



**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
WORK SESSION
7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024
PHILLIP L. PITTORE JUSTICE CENTER
25 SOUTH UNION STREET
MEETING MINUTES**

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Nowick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and he asked the City Clerk to read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record.

The City Clerk read the following statement into the record: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act with the annual notice published in the Trenton Times and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat. The meeting notice was provided to members on the listserv and department heads on Monday, January 29, 2024.

The meeting agenda contains known action items at publication and is subject to change.

This meeting is being streamed live and recorded using the Zoom Meeting Platform.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilwoman Kominsky, Councilman Lide, Councilman Stegman, Council President Lambert, and Mayor Nowick.

Also present: William Opel – City Attorney, Cynthia Ege – City Clerk, and Lindsay Hansche – Deputy Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Nowick led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance, and he asked the members of the public to continue standing for a moment of silence in honor of those serving in the United States Armed Forces.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Nowick opened the meeting for public participation. There being no public comment, Mayor Nowick asked for a motion to close the public participation session. Councilman Stegman made the motion and Council President Lambert seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Number 31-2024: *A Resolution in Support of the Grant Application to the County of Hunterdon Open Space Preservation for Holcombe Park, 260 North Main Street, Lambertville*

Mayor Nowick read the resolution into the record by title. He informed the members of the public that this resolution is in support of the submission of a grant application to the County of Hunterdon for Open Space preservation in the amount of \$209,000.00.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 31-2024

A Resolution in Support of the Grant Application to the County of Hunterdon County Open Preservation for Holcombe Park, 260 North Main Street, Lambertville

WHEREAS, Gertrude Ely Closson, Charlotte N. and Webster Achey, and John W. Faires, gifted block 1002, lot 43 and 43.01 on the tax maps of the City, 11.62 acres, now known as Ely Park to the City of Lambertville on March 2, 1944, for the use and purpose of a public park, playground, and place of recreation for the inhabitants of the City of Lambertville and for no other purpose whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville is supportive of Open Space Preservation, and acquired the following properties on Music Mountain:

Buchanan Property (2010), block 1002, lot 26.05, 43.01, 27, and 79 on the tax maps of the City, 12.016 acres; and

McCann Property (2013), block 1002, lot sixty-four, Block 1097, lot 7.01 on the tax maps of the City, 6.692 acres; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville acquired 260 North Main Street on June 1, 2021, from the Closson Family with the intention of preserving 5.669 acres of Open Space.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey is supportive of the Grant Application to the Hunterdon County Open Space Trust in the Amount of \$209,000 for Open Space Preservation of Holcombe Park, 260 North Main Street, Lambertville.

ADOPTED: February 1, 2024

Mayor Nowick asked for a motion to adopt Resolution Number 31-2024. Councilman Lide made the motion and Council President Lambert seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution Number 32-2024: A Resolution to Correct Resolution Number 174-2024, a Transfer Resolution

Mayor Nowick read the resolution into the record by title. He informed the members of the public that this is to correct an error made in Resolution Number 174-2024.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 32-2024

Correcting Resolution Number 174-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 401:4-58

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:4-58, transfers may be made between appropriation accounts in the General Budget in the last two months of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, such transfers are made to cover expenses in accounts in excess of that anticipated and from accounts having expenses in less amounts than anticipated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:4-58 that transfers between budget appropriation accounts on the attached report are authorized and that a certified copy of this resolution adopted by not less than a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership of the Governing Body shall be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
3-01-22-195-101	Construction Frenchtown S&W		\$2,050.00
3-01-30-415-100	Accumulated Absences	\$2,050.00	
	Total	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00

ADOPTED: February 1, 2024

Mayor Nowick asked for a motion to adopt Resolution Number 32-2024. Council President Lambert made the motion and Councilman Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Nowick read the announcements into the record.

CONVENIENCE CENTER HOURS

Saturdays: February 3, 2024, and February 17, 2024, from 9 am to noon

Wednesday: February 21, 2024, from 3 – 5 pm

DISCUSSION

Mayor Nowick gave an update on the following topics:

Grants Awarded: Mayor Nowick acknowledged Mary Anne Borge and Parks and Recreation for the grant application to the Lower Delaware River for the planting of trees at Cavallo Park in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Road Projects from 2023: Studdiford from Douglas to Swan, and Swan downhill is out to bid with the bid opening scheduled for February 14, 2024.

Ely Creek behind the elementary school has not been cleaned since Hurricane Irene in 2011. We are working with the City Engineer to determine what permits are required.

Stormwater Management, Tier A, Stormwater Management Coordinator: Mayor Nowick reported that the City has satisfied all the requirements from NJDEP to receive the balance of the grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 which can be used for equipment purchase, and staff salaries. Members of the Governing Body wanted to review the budgeted items for the grant.

City Hall Grounds Project: Mayor Nowick informed the members of the Governing Body that he would like to work with Mary Anne Borge on a garden project at City Hall and will pay for it out of his stipend. Councilman Stegman asked about the status of the parking lot at City Hall. Mayor Nowick commented that it was a separate project.

Bond Ordinance: Mayor Nowick informed the members of the Governing Body that he would like to introduce a bond ordinance at the February 15, 2024 session. He is waiting on final numbers for the projects, and they include: Federal appropriation for Music Mountain in the amount of \$450,000; 2024 Road Projects; Delevan Street Storm Sewer; Parking Lot by the playground at Ely Field; Studdiford Street Culvert, and repointing and painting of the Lambertville Library.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Nowick opened the public participation session of the meeting and he asked for public comments.

Paul Stevens referenced the Facility Review that was completed by the City and wanted to know if the projects mentioned for the bond ordinance were mentioned in that overview.

Judy Gleason asked if the City had a schedule of maintenance for the storm drain cleaning. She also asked for a schedule of maintenance for all the City's buildings.

Dave Burd commented regarding the Stormwater Utility, and he said the City did not need another layer of tax. He felt we needed the Mayor and Governing Body to work together as a

team because there is a lot of experience and talent to get the work done you just need to be on the same page.

Mayor Nowick asked for a motion to close the public participation session. Councilman Lide made the motion and Council President Lambert seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Nowick responded that the Musial Report is not a formalized schedule but rather used for planning purposes. The Library is listed as a priority for painting and repointing in the report. The garage at Public Works was the focus of an appropriation from the State of New Jersey and we are saving half a million dollars on that project. The City does not have a schedule for maintenance other than the cleaning schedule and few other things that the Public Works team can complete when they are not picking up garbage. The Stormwater infrastructure is examined every year. The Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study will identify how much we spend on things like maintenance. The study is designed to identify what the City pays to manage stormwater and it will be hard data. It will give us a baseline, answering what do we currently spend, what resources do we use, what repairs are needed, and what are the capital expenses.

Councilman Lide commended that the repairs are sorely needed. After the tour of the buildings last year, both the Public Works Department and the Library were at the top of the list. The Library is such an important part of our community and if we do not do something now, we will spend a lot more money in the future.

Councilwoman Kominsky commented that she supports the Library project and feels for all future projects the City should pursue grant funds with vigor.

Mayor Nowick commented that he has asked the City Architect to look at smaller projects in the City such as the electrical repairs at City Hall and a wheelchair lift at the Library.

CLOSED SESSION: *Closed Session of the Governing Body scheduled for February 1, 2024, Lambertville City Council Meeting to discuss Issues related to Potential Contracts, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7).*

RESOLUTION

“Authorizing a Closed Session at the February 1, 2024, Lambertville City Council Meeting to Discuss Issues related to Potential Contracts, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)”

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 1, 2024, in-person at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center located at 25 South Union Street in the City, to discuss matters related to contracts, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7).

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.

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ADOPTED: February 1, 2024

Mayor Nowick and City Council convened in closed session at 7:55 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Lambert and seconded by Councilman Stegman. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Nowick and City Council re-convened in regular session at 8:29 p.m. with a motion made by Councilwoman Kominsky and seconded by Councilman Lide. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nowick asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Council President Lambert made the motion and Councilwoman Kominsky seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Ege