

**City of Lambertville
Human Rights Council
7:30 PM
Monday JANUARY 11, 2021
VIA ZOOM
MINUTES**

MISSION: To promote and protect human rights at the local level. Together city representatives and resident members ensure that Lambertville remains a place of acceptance and love.

WELCOME

ROLL CALL

(9) LHRC members:

Roni Todd-Marino – Chairperson/Board of Education Rep
Julia Taylor – City Council Rep
Lt. Bob Brown – City Police Dept Rep
Bambi Kuhl – City Public Assistance Rep
~~David Gardiner – Resident Member~~
Bruce Harris – Resident Member
Scott Elliott – Resident Member
~~Matt Larkin – City Library Rep~~

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Dec 14, 2020 – Motion to approve Roni Todd-Marino, Bambi Kuhl second

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Roni indicated that there is an opening for Secretary and nominated Bruce Harris. Bambi Kuhl brought up the inclusion of members who do not physically reside in Lambertville City, citing the original HRC charter. Members agreed to hold off on election of secretary until this is clarified and to have a vote for the Charter to be changed in an upcoming meeting. Bruce agreed to take meeting notes until that time and there was no opposition from members.

FINALIZE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Reviewed list of recommendations to City. Julia Taylor asked to have Broadening Community Services more clearly defined in the list of recommendations. Discussion of recommendation to utilize volunteer teams for events. Lt. Brown suggested LPD organizing and increasing the utilization of a CERT Community Emergency Response Team, of which there was no opposition from members.

REVIEW OF ME AND WHITE SUPREMACY READING GROUP

Bruce confirmed that the invitation for participation will be sent in by January, 15th 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shaun Ellis -- requested that the Council recommend that no police officers be appointed to Planning Board.

Kelly -- expressed objection to the inclusion of police on the Human Right's Council and requested restriction of police opinion to City Council

Richard Green -- suggested that the City Department of Public Assistance hire mental health interns.

Ben West -- Advocated for abolishing the police, defunding Lambertville Police Department costs and minutes from the Budget Listening Session "be included".

Guy Ambrosino -- affirmed Mr. West's recommendation and asked for consideration of recommending a proposed budget to City Council.

Lili Chen -- recommended that the Council consider merging police departments with West Amwell.

ADJOURNMENT -- Motion to Adjourn Roni Todd-Marino, second by Bruce Harris