandum to the department heads who did not file a report.

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES
PAGE 3

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a roll call. The Clerk called the roll with an affirmative vote cast by each member present in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS:

Consent Agenda: *The following resolutions on a consent agenda are considered routine and shall be enacted by one motion. Should any member of City Council seek separate discussion of any item, that item shall be removed and discussed separately.*

Mayor DelVecchio added Resolution Number 49-2015, authorizing the recreation commission's summer program for 2015. Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda.

Resolution Number 37-2015: A Resolution to Approve the Raffle License for the Application filed by PTA Lambertville Public School for a May 20, 2015 raffle of an Original Painting from Eleanor Voorhees to Benefit the Sixth Grade Class.

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 37-2015

A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of the Raffle Application Filed by PTA LPS for an Original Painting by Eleanor Voorhees to Benefit the 6th Grade Class Trip to Washington, DC

WHEREAS, PTA Lambertville Public School filed a raffle application on January 16, 2015 for a May 20 raffle of Original Painting by Eleanor Voorhees to benefit the 6th grade class trip to Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the raffle application was forwarded to the Police Department for their review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has completed the determinations statement and the applicant needs to submit the updated registration identification from LGCCC; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to submit the application to the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission once the updated registration identification is received.

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Resolution Number 38-2015: A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1035, Lot 30 In the Amount of \$6,990.95.

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 38-2015

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES
PAGE 4

A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1035, Lot 30 In the Amount of \$6,990.95

WHEREAS, Tax Lien Certificate 11-0001 issued on Block 1035, Lot 30 was sold to US Bank for Pro Capital I LLC on 10/19/2011 and

WHEREAS, payment has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of the tax lien from Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC.

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 check is hereby authorized to US Bank for PRO Capital I LLC, 505 16th St, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 for the redemption of tax lien certificate #11-0001 in the amount of:

\$4,452.29	Principle
16.15	2% Redemption Penalty
1,420.51	Interest
52.00	Recording Fee/ search fee
1,050.00	Attorneys Fees
\$6,990.95	Total Amount due to Lien Holder/Amount paid to redeem

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Resolution Number 39-2015: *A Resolution Requesting \$72,000 from the Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority As Authorized Under N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-12.1.*

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 39-2015

A Resolution Requesting \$72,000 from the Lambertville Municipal Utility Authority

WHEREAS, P.L. 2204, c. 87 established a formal procedure for local authorities to transfer funds to their creating government agency; and

WHEREAS, the Lambertville Municipal Utility Authority was created by the governing body of the City of Lambertville; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A., 40A:5A-12.1 in part states:

“To the extent there is available an undesignated fund balance or unreserved retained earnings by (a covered authority) ... an amount in that undesignated fund balance or unreserved retained earnings, not to exceed 5% of the annual costs of operation of the authority may be appropriated for use in the local budget of the municipal or county that created the authority unless otherwise restricted by bond covenants;” and

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES
PAGE 5

WHEREAS, the law required payments to the municipality shall be made no later than 30 days prior to the close of the municipality fiscal year, or anytime sooner as made by mutual agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville has anticipated the Lambertville Municipal Utility Authority appropriation of \$72,000 as a Special Item of Revenue in the proposed 2015 municipal budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey does hereby request that the Lambertville Municipal Utility Authority transfer \$72,000 to the City of Lambertville.

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Resolution Number 40-2015: *A Resolution to Authorize the Clerk to Hold An Auction On Items Owned by the City of Lambertville But No Longer Needed.*

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 40-2015

A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk to Auction Items No Longer Needed for Public Use

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville has determined the following items are no longer required for public use:

- 2002 International Recycling Truck (L8)
- 2003 Dodge Pick-up With Plow (L2)
- 2003 Ford Crown Victoria (17-1)
- 2005 Ford Crown Victoria (17-13)
- Various Bicycles
- 2003 Honda Civic Hybrid

WHEREAS, the aforementioned items will be sold via public auction through the Public Surplus website to the highest bidder, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is hereby authorized to approve any additions to this list of items no longer used for public use.

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 Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, hereby approve the sale of items through public auction on the Public Surplus Website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to sign all title work with regard to the fore mentioned items no longer required for public use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the items listed not be sold on the website of public surplus, the Clerk is hereby authorized to hold a public auction at a date and time to be announced.

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES
PAGE 6

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Resolution Number 43-2015: *A Resolution to Approve the Raffle License for the Application filed by RAS St. John's for a June 7, 2015 Raffle of Gift Cards to benefit the Altar Rosary Society of St. Johns.*

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 43-2015

A Resolution Approving the Raffle License Application Submitted by RAS St. Johns for a June 7, 2015 Raffle of Gift Cards to Benefit the Altar Rosary Society of St. Johns

WHEREAS, RAS St. John's filed a raffle application on Friday, February 6 for a June 7 raffle of various gift cards to benefit the Altar Rosary Society of St. Johns; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the raffle application was forwarded to the Police Department for their review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has completed the determinations statement and the applicant is fully compliance; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to submit the application to the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Resolution Number 44-2015: *A Resolution to Approve the Raffle License for the Application filed by LAEF for a April 26, 2015 Raffle of a Samsung 50 Inch Smart LED TV and Xbox One for grants to South Hunterdon Regional School District.*

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 44-2015

A Resolution Approving the Raffle License Application Submitted by LAEF for an April 26th Raffle of a Samsung 50 Inch Smart LED TV and a Xbox One

WHEREAS, LAEF filed a raffle application on Friday, February 6 for a April 26 raffle of Samsung 50-Inch Smart LED TV and Xbox One to benefit the South Hunterdon Regional School District; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the raffle application was forwarded to the Police Department for their review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has completed the determinations statement and has determined that the application requires a renewal on the registration identification issued by LGCCC; and

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES
PAGE 7

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to submit the application to the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission once the updated registration identification has been received.

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Resolution Number 47-2015: A Resolution to Authorize the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1087, Lot 20 In the Amount of \$2,142.56.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 47-2015

A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1087, Lot 20 In the Amount of \$2,142.56

WHEREAS, Tax Lien Certificate 11-0008 issued on Block 1087, Lot 20 was sold to FNA Jersey Lien Services on 10/19/2011 and

WHEREAS, payment has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of the tax lien from Midland Mtg.

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 check is hereby authorized to FNA Jersey Lien Services, 575 Route 70, PO BOX 1030 Brick NJ 08723 for the redemption of tax lien certificate #11-0008 in the amount of:

\$1,800.45	Principle
10.57	2% Redemption Penalty
279.54	Interest
52.00	Recording Fee/ search fee
\$2,142.56	Total Amount Paid to Redeem

In addition the City is holding a premium in the amount of \$300.00. Upon redemption this is due back to the lienholder.

Grand Total due back to lien holder \$2,442.56

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Resolution Number 48-2015: A Resolution to Authorize the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1087, Lot 20 In the Amount of \$895.17.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 48-2015

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES
PAGE 8

A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1087, Lot 20 In the Amount of \$895.17

WHEREAS, Tax Lien Certificate 14-0017 issued on Block 1087, Lot 20 was sold to US Bank Cust for PC4 First Tax Lien Services Group, 50 South 16th st, Suite 2050 Philadelphia, PA 19102 on 11/25/2014 and

WHEREAS, payment has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of the tax lien from Midland Mtg.

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 check is hereby authorized to F US Bank Cust for PC4 First Tax Lien Services Group, 50 South 16th st, Suite 2050 Philadelphia, PA 19102 for the redemption of tax lien certificate #14-0017 in the amount of:

\$822.32 Principle
6.66 2% Redemption Penalty
14.19 Interest
52.00 Recording Fee/ search fee

\$895.17 Total Amount Paid to Redeem

In addition the City is holding a premium in the amount of \$500.00. Upon redemption this is due back to the lienholder.

Grand Total due back to lien holder \$1,395.17

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Resolution Number 49-2015: A Resolution Authorizing the 2015 Summer Recreation Program

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 49-2015

A Resolution Authorizing the 2015 Summer Recreation Program

WHEREAS, the Summer Recreation Program of 2014 was highly successful with an average of 50 participants; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, the Recreation Commission approved the 2015 program with Jeff Neumann as the organizer.

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 Summer Recreation Program is hereby authorized for 2015.

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES
PAGE 9

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Councilwoman Warner made a motion to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion and a second to adopt resolution numbers 41-2015 Authorizing the agreement with Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County, 42-2015 Authorizing the Control with JWS Computers and 46-2015 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Lambertville Board of Fire Commission permitting them to use the City's diesel fuel pumps.

Resolution Number 41-2015: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Interlocal Agreement with Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County For Disposal Services of Bulky Waste at the Landfill at a Rate Not to Exceed \$74 per Ton Plus \$3 NJDEP Recycling Tax.

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 41-2015

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute and Sign the Agreement with Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for Disposal Services of Bulky Waste at the Landfill

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement with Pollution Control Finance Authority of Warren County for Disposal Services of Bulky Waste at the Landfill in an amount not to exceed \$74 per ton plus \$3 NJDEP recycling tax.

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Resolution Number 42-2015: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Contract with JWS for Technology Services in An Amount Not to Exceed \$5400.00 for 2015.

City of Lambertville

RESOLUTION 42-2015

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute and Sign the Agreement with JWS Computers for Technology Services In an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,400

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement with JWS Computers for technology services in an amount not to exceed \$5,400, for January 1 through December 31, 2015.

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES
PAGE 10

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Resolution Number 46-2015: *A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Lambertville Board of Fire Commission for the Use of the City's Diesel Fuel Pump at the Public Works Building Located at 120 Quarry Street.*

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 46-2015

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign the Memorandum of Agreement to Permit the Lambertville Board of Fire Commission to Use the Diesel Fuel Pumps at the Public Works Building Located at 120 Quarry Street

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Memorandum of Agreement to permit the Lambertville Board of Fire Commission to use the diesel fuel pumps located at the public works building located at 120 Quarry Street.

ADOPTED: February 17, 2015

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt resolution number 46-2015. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING.

Ordinance Number 03-2015: *An Ordinance to Create a Loading Zone For Deliveries and Customer Pick-Up on the Southwest Side of the Presbyterian Church and*

Ordinance Number 06-2015: *An Ordinance to Move the Handicapped Parking Space Located on North Union Street on the Southwest side of the Presbyterian Church to the Northwest Side of the Street.*

Mayor DelVecchio read Ordinance Number 03-2015 into the record by title. He explained that this Ordinance will move the handicapped space to the north side of the Church and permit this space to be used as a loading zone/customer pick-up space.

City of Lambertville
ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-2015

An Ordinance to Amend the Lambertville City Code, Section 7-8: Loading Zones, Adding Letter E, North Union Street by 23 North Union Street

The following described location is hereby designated as Loading Zone/Customer Pick-up on the days and hours listed below. Parking is limited to fifteen (15) minutes for loading or unloading a vehicle of items for sale or that has been purchased or for use by local business and property owners.

ADD: Loading Zone/Customer Pick-Up:

Day and time:

e. Monday through Saturday, 11 am to 10 pm

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES
PAGE 11

Place of Loading Zone/Customer Pick-Up: Westerly side of North Union Street, between the First Presbyterian Church and 23 North Union Street.

First Reading and Introduction:
Second Reading and Public Hearing:
Final Adoption:

City of Lambertville

Ordinance Number 06-2015

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter VIII, Municipal Parking Areas and Metered Parking, Article I, Parking Lots, Section 8-2 Handicapped Parking Space on the North Side of the Presbyterian Church.

Add Section 8-2.6 HANDICAPPED PARKING: The First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville, located at 31 North Union Street has requested one Handicapped Parking Space on the north side of the Church located on the west side of North Union Street.

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION: February 17, 2015
SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: March 17, 2015
FINAL ADOPTION:

Mayor DelVecchio asked for any comments. Patricia Buchanan, an elder for the First Presbyterian Church expressed concern for the loading zone and the relocation of the handicapped parking space. Mayor DelVecchio and Council members delayed the introduction of Ordinance Number 03-2015 creating the loading zone and Ordinance Number 06-2015 relocating the handicapped space to give the Council President and Police Director time to meet with Mrs. Buchanan and the Church about this issue.

Ordinance Number 04-2015: *An Ordinance to Authorize the Change in the Zoning for the Lambertville Music Hall for 57 Bridge Street, block 1042, lot 28.*

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that the planning board approved the application filed by the Lambertville Music Hall and is recommending this zone change to the City. Mayor DelVecchio asked the Planning Board Chairperson, Tim Korzun, to confirm that this will correct an issue with the way the zoning map was configured when the City changed the designation of Ferry Street properties from the CBD to the R2 zone. Planning Board Chairperson Korzun commented that the line was incorrectly drawn right down the middle of the properties regardless of lot lines putting the Church property half in the CBD and the yard in the R2 zone. Council President Stegman and Councilwoman Warner expressed concern about the ability for the property owner to obtain approvals if it was all in the CBD zone. Planning Board Chairperson Korzun stated that when the map was completed, the property was a Church and the lot line didn't matter. It is now a nonprofit and this change will mean that 57 Bridge Street, block 1042, lot 28 will need to make an application to the Planning Board for a change of use, which is better equipped in dealing with these issues instead of the Zoning Board of Adjustment which is more expensive. Council President Stegman asked about the notice issue. The City Planner explained that the property owners would need to receive a notice as well as the notice which will appear in the newspaper.

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES
PAGE 12

Discussion ensued and the Mayor and Council President asked that the notice provided to property owners also directs them to the Planning Board meeting as they are the ones who recommend to Mayor and Council.

City of Lambertville
ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2015

An Ordinance to Amend Zone Line Change and the Zoning Map of the City of Lambertville

WHEREAS, the Planning Board members and board professionals reviewed the application submitted by the Bridge Street Foundation for 57 Bridge Street, block 1042, lot 28 at their December 4, 2014 regularly scheduled session, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board members and board professionals determined the rezoning of the rear portion of the property currently located in the Residential 2 Zone to the Central Business District to be consistent with the property's frontage on Bridge Street, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board members have recommended the City Council approve the revision of the zoning map to rezone the rear portion of the property currently located in the Residential 2 Zone to the Central Business District, and

WHEREAS, Planning Board members would also like the City Council to consider revisions to the zoning map to be consistent with the zoning of properties that have split zones, like those located on Ferry Street; which include:

CBD DESIGNATION:

Block 1042, Lot 18	Block 1042, Lot 23	Block 1042, Lot 28
Block 1042, Lot 21	Block 1042, Lot 24	Block 1042, Lot 29
Block 1042, Lot 24	Block 1042, Lot 27	

RESIDENTIAL 2 DESIGNATION:

Block 1042, Lot 5	Block 1042, Lot 7	Block 1042, Lot 16
Block 1042, Lot 6	Block 1042, Lot 8	Block 1042, Lot 26

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION: February 17, 2015

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: March 17, 2015

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 04-2015. Councilman Sanders made a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 04-2015. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance Number 05-2015: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter Five, Licensing, For Taxicabs, Establishing a Complaint Procedure and Requiring Training for Drivers.

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance by title into the record. He explained that this ordinance will establish a complaint procedure for those utilizing the taxi services in the City of Lambertville. The sections of this ordinance highlighted in yellow are the new text establishing the complaint procedure.

City of Lambertville
ORDINANCE NUMBER 05-2015

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter V, General Licensing, Taxicabs; Establishing a Complaint Procedure, the Contract Compliance Review Board

The City of Lambertville, in accordance with the State of New Jersey, NJSA 48, is licensing all autobuses, liveries, limousines and taxicabs in accordance with the State of New Jersey Statutes, 48:16, 2C:24, 2C:39, 2C: 35, 2A:168A. Therefore, it is a requirement in the City of Lambertville for all autobuses, liveries,

limousines and taxicabs to be registered and licensed and to comply fully with the requirements of the State of New Jersey and the City of Lambertville.

I. AUTO CAB, TAXICAB,

- a. Definition as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:16-1, shall mean and include automobile or motor car, commonly called taxi, auto cab, omnibus, or by whatever name or designation they may now or hereafter be known or designated as “taxicab”, engaging in the business of carrying passengers for hire, which is held out, announced or advertised to operator run, or which is operated to run over any of the streets or highways of the City, and particularly accepts and discharges such persons as may off themselves for transportation from points or places within the City, or which is hired by charter, or for a particular contract, or by the day or hour or other fixed period, or to transport passengers to a specified place or places, or which charges a fare or price agreed upon, in advance, between the operator and the passenger. Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to include any motor vehicle by whatever name or designation used and employed solely in transporting school children or teachers, or auto buses which are subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, or any motor vehicle owned or operated by the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, or operated by any nonprofit organization in the business of transporting persons not for profit.
- b. License Required; Fees for License, as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:16-2, necessity of municipal consent before operating auto cab; limited on license fee. No auto cab shall be operated along any street in any municipality until the owner thereof shall obtain the consent of the elective governing body or member thereof having control of the public streets in the municipality. The City of Lambertville, in accordance with P.L. 2011, c. 135, licenses will be the subject of a public auction for the license.
- c. Issuance of License, Inspection of Taxicabs, In accordance with P.L. 2011, Chapter 135, a municipality shall publish a notice in the newspaper circulating generally within the municipality state the number of new or additional licenses to be authorized and the application period for the new or additional licenses. The notice shall specify a time and date after which no further applications will be accepted. The notice shall be published at least twice and at least one week apart, with the second notice published at least 30 days prior to the time and date specified in the notice as the time and date after which no further applications will be accepted.

The Mayor’s designee shall have the power to issue or refuse to issue a license, in pursuance of the terms of this section. The number of licenses shall not exceed 4, one license per vehicle.

Any license hereafter issued may be transferred upon the payment of a transfer fee of fifty (\$50) dollars for each and every such transfer, and subject to the provisions of subsection 5-1.5, upon obtaining approval, in writing, of the Mayor’s designee.

- d. Application Information: shall include the name, address, phone number of the owner and each operator, copies of insurance, State of New Jersey Business Registration, Sales Tax Certificate, Fingerprinting results and any other information as deemed necessary by the Police Department and/or the City Clerk.
- e. Requirements for Applications: No license to operate a taxicab shall be granted to any person unless he is a citizen of the United States, or shall have declared his intention to become such a citizen. In the case of a co-partnership, no license shall be granted to operate a taxicab unless such corporation is either incorporated or is duly authorized to do business under the laws of this State. All applicants and prospective taxicab drivers must:

i. **Prior to the issuance of a license:**

1. submit to criminal history checks (fingerprinting) at a designated Live Scan facility;
2. have reached his or her 21st birthday;
3. not have had a license revoked in any other state; and
4. possess a currently valid, State of New Jersey issued driver's license.

f. Fingerprinting: No license shall be granted to operate a taxicab to any person, or to any partnership or corporation who is not, or the members of or officer of which are not persons of good moral character, or who has, or if any of the members of the partnership, or officers of the corporation have been convicted of any following crimes: aggravated assault, arson, burglary, escape, extortion, homicide, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault or endangering the welfare of a child pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4, whether or not armed with or having in his possession any weapon enumerated in subsection r. of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-9, or other than a disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offense for the unlawful use, possession or sale of a controlled dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.A. 2c:35-2. In any other state, territory, commonwealth, or other jurisdiction of the United States, or any country in the world, as a result of a conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction, a crime which in that other jurisdiction or country is comparable to one of the crimes enumerated in paragraph one (1) of the subsection. If a person who has been convicted of one of the crimes outlined in this ordinance or in P.L. 2011, c.135 (A1471 3R), and can produce a certificate of rehabilitation issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:168A-8 or if the criminal offense occurred outside New Jersey, an equivalent certificate from the jurisdiction where the criminal offense occurred, the criminal offense shall not disqualify the applicant from operating or driving an auto cab and/or taxicab.

g. Issuance of License; Number Limited; Transfer Fee: In accordance with P.L. 2011, Chapter 135, a municipality shall publish a notice in a newspaper circulating generally within the municipality stating the number of new or additional licenses to be authorized and the application period for the new or additional licenses. The notice shall specify a time and date after which no further applications will be accepted. The notice shall be published at least twice and at least one week apart, with the second notice published at least 30 days prior to the time and date specified in the notice as the time and date after which no applications will be accepted.

The Mayor's designee shall have the power to issue or refuse to issue a license, in pursuance of the terms of this section. The number of licenses shall not exceed four (4), one per vehicle, four (4) vehicles in total. Any license hereafter issued may be transferred upon the payment of a transfer fee of fifty (\$50) dollars for each and every such transfer, and subject to the provisions of subsection 5-1.5, upon obtaining the approval in writing of the Mayor's designee.

h. Inspection Required Before Issuance of License: No Auto cab or Taxicab shall be licensed until it has been thoroughly and carefully inspected and examined by the Police Department and found to be in a thoroughly safe condition for the transportation of passengers. Such licensed taxicabs shall be clean, fit and of good appearance and well painted and varnished. Side curtains or shades shall not be permitted on any such licensed vehicles. The Department shall refuse a license to any applicant or, if already issued, revoke or suspend the license of any vehicle found to be unsafe for the transportation of passengers. All reports of such inspections and examinations, after having been submitted

to the Mayor's designee shall be filed with the City Clerk and become a part of the application filed for the licensing of such vehicle, as hereinafter provided.

- i. **Contract Compliance Review Board:** The Contract Compliance Review Board shall consist of the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, the police director and one member of the local Chamber of Commerce. It is the responsibility of the Contract Compliance Review Board to take measures to ensure that all provisions of this ordinance have been met.
 - i. The first complaint or inspection by the police department when a taxicab company is found to be noncompliant will result in the immediate suspension of services of the taxicab service until the company can provide the proper documentation or address the area of concern to the satisfaction of the Contract Compliance Review Board;
 - ii. The second complaint or documented review where the company is found to be out of compliance or negligent, a hearing will be scheduled with the Contract Compliance Review Board. The Review Board will decide whether to suspend or terminate the license or to allow the company to continue provide services under the license.
 - iii. In the event of a suspension or termination of a license, the City of Lambertville will not prorate the fee of a license.
- j. **Display Requirements:** Every licensed taxicab shall display prominently in the interior of the auto/taxicab and in a manner required or approved by the Mayor's designee, the following:
 - i. its City license number;
 - ii. a photo identification of the driver; and
 - iii. a contract compliance placard, provided by the City, which advises the public on how to submit a complaint to the Contract Compliance Review Board.
- k. **Register to be Maintained:** The City Clerk shall keep a register of the name of each person owning or operating vehicle or vehicles licensed under this section, together with the license number and the description, make dimension of such vehicles, with the date and complete record of inspections made of them. All applications for licenses shall be filed by the City Clerk and carefully preserved for reference. All licenses issued shall be recorded in books provided for that purpose, which shall be in such form as the Mayor's designee shall prescribe. All such records shall be open to the inspection of the public at all reasonable times and shall be deemed the official records of the Department and of the City.
- l. **Inspection, Written Reports Required:** The Police Department shall maintain a constant vigilance over all taxicabs to see that they are kept in a condition of safety for the transportation of passengers, and to this end shall have the right at any and all times to inspect any and all licensed vehicles, and shall maintain a record, in writing of a report of such inspections. All taxicabs found to be out of compliance with this ordinance will be given one warning. The second time they are found to not be in compliance with this ordinance will require an appearance before the Compliance Review Board.
- m. **Insurance:** as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:16-3, no such consent shall become effective until the owner of the auto cab shall have filed with the clerk of the municipality in which such operation is permitted, an insurance policy of a company duly licensed to transact

business under the insurance laws of this State conditioned for the payment of business unless the applicant shall have complied with the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1926, embodied in N.J.S.A. 48-16, et seq., N.J.S.A. 39:6B-1 and P.L. Chapter 135, Assembly number 1471 of the State of New Jersey, and the acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, relating to the filing of an insurance policy covering the owner or operator of such vehicles for damages to person for which he may become liable by reason of the ownership, maintenance or use of the vehicle, not less than \$35,000 of motor vehicle liability insurance coverage, or the rate established and set by State of New Jersey Statutes. All such insurance policies shall be issued to cover the term of the license issued by the City.

- n. Licenses Revoked or Suspended: Licenses granted under the preceding sections may be revoked or suspended at any time after notice and hearing by the **Compliance Review Board** if the vehicle shall not be in a safe condition for the transportation of passengers or not kept in conformity with the terms of this **ordinance** or if used or its use permitted for any improper, immoral or illegal business or purpose, or for the violation of any statute or law of the State of New Jersey or of the United States, or for the violation of any of the provisions of this section, or any of the rules and regulations made by the Appropriate Authority.
- o. Mayor and Council to Designate Stand: The Mayor and Council are hereby authorized to designate such place or places within the Central Business District or Highway Commercial Zones of the City as public taxicab stands as the Mayor and Council, in its judgment, may deem necessary as may be required for the proper transportation of passengers. The City Clerk is hereby further authorized to grant permits for the operation of taxicabs from private premises as it may deem necessary and proper. No taxicab shall occupy any public taxicab stand unless such taxicab shall have been licensed as provided in this section.
- p. Regulations: No taxicab, while waiting for employment by passengers shall stand on any public street or space other than that at or upon a taxicab stand designated or established in accordance with this section, nor shall any driver of such taxicab seek employment by repeatedly and persistently driving his taxicab to and fro in egress from any theater, hall, hotel, public resort, railroad station or other place of public gathering, and no driver shall solicit passengers for a taxicab except when sitting upon the driver's seat thereof, nor shall any driver of a taxicab solicit employment in the transportation of passengers by driving in or through any public street or public place a slow rate of speed, commonly designating as "cruising."

Upon request, no owner or driver of a taxicab or other vehicle regulated under this article, unless previously engaged, shall refuse or neglect to carry an orderly person anywhere within the City of Lambertville. Upon request, every driver of a taxicab is required to provide each passenger with a receipt indicated the driver's name, fee and description of the trip

No person operating a taxicab shall permit or allow any person other than a passenger being transported for hire in or about such taxicab when in service as a taxicab.

- q. Penalties for Violations: The penalties for violation of this ordinance shall be as set forth in Chapter I, Section 1-45 of the Code of the City of Lambertville.
- r. The City of Lambertville retains the right to accept or reject applications for taxicab licenses for any reason. Fees will not be prorated or refunded should the applicant be found to be non-compliant.

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville
Minutes
Page 17

All other previous ordinances pertained to Taxicabs are hereby repealed.

INTRODUCED: February 17, 2015
PUBLIC HEARING: March 17, 2015
FINAL ADOPTION: April __, 2015

Mayor DelVecchio asked for questions from the public. He then asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 05-2015. Councilman Sanders made a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 05-2015. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION.

Ordinance Number 01-2015: *An Ordinance to Amend a Bond Ordinance Number 01-2013 Adding \$55,000 to Fund the Generator Project at the Free and Public Library and the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center. This Ordinance Will is offset by A Grant from FEMA, Funding \$153,663.26 of the Project.*

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that this ordinance will fund the automated generators at the Lambertville Free Public Library and the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center. City Hall’s generator is fully functional and that site will be used for the Office of Emergency Management. The Lambertville Free Public Library will be used during an emergency as a warming/cooling station. The Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center is the back-up and is the Court and is also used as a polling station. Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on Ordinance Number 01-2015, which is a bond ordinance.

City of Lambertville

ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-2015

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$55,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF EMERGENCY GENERATORS IN AND BY THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$55,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance has heretofore been authorized to be undertaken by the City of Lambertville, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the supplemental amount of \$55,000. Such sum being in addition to the \$150,000 appropriated therefore by bond ordinance 23-2014 of the City finally adopted September 16, 2014, the \$63,000 appropriated therefor by bond ordinance #10-2012 of the City finally adopted May 21, 2012, as amended by Bond Ordinance 20-2012, finally adopted December 17, 2012 and as supplemented by Bond Ordinance 01-2013, finally adopted March 19, 2013 (collectively, the “Prior Ordinances”) and including the sum of \$153,663.26 in grants from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety’s Mitigation Unit Emergency Management Section Grant Program as set forth in prior award

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville
Minutes
Page 18

letters, as supplemented by an award letter dated January 7, 2015 in the amount of \$106,259.26 (the "State Grant"). In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is required to be made due to the State Grant.

Section 2. In order to finance the additional cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the additional down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$55,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the bonds or notes are to be issued include the acquisition and permanent installation of emergency electrical generators, including related electrical and gas utility work, at the Lambertville Free Public Library and the City's Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center each as set forth in a list on file in the office of the City Clerk, and including all work and related materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is \$407,350, including the \$352,350 bonds or notes authorized by the Prior Ordinances and the \$55,000 bonds or notes authorized herein.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is \$408,000, including the \$363,000 appropriated by the Prior Ordinances and the \$55,000 appropriated herein.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time, at not less than par and accrued interest, at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget or temporary capital budget (as applicable) of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget or amended temporary capital budget (as applicable) and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are improvements or purposes the City may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, computed on the basis of respective amounts or obligations for the several purposes and the respective reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 15.00 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$59,850, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$53,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, consisting of \$40,000 appropriated for such purposes in the Prior Ordinances and the \$13,000 appropriated herein, are included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes.

(e) The City reasonably expects to commence the acquisition of the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, and to advance all or a portion of the costs in respect thereof, prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder. To the extent such costs are advanced, the City further reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount of bonds or notes authorized in Section 1 hereof.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the City is hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 9. The City Council hereby covenants on behalf of the City to take any action necessary or refrain from taking such action in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the bonds and notes authorized hereunder as is or may be required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code"), including compliance with the Code with regard to the use, expenditure, investment, timely reporting and rebate of investment earnings as may be required thereunder.

Section 10. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for questions or comments from the public. There being no questions from the public, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion and a second to close the public hearing on Ordinance 01-2015. Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing. 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 and second to adopt on second reading Ordinance Number 01-2015. Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 01-2015 on second reading. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion and a second to approve the following requests:

LAMBERTVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY: Request to close Lilly Street between Main and Route 165 and the Library Parking Lot for a special event scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th at 6:30 pm for the reading theme "Every Hero Has A Story."

FRIENDS OF ELY PARK: Request for use of police and road closures on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 6:30 – 10:30 AM for the annual Shad Run. The event committee is requesting the use of Ely Field for registration and activities. They would like to close Perry Street from Main to Union from 6:30 – 10:30 AM and will pay all fees associated.

GREATER LAMBERTVILLE-NEW HOPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Request for road closures for Shad Festival, Additional Police Coverage and Public Works Assistance with garbage and recycling.

Dates: April 25 and 26, 2015

Bank Parking Lot overnight with the agreement that the Chamber will pay for the metered parking.

Closure of the North Union Street Parking Lot from Wednesday morning, April 22 through Tuesday, April 28. 9 AM to 8 PM for the following streets: Union Street from York to Ferry Street; Church Street from Union to Main Street; Kline's Court from Bridge to Ferry Street; Ferry Street from Kline's Court to Union Street

Suspended parking for the following streets: Main Street from York to Ferry Street; Bridge Street from Lambert Lane to Main Street; Parking lot by the Public Library; Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center Parking Lot.

Council President Stegman commented that there were corrections to the street closures and suspended parking for the Shad Festival.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to approve all three requests as listed. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote in favor of the motion was taken by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ERIC RICHARD: Resignation from the LMUA.

TOWN OF CLINTON: A Resolution to Commend and Support the Police Department of Each Community.

ELIZABETHTOWN GAS: Notice of public hearings for a percentage increase specific to specific customers.

ELIZABETHTOWN GAS: Notice of public hearings for a rate increase.

BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS: A resolution supporting, recognizing and honoring the service of law enforcement officers.

SOUTH HUNTERDON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: A resolution opposing the PennEast Pipeline.

NJ TRANSIT'S DISPARITY STUDY 2014: notice of open registration.

HUNTERDON COUNTY FREEHOLDERS: A Resolution authorizing the submission of the Hunterdon County CEDS Alternative.

PS&S ON BEHALF OF JCP&L: Vegetative maintenance, utility infrastructure maintenance, repair and replacement activities, 235 municipalities, 13 counties, New Jersey.

OLD BUSINESS.

Update on Various Construction Improvement Projects.

2015 Road Projects: Mayor DelVecchio reported that he met with the City Engineer and she is working on resolving some of the issues with the Upper York Street and Washington Street (from York to Route 179). He asked the clerk for an update. The Clerk stated that the City Engineer is scheduling a pre-application meeting with DEP.

Library Roof: Mayor DelVecchio reported that the Library roof went out to bid. The City should have a recommendation from the City Architect for the March 17 session. The project is on schedule.

Generator Projects: Mayor DelVecchio reported that the generator project is on schedule for the Free and Public Library and the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center and he anticipates the completion of the project by August of 2015.

Cavallo Park: Mayor DelVecchio asked the Clerk to reach out to the City Engineer to see if the schedule could be sped up.

Update on projects for Flood Relief.

Swan Creek Flood Gates: Mayor DelVecchio reported that there was a meeting with FEMA on February 4th at Senator Booker's office in Newark. The City Engineer, Grant Writer, and Caren Franzini represented the Committee. They will continue to pursue funding through FEMA and other funding sources for this project. Zach McCue of Senator Booker's Office is arranging a conference call to explore alternate funding.

NEW BUSINESS.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Mayor DelVecchio made the following nominations:

LMUA: Joseph Polizzi to a term that expires 02-01-2016, Paul Rotundi to a term that expires 02-01-2017, Russell Lambert to the position of Alternate I expiring 02-01-2017 and Meghan Ruff to the position of Alternate II expiring 02-01-2016 and

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: Lauren Rosenthal to an unexpired term ending 12-31-15. Councilman Sanders made a motion to confirm the Mayor's nominations. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

HOLIDAY: All City Offices will be closed on February 16, 2015 for Presidents' Day/George Washington's Birthday.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES are available for purchase starting Friday, January 2, 2015 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, 2015.

PARKING PERMITS for those residing on metered streets will be available for purchase starting the week of December 23rd 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.

LANDLORD REGISTRATION is due by April 1, 2015. 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.

THE LAMBERTVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY will be closed for approximately two weeks for a facelift. Please visit the Library's website at www.lambertvillelibrary.org for an update on the renovations schedule.

SPECIAL SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2015 for the public hearing and final adoption of the 2015 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

STATE OF THE CITY.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following state of the city into the record:

Good evening.

Under City code, the mayor must "report annually, within the first sixty days of the year, to the governing body and to the public on the condition and on the requirements of the City and upon its problems of government."

Tonight, I will fulfill that requirement for the twenty-fourth time, and will also outline the City's priorities for the coming year.

Let me open by stating, simply, that the state of the City is strong. Our finances are in order and the bond rating is up. Our taxes have been kept in check. Our downtown and commercial areas are healthy. Our community continues to be an example in so many different ways for others across our state.

We have much to be proud of, and we have every reason to hold our heads high whenever we say that we are blessed to live and work in Lambertville.

Let me also publicly thank each and every one of you for all you do to every day in the operations of our City whatever your roll is board, commission, department head. Whether it is keeping our community safe, ensuring it is clean, or making sure that City government is simply responsive to those we serve, you and those in your departments are vital to our successes. Thank you for all you do.

And, in 2014, we had many successes to talk about.

That list begins with our record-breaking year with regards to our municipal recycling program, which topped 1,000 tons for the first time. As we know, in addition to being the environmentally responsible thing to do, every ton of materials we can divert from landfills and recycle saves taxpayers \$72. I would like to recognize the work of Lester Myers and the Public Works Department, the Lambertville Environmental Commission, the staff and students of Lambertville Public School, and all of our residents for working together to make this milestone possible. The goal was set and achieved with \$72,000 saved. I applaud Lester Myers, Jr. for his efforts.

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville
Minutes
Page 23

I was also pleased to see the electric generator at City Hall put online and made fully functional, ensuring that in the event of a future storm or blackout, not only will we be able to use the building as an emergency operations center, but that residents will have somewhere to go to charge their phones or stay warm.

The City also joined the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. While we were one of the first municipalities in the state to author our own Hazard Mitigation Plan, the reality is that the Delaware River doesn't just flood in Lambertville, but other communities upriver also face many of the same concerns we do. We can't face an issue like flooding in a vacuum, we must work together with our neighbors in a proactive, cooperative approach. Being part of the countywide plan just makes sense.

We also became a leader with the implementation of our Community Energy Aggregation program, the third municipality in the State to do this, which allowed us — together with West Amwell — to pool our collective consumer muscle to realize below-market price electric rates for all our residents. Now, we are looking to continue our program, knowing that it is keeping real money in our residents' pockets for all residents with an overall savings of \$100 per year. This was accomplished through the efforts of the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative which played an important role in this initiative.

In 2014, we also took ownership of the last privately held parcels of the slopes overlooking Ely Field and North Franklin Street. Because of that purchase, we have ensured that, even 100 years from now, our hills will look exactly as they do today. Moreover, we also have protected residents from the potential negative impacts of water runoff that could have come from development.

And while we protected one area of our City from development, we rebuilt and resurfaced the roads elsewhere. We completed the reconstruction of North Union Street from York Street to Delaware Avenue, with new curbs, roadways, and sidewalks. And, on Cottage Hill, we repaved Studdiford, Lincoln, Douglas and Boozer streets; and installed speed humps on Boozer Street and Studdiford Street to slow traffic, protect residents, keeping the streets dryer. This was due to the efforts of Council President Stegman. We also resurfaced Wilson Street, in coordination with United Water's systems upgrades there.

And we resurfaced the municipal parking lot on North Union Street (old Martinez Lot), creating a better, more inviting space for visitors to our community.

At the Lambertville Free & Public Library, we were able to obtain funding for roof replacement, protecting one of our City's great assets.

We brought back our Summer Recreation Program, giving our children a fun and organized way to exercise and play during their summer vacations. I would specifically like to thank the Recreation Commission for the work they did on this program.

Our City Clerk had a busy year, as well, in her efforts to make City government more responsive and user-friendly. Because of Cindy's work, residents can now simply visit the City's website to find links to a comprehensive list of City ordinances and health codes, as well as track their property tax payments.

And, thanks to the efforts of Councilwoman Asaro and Council President Stegman, this year we established the Lambertville Human Rights Council. I have always taken great pride in how our City has been called home by every type of family. Now, through the Human Rights Council, we will ensure that it stays that way even long after we are gone.

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville
Minutes
Page 24

Our work to make Lambertville a community of tolerance also was recognized by the national Human Rights Campaign, which ranked us the second-best municipality in the state on issues of equality. I am very proud of that distinction, and it highlights how we have been a true leader in LGBT issues.

And, in our Police Department, we saw changes, as well. Over the summer, we congratulated our longtime officer and friend Bob Brown on his promotion to Lieutenant, and in the fall Sergeant Anthony Memolo similarly received a well-deserved promotion and notable given that he had begun with our department as the parking enforcement officer.

We also hired Matthew Bast as a police officer, a hiring notable because Matt also previously served as our parking enforcement officer. And, we welcomed Police Officer Alan Wurpel to our department.

We should be extremely grateful not only to the service they provide our community, but for the example they set through hard work and promotion. I am proud of the Police Department and of Bruce Cocuzza.

As notable as the last year was, we must now look to keep that forward momentum throughout 2015. Luckily, there are many projects on the horizon which should not only keep us quite busy, but continue to strengthen the core of our community.

Even though it is not yet a year old, there is no doubt that our Food Waste Recycling pilot program has been a tremendous success with the residents who have been participating. Not only do we anticipate continuing the program, but, as several members of Council have discussed, we are anxious to grow this program. While a final decision will not be made until we have the change to fully analyze the impact our program has had after one full year of operation, I think we all can anticipate expanding the pilot program in 2015.

We also will continue our commitment to preserving our open spaces. For the better part of a year, Cavallo Park has been closed due to the need for soil remediation. But, we anticipate that the park — clearly the busiest in the City — will be open in time for summer. And, when it does, it will do so under as a full City asset, as we are putting together the final elements of an agree which will give us control of the park from the state.

Additionally, we will look to begin work on the development of a City park at the north end of town, behind the CVS. For the past year, the Environmental and Recreation commissions have been hard at work distilling hundreds of comments from residents and neighbors regarding the type of open space they would like to see there. I anxiously await the final recommendations, so that we can put forward a plan for the creation of a new park in what is becoming a more popular and busy part of our City.

We also will continue to upgrade our infrastructure, with the reconstruction of Upper York Street. This project will also include significant upgrades to drainage, alleviating one of the water choke points in our storm water system.

As stated before, the City also will install generators at both the Free & Public Library and here at the Justice Center. This will allow us, in times of emergency, to use the Library as a charging and warming center for all residents, allowing us to use City Hall as an emergency operations center. With generation available at the Justice Center, we will have a back-up facility at the ready should it be needed.

That power back-up capability is important at the Justice Center not only because of its use as the municipal court, but also because it is a polling place. I am grateful that both of these projects are being paid-for through Federal funds, and I thank our representatives for their efforts in seeing that we received them.

We also will aim to make City government more accessible to residents by overhauling our website, with the goals of not only making it easier for residents to find the information they need, but to also take care of some City business without ever having to visit City Hall. Our current website has not been updated in nearly a decade, and it shows. A city as progressive and forward-looking as our own should have an internet presence to match.

Those are all projects which we know we can complete in the coming year. But there are also longer-term projects which we will undertake with an eye to the future.

As we all know, parking in our City has been an age-old concern, especially for those residents in the southern end of the City. However, this year, I will direct the City to work in partnership with the state, LMUA, and our Chamber of Commerce in exploring the potential for additional parking, the southern water launch, better access for the LMUA on the Lambert Lane extension. This has potential for adding hundreds of parking spaces alleviating parking in the downtown area.

This project could have several positive benefits for the City. First, it would greatly improve access to and awareness of our southern riverfront and public boat launch, which currently are underused assets of our City. Second, it could provide better access for vehicles at the LMUA.

Third, and perhaps most importantly, making these improvements could make available potentially hundreds of new parking spots for our downtown, greatly alleviating the pressure felt elsewhere throughout the Central Business District and the neighborhoods south of Bridge Street.

I also will continue to explore the potential for regionalizing our police services with those of West Amwell and Delaware Township. Our municipalities are committed to fully exploring the possible benefits of such an arrangement, so that we can make an informed decision.

As with our schools, we cannot consider regionalization without a clear blueprint for how a new department would operate, and how it would ensure vital services to each of our communities. And, we will not undertake regionalization unless it makes sense for Lambertville, in terms of both public safety and finances. But we must recognize that issues of public safety do not stop at our municipal borders.

The successful regionalization of the South Hunterdon schools has proven that coming together can create immediate savings, slow the rate of growth of future costs and property taxes, and ensure a coordinated and fully articulated program. As we know, the regionalization effort at South has drawn interest from other similar school districts across the state. It has shown that we can challenge home rule without destroying the individuality that makes our communities what they are.

I believe the same can be done with our police departments, and I am optimistic on our chances of success.

I would like to close on a very personal note.

It is no secret that the last year was a challenging one for me personally. I made some decisions that I realize now were not in the best interests of myself, my family and friends, or the City.

But I would not be sitting here today were it not for the support of every person in this room, who helped lift me up when I needed it most, and who stepped up when I made the decision in December to seek help. I remain committed to continuing to make myself a better person, a better father, and a better mayor.

City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Session
February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville
Minutes
Page 26

I especially would like to thank Council President Stegman for serving so well as our Acting Mayor while I was away.

I opened with the statement that we are all blessed to live in Lambertville.

I feel I am blessed to live here. I am blessed to have colleagues in this room that I also am proud and humbled to call my friends. And, I thank you, from the very bottom of my heart. And with your help, 2015 will be a banner year for the City.

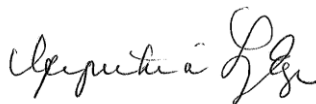
PUBLIC RECONITION:

Mayor DelVecchio recognized the following individuals: City Planner – Emily Goldman, SHRSB Board Member – Derek Roseman, LMUA New Chairperson – Janine MacGregor, Recreation Commission and Chair for the Reconstruction of Cavallo Park and the person who helped the city through the discovery of hazardous materials – Meaghan Ruf, the new executive director for the Greater Lambertville – New Hope Chamber of Commerce and Fire Commissioner– David Morgan, Public Assistance Director – Bambi Kuhl, the Chairperson for the Lambertville Historic Preservation Commission – Stewart Palilonis, President of the Mt. Hope Cemetery and a Professor with Rowan University– John Holly, Chairperson for the Planning Board – Tim Korzun, Police Director Bruce Cocuzza, and the Acting Public Works Director – Lester Myers.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Council President Stegman. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk

The regularly scheduled session minutes of the February 17th session were approved at the regularly scheduled session held on March 17, 2015.

