



**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2021, 7 P.M.**  
**LAMBERTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**200 NORTH MAIN STREET**  
**MINUTES**

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Mayor Fahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and she 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: The meeting notice was provided to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times, department heads, various individuals on the listserv and the meeting agenda was posted to the City's website at [www.lambertvillenj.org](http://www.lambertvillenj.org) and on the bulletin board at city hall.

This meeting will be recorded.

The meeting agenda provides for action items at the extent known at the time of publication.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilwoman Lambert, Councilman Sanders, Councilman Stegman, Council President Taylor, Mayor Fahl.

Also present: William Opel – City Attorney, Cynthia Ege – City Clerk, Michael Humphrey – Deputy Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Fahl led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and she asked everyone to continue standing for a moment of silence in honor of those serving in the United States Armed Forces, those serving on the front lines of COVID and for those impacted by Tropical Storm Ida.

**RESOLUTIONS**

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 146-2021: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to sign the access agreement with Heath's for Testing at the Library Site.*

Mayor Fahl read the resolution into the record by title. She informed the members of the public that this is necessary due to the preliminary site investigation required by NJDEP for Heath Auto.

*A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to sign the access agreement with Heath's for Testing at the Library Site.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, that Mayor Fahl and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the access agreement with Heath's Auto for testing at the Lambertville Free Public Library.

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to approve Resolution Number 146-2021. Councilman Stegman made the motion and Council President Taylor seconded the motion. An

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affirmative roll call/voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present.  
MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 147-2021: *A Resolution to Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Greater Lambertville Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Turkey Trot.*

Mayor Fahl read the resolution into the record by title.

*A Resolution to Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Greater Lambertville Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Turkey Trot.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, that Mayor Fahl, the City Attorney and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the memorandum of agreement with the Greater Lambertville Chamber of Commerce for the annual Turkey Trot.

i. Road Closures

1. Bridge Street beginning at the North Union Street light and ending at the free bridge.
2. North Union Street beginning at Bridge Street and ending at Buttonwood Street
3. Clinton Street – full length
4. Lambert Lane from Bridge to Coryell Street
5. Coryell Street between Lambert Lane and North Union Street

ii. Police Coverage

iii. Garbage and Recycling if necessary

Councilwoman Lambert noted a directional change from east to “west” in the letter from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Greater Lambertville Chamber of Commerce for the Turkey Trot. Councilman Sanders made the motion and Councilwoman Lambert seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call/voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**BEST PRACTICE INVENTORY DISCUSSION:** Mayor Fahl informed the members of the public present that the city filed our Best Practice Inventory with the State of New Jersey as is required every year. The governing body reviewed the inventory and had no questions.

**2022 PRICING DISCUSSION:** Mayor Fahl introduced Michael Humphrey, the Deputy Clerk to the members of the governing body and to the public. Mr. Humphrey reviewed

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proposed Bulk Trash Permit changes and proposed changes to the permitted parking with the members of the governing body and public.

**BULK TRASH PERMIT, 2022 Pricing:** Mr. Humphrey informed the members of the governing body that the pricing is to better define the lists based on the requests the city has received from our residents. This includes the addition of sectional couches, desks and other items and the cost to take items to the transfer station, gas pricing, employee time/salaries, etc. The price change will become effective in January of 2022. This will be on the November 18 meeting agenda for approval to allow sufficient time to update our online software.

**PARKING PERMITS, 2022 Pricing and Ideas:** Mr. Humphrey informed the members of the governing body that he completed some research regarding the parking permit pricing. Discussion regarding neighboring communities and their pricing was reviewed and discussed.

Somerville charges, \$960 per quarter;

Morristown uses a sliding scale with a reduced rate for those who park away from their business district. Their fee is \$1,200 per year.

Lambertville is charging \$45 per year. The meter fees are currently at \$1.25 per hour and permits are currently at \$3.75 per month or 3 hours of meter time for an entire month. If the average person parks 4 hours at the meter, the loss in revenue is \$285,000 in parking permits.

Mayor Fahl reminded everyone that pre-COVID, parking was shared. In the day time, it was used by businesses and at night by property owners. However, COVID has changed the way we work with many now working from home.

Mr. Humphrey suggested, based on his research, that we change the fees as follows:

Annual residential parking permit:       \$120 each

Six-month residential parking permit:   \$90 each

The governing body felt that a fee of \$10 per month was reasonable and suggested that we increase it by \$12 per year over the next three years.

The ordinance will be on the November 18 meeting agenda for introduction.

**HUNTERDON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT:** Mayor Fahl reviewed the email received from the city planner with the members of the governing body. The following was discussed:

**Parking requirements in the Central Business District:** the original intent was to do away with parking requirements. This doesn't give someone a green light to put a second story on a building, but it is one less hurdle so we don't have to ghost park. The

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governing body discussed additions: 1/3 or more of an addition creating new parking and members of the governing body expressed concern for visual impact for new additions and how that would be handled.

Mayor Fahl asked everyone to get their responses to the city planner so that we can introduce an ordinance on November 18.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Stevens commented that there is a difference with overnight guests and people who are renting Air BnBs and he asked the governing body to take that into consideration when amending the ordinance.

Mr. Stevens asked about the outcome of the environmental impact study for the police station. Mr. Opel, the City Attorney responded that the City is not under contract for purchase as of this date. It is only an agreement with Kalian Companies.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Closed Session of the Governing Body of the November 4, 2021 Lambertville City Council Meeting to discuss Attorney/Client Issues related to Contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7).

**RESOLUTION**

*“Authorizing a Closed Session at the November 4, 2021 Lambertville City Council Meeting to Discuss Attorney/Client Issues Related to 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 November 4, 2021, held in the All-Purpose Room of the Lambertville Public School, to discuss attorney/client issues 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.

ADOPTED:

Mayor Fahl and City Council convened in closed session at 8:05 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Council President Taylor. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

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Mayor Fahl and City Council re-convened in regular session at 8:28 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Councilwoman Lambert. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Council President Taylor. An affirmative voice vote in favor of the motion was taken by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk