



**City of Lambertville**  
**Special Session**  
**Monday, March 16, 2015, 7 p.m.**  
**Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center**  
**25 South Union Street, Lambertville**  
**Minutes**

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE.**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor DelVecchio who read a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, noting the following: the Clerk provided the required notice on Thursday, March 12, 2015 to the Beacon, the Democrat, the Times, posted the agenda to the bulletin board at city hall, the website at [www.lambertvillenj.org](http://www.lambertvillenj.org), and noticed various people on the list serve, inclusive of department heads, city attorney and city engineer.

**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.

**ROLL CALL.**

Mrs. Ege called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilwoman Asaro (phone), Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: None.

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION.**

Ordinance Number 02-2015: A CAP Bank Ordinance.

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that this ordinance will allow the city to carry the funds not used in the 2015 budget forward to the next year, if needed.

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**ORDINANCE NUMBER 02-2015**

*An Ordinance to Establish A CAP Bank, NJSA 40A:4-45.14*

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, NJSA 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriation to 1.50% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 2.5% over the previous year's final appropriations; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$68,249.36 that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to 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: February 10, 2015

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

I, Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, certify this to be a true copy of the Ordinance introduced on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk

ADOPTED: March 16, 2015

ROLL CALL:

Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on Ordinance Number 02-2015 and asked if there were any questions. There being no questions or comments, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance Number 02-2015. Councilman Sanders made a motion to close the public hearing. 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 asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 02-2015, establishing a CAP Bank on second reading and final approval. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 02-2015. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**2015 BUDGET – SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION.**

Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on the 2015 budget and read the following statement into the record.

**SURPLUS ACCOUNTS:** We began 2015 with \$2,053,468 in three different accounts. General surplus had \$1,050,089. We are appropriating \$354,795, leaving \$695,294 in that account. Capital surplus had \$860,609 and we are appropriating \$150,000, leaving \$710,609 in that account. And in the fund balance we had \$142,770 appropriating \$37,500, leaving \$105,270 in that account. That means after taking action tonight, we have \$1,511,713 in three accounts. It gets better. For general surplus we will regenerate a conservative \$250,000 bringing that number back to \$945,194 and the three accounts to \$1,761,173.

**THE BUDGET:** For an average home value of \$353,768 taxes will go down \$1.38. The rate goes from .319 to .316. Spending is up \$354,000 but 4 accounts more than make up for that increase

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and they include: \$361,363 in health benefits, PERS, PFRS and debt. Because of police retirements we are spending \$20,840 less on salaries even with 2% raises. This budget does not cut any services and reflects the structural changes recently made including downsizing the following departments: police; fewer public works employees and few people in the court, the tax collector and the clerk's office and because of the commitment and dedication of our staff, we are getting the same work done. We also employed energy efficiency and third party purchasing and shared services.

REVENUE: Licenses; fees and permits; court; interest on taxes; meters and construction are over \$126,000 less than realized. State Aid is flat. And taxes are almost \$100,000 less than realized. We do not budget investments, JIF dividends and so any money like that goes directly to surplus.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the city is in the best shape in 24 years. He would like to have a new bond rating and feels based on our surplus and revenues it would be better than the last rating. Warren M. Korecky, representing Suplee Clooney, the City Auditor, agreed with the Mayor.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for any questions or comments from the public.

Councilman Sanders asked for clarification on the revenues. Mayor DelVecchio explained that he budgeted less than we collected in 2014 and this will generate surplus.

There being no further questions or comments from the public. Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing on the 2015 budget. Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing on the 2015 budget. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the budget by all members present.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution Number 55-2015: A Resolution to Amend the 2015 Budget**  
**Introduced 02-10-15.**

Mayor DelVecchio explained that this amendment will add additional funds to the Public Works Operating Expenses to cover the change in service for the recycling.

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2015 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2015 was approved on the 10th day of February, 2015 and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2015 be made:

Recorded Vote

Ayes

Nays

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(Insert Last Names) Abstain  
Absent

CURRENT FUND BUDGET

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Anticipated Revenues:		
1. Surplus Anticipated	340,295.00	354,795.00
<b>SUMMARY OF REVENUES - GENERAL REVENUES</b>		
1. Surplus Anticipated (Sheet 4, # 1)	340,295.00	354,795.00
5. Subtotal General Revenues ( Items 1,2,3,and 4)		2,466,297.84
7. TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	<u>4,952,367.16</u>	<u>4,966,867.16</u>
8. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:		
8. a. Operations - within "CAPS":		
Solid Waste Collection:		
Other Expenses	145,000.00	159,500.00
Total Operations within "CAPS"	3,035,659.00	3,050,159.00
Total Operations including Contingent within "CAPS"		3,050,159.00
<b>Detail:</b>		
Other Expenses	1,320,545.00	1,335,045.00
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"		3,497,481.50
(L). Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (h-1) and (o))		4,626,867.16
9. TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>4,952,367.16</u>	<u>4,966,867.16</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the governing body on the 16th day of March, 2015.

Certified by me:

March 16th 2015

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Municipal Clerk

Mayor DelVecchio asked for questions from the public. There being no questions or comments, he asked for a motion to adopt resolution number 55-2015 to amend the 2015 budget introduced on February 10, 2015. Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt the resolution to amend the budget. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution Number 56-2015: A Resolution to Adopt the 2015 Budget as amended.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt the 2015 budget as amended. Councilwoman Warner made a motion to adopt the 2015 budget as amended. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

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.

SHAD RUN, sponsored by the Friends of Ely Park, will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2015.

SHAD FESTIVAL, sponsored by the Greater Lambertville-New Hope Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26.

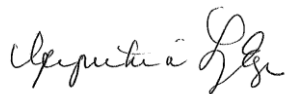
**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 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 March 16, 2015 minutes were approved at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council held on April 21, 2015.