



**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018, 6:30 P.M.
PHILLIP L. PITTORE JUSTICE CENTER
25 SOUTH UNION STREET
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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

Mayor DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and informed the members of the public present that this meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act having provided adequate notice to the Times, the Democrat, listed on the city's website, and advertised in the January 9 edition of the Times. On Friday, September 14, 2018, notice was also provided to members of the public through the list serve, the agenda was posted on the city's website and the bulletin board at city hall.

ROLL CALL.

The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

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

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

The City Clerk led the public in a moment of silence in honor of those serving in the United States Armed Forces in country and abroad.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the following sets of minutes as amended: August 15, 2018 Special Session Minutes, August 21, 2018 Regularly Scheduled Session Minutes, August 21, 2018 Closed Session Minutes. Council President Stegman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted/amended. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the following Administrative Reports: Tax Collector – Cynthia McBride, Municipal Court Administrator – Patricia Wozniak, Construction Official – Kenneth Rogers, Zoning Officer – Frank D'Amore, Fire Inspector – Frank D'Amore, Police Director – Bruce Cocuzza, City Clerk – Cynthia Ege, and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – Christie Ehret. Councilwoman Warner made a motion to approve the Administrative Reports. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION.

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RESOLUTION

“Authorizing a Closed Session at the September 17, 2018 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 September 17, 2018, 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: September 17, 2018

Mayor DelVecchio and City Council convened in closed session at 6:48 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.**

Mayor DelVecchio and City Council re-convened in regular session at 7:02 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilwoman Asaro. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PROCLAMATIONS.

Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day, October 6, 2018

Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day

October 6, 2018

WHEREAS, New Jersey is in the midst of a life-threatening opioid abuse epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey has designated October 6, 2018 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day – an initiative with a dual purpose: to educate families of the addictive qualities of opioid pain medicines and their link to heroin abuse rates in New Jersey, and communicate to physicians information on safer prescribing messages found in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for prescribing opioids, which include considering other therapies, setting realistic treatment goals with patients and discussing with patients the positives and negatives of opioids; and

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WHEREAS, the State Senate and General Assembly jointly resolved that October 6 shall be permanently designated as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in New Jersey in order to raise awareness about the dangers of, and the link between, opioid abuse and heroin addiction and to educate health care providers, community leaders, state lawmakers and members of the public about the opioid abuse epidemic and its effects throughout the State of New Jersey and across the country; and

WHEREAS, Freedom House, Inc. supports initiatives designed to raise awareness about opioid abuse in New Jersey and take steps to prevent addiction;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that October 6, 2018 be recognized as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in Lambertville, New Jersey.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt the proclamation for Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in Lambertville. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt the proclamation. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. 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 informed the members of the public present that there are two additions to the consent agenda and they are: Number 144-2018 to authorize the amendment to the City of Lambertville's Emergency Operations Plan and Number 145-2018 to authorize the refund of a garbage permit to MSMJ Associates, LLC.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 134-2018: A Resolution to Authorize the Redemption for Block 1088, Lot 18 In the Amount of \$628.10, Plus a Premium in the Amount of \$1,400.00.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 134-2018

A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1088, Lot 18 In the Amount of \$628.10, Plus a Premium in the Amount of \$1,400.00

WHEREAS, Tax Lien Certificate 18-00010 issued on Block 1088 Lot 18 was sold to US BANK CUST ACTLIEN HOLDING, 50 SOUTH 16th ST, SUITE 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 08876 on 06/21/18 and

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

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

to US BANK CUST ACTLIEN HOLDING, 50 SOUTH 16th ST, SUITE 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 for the redemption of tax lien certificate #18-00010 in the amount of: \$628.10

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City is holding a premium in the amount of \$1400.00 and upon redemption this is due back to the lienholder.

2 checks for the lienholder –

Check 1= \$628.10

Check 2= for premium= \$1400.00

ADOPTED: September 17, 2018

RESOLUTION NUMBER 135-2018: *A Resolution to Authorize the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1088, Lot 18 In the Amount of \$374.83, Plus a Premium in the Amount of \$300.00.*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 135-2018

A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1088, Lot 18 In the Amount of

\$374.83 Plus the Premium in the Amount of \$300.00

WHEREAS, Tax Lien Certificate 170009 issued on Block 1088 Lot 18 was sold to US BANK CUST ACTLIEN HOLDING, 50 SOUTH 16th ST, SUITE 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 08876 on 10/30/17 and

WHEREAS, payment has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of the tax lien from a mortgage company.

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

to US BANK CUST ACTLIEN HOLDING, 50 SOUTH 16th ST, SUITE 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 for the redemption of tax lien certificate #190009 in the amount of: \$374.83

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City is holding a premium in the amount of \$300.00 and upon redemption this is due back to the lienholder.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 136-2018: *A Resolution to Reject the Bids Received for the Fence at Ely Field as They Exceed the Funds Budgeted.*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 136-2018

A Resolution to Reject the Bids Received for the Fence at Ely Memorial Park as They Exceed the Funds Budgeted

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2018, the City formally accepted and opened bids for the new fence at Ely Memorial Park, and

WHEREAS, the following companies responded to the request for bids:

NINSA, LLC, Hammonton, NJ, \$441,000.00

Pro Max Fence Systems, Inc., Reading, NJ, \$467,700.00

WHEREAS, the City Architect has recommended that we reject the bids received as they exceed the funds budgeted for this project.

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 bids received for the fence at Ely Memorial Park are hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Architect is hereby authorized to proceed with either negotiating with the bidders or with rebidding the project.

ADOPTED: September 17, 2018

RESOLUTION NUMBER 137-2018: *A Resolution to Reject the Bids Received for the Interior Renovations and Purchase of Furniture for City Hall, As the Bids Received Exceed the Funds Budgeted and the City has Decided to Purchase the Furniture Off State Contract.*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 137-2018

A Resolution to Reject the Bids Received for the Interior Renovations of City Hall and Purchase of Furniture for City Hall, As the Bids Received Exceed the Funds Budgeted, and the City has Decided to Purchase the Furniture Off State Contract

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2018, the City formally accepted and opened bids for the Interior Renovations at City Hall and the Justice Center, and

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WHEREAS, the following company responded to the request for bids:

Hartman Office Furniture, Whippany, NJ, \$35,660.00 – furniture purchase only

WHEREAS, the City Architect has recommended that we reject the bid received, rebid the interior renovations, and purchase the furniture off State Contract.

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 bid received for interior work at City Hall, and for new office furniture is hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Architect is hereby authorized to proceed with rebidding the interior renovations at City Hall.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 138-2018: *A Resolution to Authorize the Participation in the Purchase of Snow and Ice Control Materials through the County of Hunterdon Cooperative, Bid Number 2018-14 with Morton Salt, Inc. for a Contract Period Beginning September 19, 2018 and Ending September 18, 2019.*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 138-2018

A Resolution to Authorize the Participation in the Purchase of Snow and Ice Control Materials through the county of Hunterdon Cooperative, Bid Number 2018-14 with Morton Salt, Inc. for a Contract Period Beginning September 19, 2018 and ending September 18, 2019

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 contract with Morton Salt, Inc., Hunterdon County Cooperative Bid Number 2018-14 for the 2018/2019 season at a rate of \$50.59 per ton, with a contract period beginning September 19, 2018 and ending September 18, 2019.

ADOPTED: September 17, 2018

RESOLUTION NUMBER 139-2018: *A Resolution to Authorize the Change in the Not to Exceed Amount for the Contract with John Morgan Thomas, Landscape Architect, PC for the Bike/Ped Grant from \$31,126.60 to \$31,399.83.*

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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 contract with John Morgan Thomas, Landscape Architect, PC for the Bike/Ped Grant from \$31,126.60 to \$31,399.83.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 140-2018: A Resolution Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the 2017 Audit as Prepared by the Certified Municipal Finance Officer.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 140-2018

A Resolution to Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the 2017 Audit Prepared by the Certified Municipal Finance Officer

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 corrective action plan for the 2017 audit prepared by the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby approved.

ADOPTED: September 17, 2018

RESOLUTION NUMBER 141-2018: A Resolution to Award a Contract to LandTech in the Amount of \$11,520.00 to Seed and Fertilize Ely Field.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 141-2018

A Resolution to Award a Contract for the Seeding and Fertilizing of the Football Field Located at Ely Memorial Field

WHEREAS, the City Engineer contacted the following companies to obtain quotes to seed and fertilize the football field located at Ely Memorial Field;

Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc., \$11,520.00

Sponzilli Landscape Group, none provided

The Landtek Group, Inc., none provided

General Asphalt, none provided

WHEREAS, the City Engineer reviewed one quote and is recommending awarding a contract to, in an amount not to exceed \$11,520.00;

WHEREAS, the Deputy Treasurer has certified funds are available from the Open Space Trust Account.

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 contract with Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc. is hereby authorized in an amount not to exceed \$11,520.00.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 142-2018: *A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Office Furniture, Inclusive of Delivery and Set-up, Off State Contract from WB Mason for HON Furniture, State Contract Number A81641 in the Amount Not to Exceed \$20,043.85.*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 142-2018

A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Office Furniture, Inclusive of Delivery and Installation, Off State contract from WB Mason for HON Furniture, State Contract Number A81641 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,043.85

WHEREAS, the City Architect is recommending the purchase of office equipment and furniture off State Contract Number A81641 through WB Mason in the amount of \$20,043.85 for City Hall;

WHEREAS, the Deputy Treasurer has certified funds are available from the Ordinance Number 06-2018.

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 contract with WB Mason for the purchase of HON Furniture in an amount not to exceed \$20,043.85.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 143-2018: *A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of Overpayment of Third Quarter Taxes to Corelogic Centralized Funds in An Amount Not to Exceed \$5,735.48.*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 143-2018

A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of Overpayment of Third-Quarter Tax Payments to CoreLogic Centralized Funds in An Amount Not to Exceed \$5,735-48

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has advised of overpayments of third quarter taxes made by CoreLogic Centralized Fund for the following properties:

Block 1052, Lot 8, \$2,260.39

Block 1051, Lot 20.15, \$1,757.42

Block 1045, Lot 31, \$1,717.67

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 third quarter overpayments of taxes to CoreLogic Centralized Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,735.48 is hereby authorized.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 144-2018: *A Resolution to Approve the City of Lambertville's Emergency Operations Plan.*

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 144-2018

A Resolution to Approve the City of Lambertville's Emergency Operations Plan
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 City of Lambertville's Emergency Operations Plan dated 09/01/2018 is supported by Mayor and Council and adopted as part of the City's procedures for all emergencies.
ADOPTED: September 17, 2018

RESOLUTION NUMBER 145-2018: *A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of a Garbage Permit to MSMJ Associates, LLC in the Amount of \$25.00.*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 145-2018

A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of a Garbage Permit to MSMJ Associates, LLC in the Amount of \$25

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 refund of a garbage permit to MSMJ Associates, LLC in the amount of \$25 is hereby authorized.

ADOPTED: September 17, 2018

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

BILLS LIST.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the bills list and the addendum to the bills list. Council President Stegman made a motion to approve the Bills List and the addendum. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING – none.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 14-2018: *An Ordinance to Amend the Lambertville City Code 2014, Chapter XII, Section 3.0 Illicit Connections to the Sanitary System.*

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that this was requested by the Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority.

ORDINANCE No.14-2018

ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

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WHEREAS, in order to preserve the public health, safety and welfare of its citizenry, the City of Lambertville desires to regulate the discharge of substances into the sanitary sewer system within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey as follows:

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings state herein unless their use in the test of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a difference meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

“Authority”- the Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority

“Illicit connection” - any physical or non-physical connection that discharges storm water, groundwater, or non-contract cooling water to the sanitary sewer system operated by the Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority. Nonphysical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows or overflows into the sanitary sewer system. Sump pump discharges, cellar drains floor drains, and roof drains that convey groundwater or storm water to any part of the WTP, sanitary sewer system or plumbing system or are also considered illicit connections.

“WTP” the Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant including all components of the associated collection system and infrastructure.

“Person” - any individual corporation, company, limited liability company, partnership, firm, business entity, association or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

“Stormwater” - water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

Incorporation of Regulations.

The Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority Use, Rules and Regulations, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the “Regulations”), are hereby incorporated by reference in this Chapter. A copy of the Regulations, including all current amendments and supplements, shall be maintained in the office of the clerk and made available to the public for inspection and copying during regular business hours.

Prohibited Conduct and Discharges

No person shall engage in improper use or construction of sanitary sewers. No person shall construct, operate, utilize or own an illicit connection.

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It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to fail to correct a violation of any provision of the Regulations within thirty (30) days after delivery to such person or entity of a written notice of violation from the Authority, except that committing or causing the commission of a prohibited discharge as defined in the Regulations shall be an unlawful act at the time it occurs.

Enforcement

The provisions of this Chapter may be enforced by the Executive Director of the Authority. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14B-20, representatives of the Authority shall have the power to enter, at all reasonable times, any premises on which such a prohibited discharge pursuant to Section 17.48.030 is supposed to exist, for the purpose of inspecting, rehabilitating or securing samples of any such prohibited discharge.

Penalties

In addition to the penalties provided in the Regulations for violation of any provision of this Chapter or of the Regulations, the maximum penalty, upon conviction, shall be a fine not exceeding \$2,000, or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days, or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof.

Each day on which any waters or wastes are discharged in violation of Section 17.48.030 shall constitute a separate violation.

In addition to the penalties provided in Regulations and in this Chapter for violation of any provision of this chapter or of the Regulations, the City may require the installation or connection to a sewer line to be made and recover the cost as an assessment upon the premises for which the connection was made in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:63-54, *et seq.*

Section 3. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and a prior ordinance of the City of Lambertville, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the *Revised General Ordinances of the City of Lambertville* are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

Section 5 This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

INTRODUCED: August 21, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION: September 21, 2018

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Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on Ordinance Number 14-2018 and asked for public comment. There being no public comment, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Sanders made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Asaro 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 on second reading, granting final approval for Ordinance Number 14-2018. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt on second reading and grant final approval of Ordinance Number 14-2018. 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 15-2018: *An Ordinance to Amend the Lambertville City Code 2014, Chapter XV, Finance and Taxation, Section 15-1, Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax, to add Air B&B.*

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 collect tax on the short term rental of properties such as Air BNB.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-2018

An Ordinance to Amend the Lambertville City Code 2014, Chapter XV, Finance and Taxation, Section 15-1 Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax; Section 15-1.2 Tax Established; Section 15-1.3 Tax in Addition to Any Other Tax or Fee.

15-1 AIR BNB, HOME TO GO, PRICELINE, HOTEL AND MOTEL ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon that Section 15-1.2, Tax Established is hereby amended to include short term rentals, including AIR BnB, Home to Go, Priceline and other short-term rentals as defined by the State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation beginning October 1, 2018.

15-1.2 Tax Established.

There is hereby established a Occupancy Tax for the rental of rooms that meet the definition of short term rental, including, but not limited to: Air BNB, Home to Go, Priceline, Hotel and Motel in the City of Lambertville, and three (3%) percent on charges of rent for every occupancy of a hotel or motel room in the City of Lambertville, of a room or rooms, is hereby subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (d) of section 3 of P.L. 1966, c. 40, N.J.S.A. 54:32B-3 (sales tax). (Ord. #2003-07).

15-1.3 Tax in Addition to Any Other Tax or Fee.

The Occupancy Tax for short term rentals of rooms, such as, but not limited to: Air BNB, Home to Go, Priceline, Hotel, Motel, or any other rental as defined a short-term rental by the State of New Jersey

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Division of Taxation, shall be in addition to any other tax or fee imposed pursuant to statute or local ordinance or resolution by any governmental entity upon the occupancy of a hotel room. (Ord. #2003-07).

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION: August 21, 2017

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: September 17, 2018

Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing for Ordinance Number 15-2018 and asked for public comment.

Councilwoman Asaro asked about inserting the start date of October 1, 2018 into the ordinance.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance Number 15-2018. 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 as amended on second reading, granting final approval of Ordinance Number 15-2018. Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to adopt on second reading and granting final approval of Ordinance Number 15-2018. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-2018: An Ordinance to Amend the Lambertville City Code 2014, Chapter XII, Sanitation: Recycling, Amending Section 12-4.5 Recycling by Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Establishments, Plastic Bag, Food Container and Plastic Straw Regulations.

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that this ordinance will phase in the ban on the commercial use of plastics, such as straws, plastic bags, Styrofoam containers and polystyrene products. He added that the ordinances will also include an educational component that the Environmental Commission will be responsible for conducting.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-2018

An Ordinance to Amend the Lambertville City Code 2014, Chapter XII, Sanitation: Recycling, Amending Section 12-4.5, Recycling by Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Establishments, and Appendix C to include a Ban on Plastics, Styrofoam and Polystyrene Foam Containers in the Sale of All Food Products

BE IT ORDAINED BY the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville as follows:

Chapter XII, Sanitation: Section 12-4, Recycling Program is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER XII, Section 12-4.5, Recycling by Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Establishments to include a ban on the following products for the packaging of food products for sale to the public: plastic bags, Styrofoam and polystyrene foam containers, and plastic straws.

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INTENT.

The intent of this Ordinance is to adopt regulations relating to and limiting the use of single-use plastic bags, polystyrene foam and Styrofoam containers and plastic straws by businesses in the City of Lambertville. The regulations are intended to assist the City with the elements in the PARIS Accord and in reducing our carbon footprint by promoting products that will protect the environment, wildlife, and the public health and welfare and safety of our community as a whole. The process will be phased in with Phase I as a voluntary opt-in program beginning October 1, 2018, and Phase II will be mandatory beginning on January 1, 2020.

DEFINITIONS.

Business or Store. For the purpose of this Section, any retail. The definition includes, but is not limited to pharmacies, supermarkets, farmers markets, grocery stores, convenience stores, clothing stores and food service establishments.

Food Service Establishment. Any establishment which serves made-to-order food or beverages for dine-in, takeout, or delivery.

Goods and Products. Things and items that are prepared and made to be sold, including, but not limited to, clothing, groceries, farmers markets, prepared food, foodstuffs, meat, dairy, beverages, merchandise, books, jewelry, alcohol, tobacco products, toys, and any and all other things and items sold at retail by businesses and stores.

Produce Bag or Product Bag. Any bag without handles that is used exclusively to segregate produce, meats, other food items, and merchandise to the point of sale inside a store or to prevent such items from coming into direct contact with other purchased items, where such contact could damage or contaminate other food or merchandise when placed together in a reusable or recycled bag.

Recyclable paper carryout bag (preferred, not required). A paper bag that meets all of the following requirements: (1) contains no old growth fiber; (2) is one hundred percent (100%) recyclable overall and contains a minimum of forty percent (40%) postconsumer recycled material; (3) is capable of composting, consistent with the timeline and specifications of American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard 06400; (4) is accepted for recycling in curbside programs in the City; (5) has printed on the bag the name of the manufacturer, the location where the bag was manufactured, and the percentage of postconsumer recycled material used; and (6) displays the word "Recyclable" in a highly visible manner on the outside of the bag.

Retail. The sale of goods and products for use and/or consumption.

Reusable Bag. A bag that is designed and manufactured to withstand repeated uses over a period of time, is machine washable or made from a material that can be cleaned and disinfected regularly, is at least 2.25 mil thick if made from plastic, has a minimum lifetime of 75 uses, and is capable of carrying a minimum of 18 pounds.

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Single-Use, Plastic Carryout Bag. A bag, sheet or receptacle produced or manufactured from material commonly known as “plastic” or “polyethylene” provided at the check-out stand, cash register, point of sale, or other point of departure for the purpose of transporting goods or products out of the establishment. The term single-use, plastic carryout bag does not include reusable bags, or garment bags.

REGULATION OF SINGLE-USE, PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS.

The regulation of Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags shall be phased in as follows:

PHASE I.

Voluntary: During the first ten months of the program, participation shall be voluntary. Businesses or Stores will be solicited by the Environmental Commission to participate on a voluntary basis. The Environmental Commission shall track progress and work with the Recycling Coordinator to create a tracking mechanism.

All data collected will be used to reinforce and assist with the enactment of Phase II of this program (the required participation).

PHASE II.

Required:

No business or store shall provide any single-use, plastic carryout bags, Styrofoam and polystyrene foam container and/or plastic straws to a customer at the check stand, cash register, point of sale, as otherwise provided in this Chapter.

PERMITTED

All stores shall provide or make available to a customer recyclable (**preferred, not required**) paper carryout bags or reusable bags"

EXCEPTIONS.

Plastic straws may be provided to customers upon request.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

A violation of this Chapter shall be punishable as provided in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 1-5, General Penalty and shall be enforceable by the Zoning Officer of the City of Lambertville.

EDUCATION/BEST PRACTICES

The Environmental Commission of the City of Lambertville will work to educate local businesses on the components of this ordinance and will report back to the Governing Body on the Best Practices and the progress made by September of 2019.

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APPENDIX C

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Establishments – only

Beginning January 1, 2020, all Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Establishments: the following items shall be added to the list titled: NOT RECYCLABLE:

plastic bags, plastic straws, polyethylene products, Styrofoam products for the use of packaging food products for sale to the public.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING: AUGUST 21, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION: SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on Ordinance Number 16-2018 and asked for public comments.

Jeff Tittle, 33 Wilson Street thanked the governing body for moving forward with this ordinance. It is the most progressive of the 17 towns that have adopted similar ordinances, but this is unique because it has straws and Styrofoam. The more communities lead with the issue, we will get a statement ban. The governor vetoed legislation so it allows towns to move forward. This is a grassroots effort, people are sick of pollution, sea lions, turtles are injured. Most plastics are from fracking, left over by product, the more we frack the more we have the plastic bags. Communities that have the ban saw 94% drop in use of plastic bags and 89% less in storm drains. This town is committed to the environment.

Dean Stephens, resident and owner of Lambertville Trading Company commented that he and wife Lisa started looking and listening to our customers two years ago. There was a real beginning with people inquiring and asking. It was a simple conversation to have, and we instantly wiped plastic straws off our venue. All kinds of publicity that Star Bucks gets, they are one of the leaders. Because they are so big, they worked with manufacturers to come up with alternatives and force their hand. We looked at paper straws, they don't hold up. We tried pasta straws, but they don't work with hot drinks, but work well with cold drinks and are expensive. We have had one complaint in the last four weeks. Equally as bad are the 16-ounce plastic cups. In the summer we go through 1,000 a week. We changed to a corn-based cup and the lid is actually better. We sent the City Clerk some information and heard back from Liz Magill-Peer of the Environmental Commission, plastic ware is now doing green ware that is readily available for businesses.

Cyndy Jahn, the chair of the Environmental Commission commented that the commission met with David Morgan, the Executive Director of the Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce and they are looking at doing a Best Practices review. The Environmental Commission is reviewing how the Third Can Food Waste program was rolled out to use as a

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template. The goal is to bring businesses along because this is a culture change. It is not just affecting small businesses, but CVS, any business that uses plastic products. Mayor DelVecchio commented that Owow Cow, Rojas, DeAnnas, the Broadmoor and More than Q all did away with plastic products. Ms. Jahn responded that they want to establish a comfort level and educate the public. Mayor DelVecchio said the Third Can program is a good example. We didn't offer that to businesses until we were ready. We slowly rolled out the program to local restaurants, and then once we were comfortable, we moved to all businesses participating in our garbage collection. It's a matter of educating people, developing Best Practices and obtaining a comfort level.

Mr. Stephens encouraged anyone in the coffee business to recycle coffee grinds. They put out 300 pounds a week and they are being distributed to Ringoes, Fieldsboro, and people gladly take coffee grinds. Another avenue to get things out of the garbage.

John Woods, a resident of Ferry Street asked if this was for residents too. Cyndy Jahn commented that it is for retailers and we did make an exception in the ordinance for handicapped people. Mr. Woods commented that he is educated as a resident and in choosing alternatives.

Council President Stegman commented that local retailers should also be looking at biodegradable cutlery. Cyndy Jahn responded that she isn't aware of any. Michael Heffler commented that he was responsible for an event at the Sourlands and they found a place that provided biodegradable cutlery. Cyndy Jahn commented that Liz Magill-Peer has done some research too.

Debbie Closson, owner of Homestead Market commented that she is a supporter, didn't hear anything until it was on Facebook. We too have done a lot of voluntary things, they donate \$.05 every time someone brings a reusable bag in; they can't put corn in a cheap bag that rips. They aren't part of the city's recycling program and they don't do the Third Can but do their own recycling. They have given out 1,500 reusable bags. 85% require plastic bags. The key is education. When you asked about consumers, they have to bring a reusable bag. When you are dealing with the elderly population, they don't get it. The charge may or may not happen, has to be the right answer. Cyndy Jahn responded that the reason we took action was because of the State's position. Debbie Closson responded that she would like to see wording that says if you don't find good solutions the time for enforcement can be extended. The Department of Health has restrictions. The City needs to remind people that all recycling has to be cleaned, one little container can ruin the whole batch. She is looking for room in the date. Mayor DelVecchio responded that the date is a target and the Environmental Commission will do Best Practices to inform us if this is reasonable and rational. The council can amend it and change the date and include a fee if they see fit.

Jeff Tittle responded that the Sierra Club did research and a lot of communities did a \$.10 fee as an encouragement so people would bring their own so the store can keep the money.

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Robin, a resident of Lambertville asked how it was going to be enforced. Discussion ensued. The Public Works Director suggested that the Zoning Officer be the person to enforce the ordinance. The ordinance will be amended to add this language.

Council President Stegman asked if this should be required for vendors participating in events, such as Shad Festival.

Councilman Sanders commented that education is a big piece of this. This is the beginning of the work, not the end of the work. The Environmental Commission understood that they were going to have to come up with a program for education, supply chain, buying in bulk, and get merchants together to pull resources, and work with Jeff Tittle. Council President Stegman suggested that we look at other communities who have successfully banned plastics to see what they did.

Doreen Masset of the Inn of the Hawke commented that she was concerned about the cost. Sip straws for alcohol drinks will go from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year to replace with a corn product. This is a lot of money. Council President Stegman asked if there is a product that can be used that is recyclable. Ms. Masset responded no. The soda drinks are easy. Council President Stegman asked if they shared this with the Environmental Commission.

Jeff Tittle commented that in Seattle they don't give people a straw and the use goes down 80% automatically. Council President Stegman commented that they need to consult with the New Jersey Beverage Association because we aren't the only municipality doing this. They lobby for businesses.

Aladar Komjathy of Coryell Street asked if it is an issue? There are ways to do it. I work in the industry, business is off, changing life style. Goals are admirable, bars, restaurants operate on a small margin. These things add to it. It is worthwhile to look at environmental trends in the industry, plastic, paper industry. In Trenton this issue is going to be dealt with by the Legislature. Lambertville laudable.

Mary Jane Legere commented that education is a key. Pipe Trelstad gave a presentation to the elementary school years ago and it was really effective. Parents said to me that my kids are coming home saying to clean our recycling.

There being no further comments, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance Number 16-2018. Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Asaro 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 16-2018 on second reading granting final approval. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 16-2018, granting final approval. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 17-2018: An Ordinance of the city of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey Providing for the Acquisition of a Garbage Truck in and for the City, appropriating \$240,000 Therefor, And Authorizing the Issuance of \$191,900 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance the Same.

Mayor DeVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that this ordinance will fund the purchase of a new garbage truck.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A GARBAGE TRUCK IN AND FOR THE CITY, APPROPRIATING \$240,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$191,900 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE SAME.

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 improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the \$240,000, including the sum of \$48,100 as the down payment for the improvement and purpose required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment has been made available by the receipt of the proceeds of an insurance claim by the City related to the casualty loss on a prior garbage truck owned by the City, which sum is hereby appropriated.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment or otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable bonds or notes are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$191,900, 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 improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for which the bonds or notes are to be issued is the acquisition of a new garbage truck to replace a previous garbage truck damaged in a fire, including such painting, branding and installation of radios and equipment necessary to allow the vehicle to be used for its intended use, and further 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 improvements or purposes is \$191,900 authorized herein.

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(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes authorized herein is \$240,000.

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 5.00 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 \$191,900, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

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(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$10,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is 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 opened the public hearing for Ordinance Number 17-2018 and asked for a motion to continue the public hearing to the October 16 session to give the governing body time to look for alternative energy saving vehicles. Councilman Sanders made the motion to continue the public hearing to the October 16 session. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for public comment.

Julia Fahl commented that she would like to have a conversation about how we are picking up our trash, where we are taking it, and the overall cost beyond the environment. This is a concern about how much debt we have accrued, in 2018 alone we have adopted 7 ordinances with 1.724 million dollars in debt. This is out of whack, while I commend you and the council for keeping our debt ratio low, there hasn't been a serious break in the garbage service and putting another \$240,000 in debt on the books is a concern of mine. And if we are going to consider this, I ask that the council and Mayor to give us a plan on how much you plan to bond between now and January because of the amount of debt we have accrued this year.

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Mayor DelVecchio responded that he is happy to do that. We did a formal bid project within the last five years and it cost \$621,180. We currently pay \$412,000 to collect garbage and recycling. If we reallocated the staff it would be \$158 tax increase per property. The Town of Clinton has outsourced their garbage and recycling collection. They pay \$500,000 more or \$244 tax increase. If you reallocate the staff it would cost \$618 or \$300 tax increase. This past year we spent \$20,000 in maintenance and repairs for the garbage truck. You get to choose which route you want to go. Do you buy a new truck or a refurbished truck and pay for additional repairs?

A member of the public asked why we need a new truck. Mayor DelVecchio responded that the City spent \$20,000 to fix an old truck. The Clerk responded that the City had a fire at public works that destroyed the two back-up trucks we had. Mayor DelVecchio responded that we collect the garbage and recycling with three trucks. One went down last week and we had to borrow a truck from the Township of West Amwell.

Leslie Hirsh, 62 Elm Street commented that she wanted to piggy back on the comments about labor. She applauds the city's efforts on getting ahead for plastics. We are not getting ahead for prison labor. There is an end to slavery and it has been legalized. We need to get out ahead of that and require at least minimum wage. Mayor DelVecchio commented that we currently pay the inmates minimum wage. The salary goes directly to the individuals that work for us.

Julia Fahl commented that we aren't seeing a cost benefit analysis. On the books it looks like we are saving money. Mayor DelVecchio commented that salary, insurance, health benefits, what cost are you talking about. Ms. Fahl commented that the Public Works Departments functions as a sanitation department. They spend the majority of the time picking up trash rather than mowing the parks and public spaces, trimming trees, maintenance of buildings, I don't think that any of that comes into play.

Mayor DelVecchio commented that the garbage program was voted on by referendum with 60% of the vote supporting it. So, you want to undo what the voters put in place. Ms. Fahl commented that she would like to have a public conversation. Mayor DelVecchio commented that we have had that and this how we got to this place. Ms. Fahl commented that all she is asking is before we bond more debt, lets have a conversation. Mayor DelVecchio commented the debt we are talking about is for this truck, it will not increase taxes a dime. You got up and wanted to talk about it but we aren't taking action. Ms. Fahl asked for a full debt plan between now and January. Mayor DelVecchio commented that the City just went long term.

Matt Larkin of North union Street commented that if we have \$191,000 in debt to pay for, maybe we aren't paying for something else. I like the comment about what public works does. I am here for new business so I like that idea, lets have a conversation about public works, they can spend 75% of their time collecting trash, we can go outside and this is what it looks like. A lot of people are upset about our parks even for the summer recreation program. The picture about public works needs to be talked about, what do they do? It may come back to the same of what they currently do.

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Al Komjathy of Coryell Street commented, as you know the recycling markets and the trash market is in the tank. The City has relied on some of the good recycling that has gone on but China, from my day job, is that we have been complete shut out of the recycling market, China, because out trash when it goes over there is shut out. Mayor DeVecchio agreed with Mr. Komjathy, but it would have the same effect if we went to the same. Mr. Komjathy commented that Lester and his people are over worked, but this building has looked this way for almost two years, the lady across the street says something has to be done about it. Mayor DeVecchio asked to respond. The City bid the building twice, rejected the bids tonight. And the City Architect is going to negotiate with the low bidder. Mr. Komjathy commented that someone can't just go up there and wash it down? Council President Stegman responded that a year ago, this is his project, we looked at ways to change the appearance through cost estimated it was determined it was not worth the money to power wash the building. It does not remove the stain from the stucco. We talked about ways to improve the façade. We worked with Michael Burns on the design and the plan similar to the right side of the building, including a new glass store front that is more energy efficient. I share your concern for the look of this building. So we took action to do something about it and it has been out to bid twice and now we can negotiate. When it's done it will look great. Has there been a lot of time, it's been 10 years. We heard what you are saying. I've said it many times and the governing body took action. I'm ok with my defense of what we did here.

Aladar Komjathy responded that public works is overstretched. Over the year's reliance has been on sanitation. There may be better ways, a long time since the city took a look at this, trash, things change all the time. I take care of my house, I make sure it looks good. The curbs haven't been painted, trees not cut, that comes back on you. Mayor DeVecchio commented that 14.68% of your taxes go to the City. Mr. Komjathy responded that I've heard that before, 14.68%, I have it at the fire department, you have to make priorities. I have to go by the rule's you guys have to keep up with it.

Mayor DeVecchio asked for a roll call of the motion. The Clerk called the roll as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman, mayor DeVecchio.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 18-2018: *An Ordinance of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey Providing for the Funding of Engineering Services Related to the Proposed Relocation of the Lambertville Public School.*

Mayor DeVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that this ordinance will fund the engineering required to assist South Hunterdon Regional School District in relocating the school within the City of Lambertville.

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ORDINANCE NO. 18-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT IN AND FOR THE CITY, APPROPRIATING \$20,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$19,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE SAME.

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 improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the \$20,000, including the sum of \$1,000 as the down payments for the improvements and purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment has been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment or otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable bonds or notes are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$19,000, 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 are engineering services related to the City's review and planning for public infrastructure and buildings, including but not limited to community and educational facilities, as more fully set forth in the project summary 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 improvements or purposes is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes authorized herein is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

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

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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 \$19,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$20,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is 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.

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Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof, including the State Grant, 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 opened the public hearing for Ordinance Number 18-2018 and asked for public comment.

Matt Larkin, North Union Street asked if the goal is to stay where else would we put LPS? Mayor DelVecchio commented yes, assuming they go to a new building. Mr. Larkin asked if that meant the regional k-6 in Lambertville? Mayor DelVecchio responded that Lambertville students would walk and the Township of West Amwell would continue to bus. We want to maintain a walkable school in the city.

Debbie Closson asked if this is just to fund the study. Mayor DelVecchio said it would fund the engineering and to look at different sites. Ms. Closson commented that the Friends of Ely Park are looking at Jim Hamilton's fountain which is kind of there; what is the time frame? Mayor DelVecchio commented that he didn't know time frame, the board of education will decide. Debbie asked for the time frame to figure out if this is doable? Mayor DelVecchio responded that we aren't sure, we could do that pretty soon. Council President Stegman commented that I would think if you proceed with the fountain, if the school does get built in there I would assume it would be relocated. I wouldn't delay your fundraising or potential placement alternatives, it may have to be moved. Councilwoman Warner commented that it is way down the road. Anything they do has to be by referendum.

Derek Roseman commended the governing body for moving forward and for putting together a plan. Ever since regionalization became a reality, moving forward with the k-6 approach is the best use of tax dollars. He commended the governing body for moving forward.

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Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance Number 18-2018. 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 on second reading, granting final approval of Ordinance Number 18-2018. Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt on second reading and grant final approval for Ordinance Number 18-2018. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NJ Transit Enhances ACRL Alternative Service Plan to Reflect Customers' Feedback.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY: Notice of 2018 Municipal Aid.

FERRY STREET BLOCK PARTY: Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 1 – 8 pm.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the block party on Ferry Street. Councilwoman Warner made a motion to approve the request for a block party on Ferry Street. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Council President Stegman added that perhaps they could use biodegradable products at the picnic.

JCP&L: Basic generation service for the period beginning June 1, 2019, BPU Docket No. ER18040356.

SUEZ: Notice of filing a petition of Suez Water New Jersey and Suez Water Princeton Meadows for Approval of an Increase for Water Service and Other Tariff Changes.

ELIZABETHTOWN GAS: Notice of public hearings for 2018 EEP, 2018 RAC, and 2018 WNC-CEP-OSMC. The notices can be access on line from the Rates and Tariff section at the following website: www.elizabethtowngas.com/rates-and-tariff.

DELAWARE RIVER TOWNS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Request for approval of the 38th Annual Shad Festival (change in start time to 11 am).

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for Shad Festival 2019. Council President Stegman made a motion to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Shad Festival 2019 and to include the request of venders to use biodegradable products. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

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NEW BUSINESS.

HALLOWEEN COMMITTEE.

Councilman Sanders commented that the committee comprised of Cyndy Jahn, Ellen Gibson, Debbie Monigan and Councilwoman Warner met and they discussed four or five outlets with the wrong time for the trick or treating. They are working with Rob Horowitz, the Communications Director to provide clearer communications. The group talked about distributing foot traffic to lighten the crowd on North Union Street. People outside the area reported that their porch lights were on but they didn't have any foot traffic. They also discussed the following:

Setting Clear Expectations

- Ward to send out Halloween notice from the city for comment.
- Use various outlets to get the City's release out (e.g., Lambertville groups on Facebook).
- Avoid inaccurate notices as happened in 2017.

Distributing Foot Traffic More Broadly

- Deb to ask Dolores D if she would be willing to spread out her artwork. The goal is to spread out visitors and trick or treaters more evenly throughout town.
- Ask the Fire Commission to move the fire trucks from East N. Union Street to the west side of George.
- Ask LPS to include in its virtual backpack a request to encourage trick or treaters to visit all parts of town.
- Deb to ask Kalmia Club if they are interested in doing a Halloween event to draw more children to York Street.
- Ask Chamber or other sponsor to hold a window soap/art contest for kids.

Socializing Candy Costs

- Ask Chamber or Fire Commission if there is interest in running a candy-sharing program. Where donors can drop off candy to those on N. Union most impacted by the event.

N. Union Street Considerations

- Ask Public Works to put out trash receptacles on N. Union in high traffic area
- Ask Public Works to do a morning after clean-up of N. Union.
- Ask Police for increased patrolling of N. Union by Delores's house prior to Halloween.

Halloween on Weekends?

- If Halloween falls on a weekend in future years, consider:
 - Adjusting the date to a weeknight
 - Consider aligning the parade to run right into a 5-7 pm trick or treat period.

Judy Gleason asked about parking. Mayor DeVecchio said maybe they could park at the old OTC site. He will look into it. Ms. Gleason commented that people are coming into town and will jump into the parking spaces.

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Steve Chernoski from the New Hope Free Press commented that he is a former resident of Perry Street, where there is more of a crowd. The biggest concern was George Street, it becomes dangerous to walk-up Perry Street and the cars are coming out of George Street because they are blocked off from North Union Street. The fire truck with the lights is more enticing but you are still dealing with car traffic. Council President Stegman commented that they haven't looked at closing George Street, so maybe we should look into closing a section of George so cars cannot travel through the most densely populated area. Councilwoman Warner commented that that would impact people that live there.

Councilman Sanders commented that there are challenges for that stretch of North Union. There are beautiful homes, incredible artists, fog machines and that's why we closed it off. Councilwoman Asaro commented that her mother almost got hit by a car and that's why she suggested it. It may have made it worse in terms of traffic. Council President Stegman commented that we can think about closing George Street. The Police Director commented that we can look at the impact. Councilwoman Warner commented that it would force people to Main Street.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to approve the closing of North Union Street from York to Buttonwood Street on Wednesday, October 31 beginning at 5 pm and ending at 8:30 pm. Councilman Sanders made a motion to approve the road closures. 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.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HOURS: The Public Works Department will be open from 7 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday and open to the public from 8 am to 2 pm. Weekend hours are from 9 to 11 am.

RABIES CLINIC: The City will hold the annual rabies clinic on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 1 – 3 pm at the Union Fire House located at 230 North Main Street. Dr. Maxian from Ringoes Veterinary will administer the vaccine. Please make sure your pet is on a leash or in a carrier and come prepared to clean up after them.

PUBLICPARTICIPATION/PETITION OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Matt Larkin and Ryan Spreen expressed concern about the condition of the park. The fountain doesn't work in the park. Can we address that? The Public Works Director commented that the fountain broke because someone put mulch in it and vandalized it and you can't repair it. Mulch

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will be delivered tomorrow. Council President Stegman commented that we need to take it down and people won't complain that it doesn't work. People can bring water.

Matt Larkin commented that the parks are not well funded. Mayor DelVecchio commented that we spent \$1 million at Cavallo Park and it is in good shape. Mr. Larkin asked about Ely Park? These are parks for our kids. You can't put a \$1,000 in budget and then talk to the Recreation Commission. It needs a broader discussion. Mayor DelVecchio commented it can be part of the budget process next year.

Michael Heffler, Titus Road, we took the candidate for Congress, Tom Malinowski, to the reservoir to see how close the proposed PennEast Pipeline is to the dam; and to view the homeowners' route. I asked him what he could do to help us. He said he can't change the pipeline, but he can change the rules for FERC.

Ryan Spreen asked about the lights on the basketball court and why they don't work. The Public Works Director said it was on a timer. The Mayor informed the Public Works Director that the basketball court needs new nets. Mayor DelVecchio responded that we fixed the lighting. Councilman Sanders commented that it was the light by the basketball court. Discussion ensued. There was talk about extending the hours of the park beyond the hours of dark to allow for adults to play basketball.

Meagan Warner, 34 Elm Street commented that this could be because it is in a residential neighborhood. She agreed we needed to designate time at night for the park to be open after dark but we need to educate the neighbors. Councilwoman Asaro suggested summer weekends.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS.

Mayor DelVecchio gave an update on the following projects:

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY: the City applied for the bronze award and we are waiting to hear back from Sustainable Jersey.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: the City has a meeting scheduled for Monday, September 24 to discuss next steps.

ROUTE 29 ROAD DIET: The City met to discuss the route 29 road diet and we will have a meeting with DOT the first week in October about moving forward on that.

JAIL ROOF: is under construction.

PORCH AT CITY HALL: We will have additional information at the October meeting. Council President Stegman commented that this is funded through a grant from Historic Trust. The building will look like the way it was when it was built. The complete missing piece to one of the city owned buildings and have great impact to the neighborhood. It's been a project we have talked about for several years. Improvements through another grant so this will be the restoring, will reflect the commitment that the city has to the historic history to this town and I look forward to it being done.

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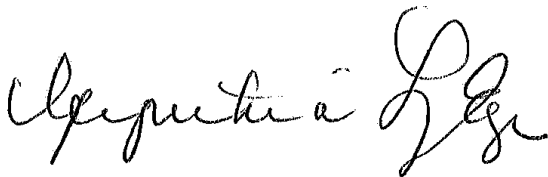
Matt Larkin, a resident of North Union Street asked what that would cost. Council President Stegman commented \$76,000 in grant funding with a total spending of \$122,000. You can't say clean-up the park, but don't touch the building. The City is working on improving the Jail roof, the façade at the Justice Center, painting the Library and City Hall. Mayor DeVecchio explained that we reallocated existing bond money and some grant money from the Historic Trust.

Matt Larkin responded that he would rather see funding for the parks before the porch at City Hall. Council President Stegman responded that everyone has their own focus. He said he is glad you are here to be an advocate for the parks, so keep coming.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilwoman Warner. 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 September 17, 2018 meeting minutes were approved at the regularly scheduled session held on October 16, 2018 at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center located at 25 South Union Street in the City.

