



**City of Lambertville**  
**Reorganization Meeting**  
**Monday, January 1, 2018**  
**Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center**  
**25 South Union Street, Lambertville**  
**MINUTES**

**COMPLIANCE STATEMENT.**

Mayor DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. and read the following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the City Clerk provided the required notice on Friday, December 29, 2017 to the Democrat, the Times, and the Bucks County Herald. The agenda was posted to the bulletin board at city hall and on the website at [www.lambertvillenj.org](http://www.lambertvillenj.org). The meeting notice was emailed to various people on the list serve, inclusive of department heads, city attorney and city engineer.

**Roll Call.**

The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

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

*Absent:* None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

The members of the public were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by members of Boy Scout Troop 49. Representatives included the following Scouts: Ryan Barrett, Sam Davis, Alex Bauer, and Garrett Christopher. The following adults also participated in the Pledge of Allegiance: Kevin Brady, Albert Bauer, Kent Carpenter and Robert Tomenchok (student adult Scouter).

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Rabbi Eli Kornfeld of the Chabad of Hunterdon County.

Good morning and thank you for this opportunity to join you in prayer.

May God bless the dedicated representatives who are charged with the sacred responsibility of leading and governing the great city of Lambertville, NJ.

May he bless them with the courage and conviction to lead with humility, boldness and creativity.

May this New Year 2018 provide for a fresh injection of positive energy and an uplifting spirit for all.

May there be a culture of collaboration, respect and an eloquent blend of principal and pragmatism.

May the warm and loving residents, business owners and visitors be blessed with health, family harmony, sustenance and purpose as they enjoy this oasis of acceptance and tolerance on the river.

May God protect and provide safety to the heroic men and woman who stand ready each and every day to serve and protect this great city. Who demonstrate kindness and courage to help indiscriminately wherever and whoever is in need. Indeed a special heartfelt prayer for our law enforcement and our first responders.

May He bless and protect all those who risk their lives to protect and defend not only our citizens, roads, homes and businesses but our right to Freedom, Democracy and Liberty, may they be blessed to lead with grace, compassion, sympathy and integrity.

May God inspire those who teach and educate, those whom we task with helping raise the next generation of leaders, innovators and wholesome members of society.

“Yevarechecha Hashem Viyishmerecha” - May God bless you and keep you “Yaer Hashem Panaf Eilacha”  
- May God cause the divine light to shine upon you “Yisa Hashem Panav Eilecha Veyasem Lcha Shalom”  
May God turn toward you, and grant you peace; for now and forever and may we all say Amen...God  
bless you all, may God bless Lambertville NJ the USA and the whole world. Happy and healthy 2018!!

### **NATIONAL ANTHEM.**

National Anthem sung by Alexandra Croce, a student from South Hunterdon Regional School District and member of the All-Eastern Junior High Honor Choir, a highly selective ensemble that will perform as part of the biennial Eastern Division Conference of the American Choral Directors Association to be held in March of 2018.

### **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.

### **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION.**

The City Clerk read the following statement of determination of the Board of Canvassers of Hunterdon County, New Jersey into the record:

The Board of Canvassers of Hunterdon County, New Jersey has determined that Elizabeth Asaro and Elaine Warner were duly elected to City Council on November 7, 2017 for two (2) three-year City Council Seats. Election results were certified by Mary Beth Hurford, Chairman, County Board of Canvassers and attested by Mary Melfi, County Clerk. Congratulations!

### **OATH OF OFFICE –**

Elizabeth Asaro: Councilwoman Elizabeth Asaro was sworn into office by the City Attorney, Philip J. Faherty, III, while JoAnne Schailey and Katherine Asaro held the Bible.

Elaine Warner: Councilwoman Elaine Warner was sworn into office by the City Attorney, Philip J. Faherty, III, while Meagan Warner held the Bible.

### **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

Mayor DelVecchio asked for nominations for the office of Council President. Councilman Sanders nominated Councilman Steven Stegman to serve as Council President. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. Mayor DelVecchio asked for additional nominations. There being no additional nominations, Steven Stegman was confirmed as the Council President.

### **OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

Council President Stegman was sworn into office by the City Attorney, Philip J. Faherty, III, while Cynthia Ege, the City Clerk, held the Bible.

### **PROCLAMATIONS.**

Lambertville Brass: *a Proclamation of Appreciation.*

Mayor DelVecchio invited Sharon Hallanan of the Lambertville Brass to join him at the dais.

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Lambertville Brass was created in December of 2006 when a group of local musicians gathered to play some carols and seasonal songs at the corner of Bridge and Union Street; *and*  
**WHEREAS**, founding members include Sharif Sazzad, Richard Fedosh, Nancy Kays, Tracey Fedosh, Sharon Hallanan, Mark Hilton, and Tom Spain; *and*  
**WHEREAS**, the group is comprised of a group of amateur musicians who have made it their mission to bring brass music to audiences that might otherwise have limited opportunities to hear live concerns; *and*  
**WHEREAS**, the band regularly plays holiday music at the Lambertville Town Square in December and has performed during numerous events throughout the City, including: Holiday Tree Lighting, Kalmia Club Garden Tour, the Lambertville Historical Society House Tour, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7921, and Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner; *and*  
**WHEREAS**, most of the Lambertville Brass music is specially arranged for the group by its soprano cornetist and musical director, Sharif Sazzad, who grew up in England where large community brass bands have long been popular.  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the Lambertville Brass is hereby congratulated on their ten year anniversary and wished much success with all future endeavors!  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Sunday, March 18, 2018 is hereby proclaimed Lambertville Brass Day in the City of Lambertville.  
**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

David M. DelVecchio  
Mayor

Council Members and the Mayor took turns reading the proclamation into the record. Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt the proclamation honoring the Lambertville Brass. 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.

Sharon Hallanan thanked the governing body for this honor. She said this band loves Lambertville. We enjoy the opportunities to play as well and have played at the annual Tree Lighting in Lambertville, during the Kalmia Club's Garden Tour and the Lambertville Historical Society's House Tour, and at Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner. She said "we appreciate this and I will share this with the band members. Thank you."

**RESOLUTIONS and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.**

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record by title and asked for a motion to adopt them as presented:

RESOLUTION NUMBERS 01-2018 THROUGH 10-2018:

Resolution Number 01-2018: *A Resolution Adopting a Temporary Budget for the City of Lambertville for 2018.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-2018**  
*RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET*

FOR THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE  
TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR 2018

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payment is to be made prior of the final adoption of the annual Municipal budget, Temporary Appropriations shall be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner ad time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the Temporary Appropriations shall be adopted within the first 30 days of the Municipality's fiscal year, and shall not exceed 26.25% of the prior year's adopted Budget, exclusive of appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements and Public Assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount appropriated in the 2017 Municipal Budget, as detailed above was \$4,974,351.67 and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the above amount is \$1,305,767.32

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council, that the following Temporary Appropriations be approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an additional sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated for Debt Service, Capital Improvements and Public Assistance, for a total Temporary Budget of \$1,325,767.32.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 02-2018: Designating Official Newspapers

The Democrat and the Times

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-2018**  
**"DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS"**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:53-1 et seq. that "*The Times*" be designated as the Official Newspaper; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that official notices may also be published in "*Hunterdon County Democrat*" to meet time requirements.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 03-2018: Designating City Council Meeting Schedule for 2018.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-2018**  
**"DESIGNATING MEETING SCHEDULE"**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4 6 et seq., that the following is the regular meeting scheduled for 2018:

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Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018  
Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
Tuesday, June 19, 2018  
Tuesday, July 17, 2018  
Tuesday, August 21, 2018  
Tuesday, October 16, 2018  
Tuesday, November 20, 2018  
Tuesday, December 18, 2018  
Thursday, December 27, 2018

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all meetings will be held at the Justice Complex, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville at 6:30 p.m. for closed sessions and open to the public at 7:00 pm prevailing time unless announced otherwise; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of this schedule shall be published in the January 8, 2018 issue of The Times.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 04-2018: Designating Annual Fee for Meeting Notices.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 04-2018**  
**“DESIGNATING ANNUAL FEE FOR MEETING NOTICES”**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4 6 et seq., that the fee for mailing a copy of all meeting notices and agendas shall be \$.05 per page plus actual cost of the postage, estimated at \$.54 per month, per board, and at no fee for faxing or emailing of agendas.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this does not apply to the representatives of “Hunterdon County Democrat”, “The Trenton Times” or other City Officials and Boards members.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 05-2018: A Resolution Adopting A Cash Management Plan, Appointing Banks, Awarded through the Fair and Open Process.

**Resolution Number 05-2018**  
*A Resolution to Adopt a Cash Management Plan for the City of Lambertville*

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-14 requires every municipality to adopt a Cash Management Plan on an annual basis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following requirements be a part of the **2018 Cash Management Plan**, and be adhered to:

**I. Cash Management and Investment Objectives**

Preservation of capital; adequate safekeeping of assets; maintenance of liquidity to meet operating needs; diversification of the City's portfolio to minimize risks associated with individual investments.

**II. Designation of Official Depositories**

The following banks are hereby designated as legal depositories for all municipal funds:

Bank of Princeton  
Northfield Bank  
Wells Fargo Bank

Bank of America  
PNC

Prior to opening an account, each depository must submit to the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer a copy of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) notification of eligibility, which is filed semi-annually with the Department of Banking each June 30th and December 31st;

This list may be amended or supplemented from time to time as Mayor and Council deems necessary.

**III. Cash Management**

All municipal funds received by any official or employee shall be either deposited within 48 hours to an account in the name of the City of Lambertville, or shall be turned over to the Treasurer within 48 hours of receipt, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-15;

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer shall minimize any accumulated idle cash in checking accounts, by assuring that excess balances are promptly swept into the investment portfolio; Investment decisions shall be guided by the cash flow projections prepared by the Chief Financial Officer or the Treasurer; Change Funds and Petty Cash Funds are not required to be maintained in interest-bearing accounts.

**IV. Permissible Investments**

Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America, or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America; government money market mutual funds; any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of

purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors;  
bonds

or other obligations of the local unit, or school districts of which the local unit is a part; any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments; Local Government investment pools; New Jersey State Cash Management Fund; Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities.

**V. Authority for Investment Management**

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer, and/or Deputy Treasurer is authorized and directed to make investments on behalf of the City of Lambertville with the consent of the Mayor. All investment decisions shall be consistent with this plan, and all appropriate regulatory constraints.

**VI. Safekeeping**

Securities purchased on behalf of the City of Lambertville shall be delivered electronically or physically to the City's custodial bank, which shall maintain custodial and/or safekeeping accounts for such securities on behalf of the City.

**VII. Procedures for Disbursement of Funds**

Payments shall be prepared by the Deputy Treasurer as authorized by the Chief Financial Officer/

Treasurer and submitted to Mayor and Council for their approval;

No municipal funds shall be disbursed by the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer prior to approval of the governing body, except for: Debt Service payments; Investments;

Payroll turnovers to agency accounts; Tax payments to Hunterdon County, the South Hunterdon Regional School District, Board of Fire Commission, District 1 shall be made in accordance with schedules provided by each taxing district; the annual disbursement of the Petty Cash Check to the City Clerk and Police Department and permit fees for special projects;

Checks approved for payment shall be signed by any of the following; 1) Mayor, 2) City Clerk, 3) Police Director and 4) Council President and must contain three signatures:

Chief Financial Officer's	Regional Contribution
Current Fund	Agreement Accounts with the
Trust Other Fund	following:
General Capital Fund	Township of Delaware
Animal Control Fund	Township of Franklin
Lilly Mansion Account	SUI Reserve Fund
Brewery Loan Repayment	COAH Residual Interest
Account	Account
Urban Development Action	Developers Escrow Account
Grant Account	COAH Trust
Community Development	FSA Medical Account
Block Grant	Municipal Open Space
Escrow Accounts for ZBOA,	Tax Title Lien Account
PB and Developers	

Checks paid from the following accounts must contain two signatures:

Payroll Fund

Wire transfers and Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments are to be made by the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer or by the City Clerk as authorized by the Mayor.

**VIII. Reporting**

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer and/or Deputy Treasurer shall report to the Governing Body all purchases of investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-15.2;

The Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer and/or Deputy Treasurer shall also report to the Governing Body the available cash in each fund and/or bank account.

Audit

This Cash Management Plan shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-14.

Adopted at the reorganization meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, held on the 1st day of January 2018.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 06-2018: A Resolution to appoint Susan Bacorn as Certifying Officer and Christie Ehret as Supervisor for PERS/PFRS.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-2018**

*“Appointing Christie Ehret as Supervisor and Susan Bacorn as Certifying Officer for PERS/PFRS”*

**WHEREAS**, there is a requirement from the State of New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits to designate a Certifying Officer for PERS/PFRS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the City of Lambertville that Susan Bacorn is hereby appointed as the Certifying Officer and Christie Ehret is hereby appointed as the Supervisor for PERS/PFRS with a term expiration of December 31, 2018.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 07-2018: Authorizing Signatures on City Bank Accounts.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-2018**

*“Authorizing Signatures on City Bank Accounts”*

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 2018 the governing body of the City of Lambertville met to hold the annual reorganization; and

**WHEREAS**, they designated the following employees as signers on City Bank Accounts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that through 2018 checks drawn or withdrawals from these accounts be signed as follows:

City Clerk’s Account and Petty Cash Account:  
Cynthia Ege, City Clerk, or David M. DelVecchio, Mayor, and

Police Petty Cash Account:  
Sally Lelie, Secretary, or Bruce Cocuzza, Police Director, and

Municipal Court General Account and Bail Account:  
Ronald Pittore, Judge, Patricia Wozniak, Municipal Court Administrator

Construction Official Account:  
Kenneth Rogers, Construction Code Official, or Cynthia Ege, City Clerk



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Bureau of Fire Safety Account:  
Frank D'Amore, Fire Prevention Official, or Cynthia Ege, City Clerk

PATF II Account:  
Helen T. Kuhl, Director of Public Assistance, or Cynthia Ege, City Clerk

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the accounts listed below by signed by three of the following officials, requiring a minimum of one elected official's signature:

David M. DelVecchio, Mayor  
Steven M. Stegman, Council President  
Cynthia Ege, City Clerk  
Bruce Cocuzza, Police Director

Chief Financial Officer's	Township of Delaware
Current Fund	Township of Franklin
Trust Other Fund	SUI Reserve Fund
General Capital Fund	COAH Residual Interest
Animal Control Fund	Account
Lilly Mansion Account	Developers Escrow Account
Brewery Loan Repayment	COAH Trust
Account	FSA Medical Account
Urban Development Action	Municipal Open Space
Grant Account	Tax Title Lien Account
Community Development	Miscellaneous Escrow
Block Grant	Accounts (PB, ZBOA,
Regional Contribution	Developers)
Agreement Accounts with the	
following:	

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Payroll Account be signed by two of the following officials:

David M. DelVecchio, Mayor  
Steven M. Stegman, Council President  
Cynthia Ege, City Clerk  
Bruce Cocuzza, Police Director

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 08-2018: *Re-Appointing Richard Carmosino as the Tax Assessor and Authorizing Tax Assessor to File Corrective Appeals.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-2018**

***“RE-APPOINTING RICHARD CARMOSINO AS THE TAX ASSESSOR AND AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE CORRECTIVE APPEALS”***

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**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby re-appoint Richard Carmosino as the Tax Assessor for the City of Lambertville, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, have been informed by the Tax Assessor that from time to time errors are made in computing the tax assessment covering certain property located within the City of Lambertville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor has requested that the Governing Body authorize him to file corrections of such errors with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor is called upon to defend tax appeals filed with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation and to agree to stipulations of appeals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor of the City of Lambertville be and is hereby authorized to file corrective appeals with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors have been made, to represent the City of Lambertville in defense of appeals filed with said Board and to sign stipulations of appeals on behalf of the City of Lambertville which he feels are proper and in the best interests of the City of Lambertville; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Assessor sends copies of such corrected assessments to the individuals involved.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 09-2018: *Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison for the City of Lambertville.*

**RESOLUTION 09-2018**

*“Resolution Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison for the City of Lambertville”*

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq., all municipalities with substantive certification from COAH, and those that are actively seeking substantive certification are required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of Lambertville’s affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the March 10, 2015 N.J. Supreme Court issued a ruling that transferred responsibility to review and approve housing elements and fair share plans from COAH to designated Mt. Laurel trial judges; and

**WHEREAS**, a municipality may no longer wait for COAH to adopt third round rules before preparing new third round housing plans and municipalities must now apply to the Court, instead of COAH, if they wish to be protected from exclusionary zoning lawsuits; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lambertville is actively seeking a Judgment of Repose from the Mt. Laurel trial judge, the court-equivalent of COAH’s substantive certification, for the Third Round; and

**WHEREAS**, Lambertville amended its ordinances to provide for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer Lambertville’s affordable housing program on May 7, 2003; and

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon and the State of New Jersey that Emily Goldman, Clarke Caton Hintz and/or Millennium Strategies, are hereby appointed by the Governing Body of Lambertville as the Municipal Housing Liaison or their appointee for the administration of the affordable housing program.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 10-2018: Utilization of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for all incident management in the City of Lambertville.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-2018**

*“Utilization of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for all incident management in the City of Lambertville”*

**WHEREAS**, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, and Local governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9-11 Commission recommended adoption of a standardize incident Command System; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that all Federal, State, and Local emergency management agencies and other public safety agencies coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State and Local organizations utilize standard terminology, standardized organizational structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resources management and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the NIMS standardize procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the ability to utilize State and Federal funding to enhance County and Local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety and streamline incident management processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, County and Local municipalities including all public safety and emergency response organizations training programs; and

**WHEREAS**, over fifty Federal grant programs mandate that NIMS be adopted as a prerequisite for obtaining these grants;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the City of Lambertville hereby mandates that effective immediately that the National Incident

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Management System (NIMS) be utilized for all incident management in the City of Lambertville; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management.

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Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 1 – 10 as presented. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mayor DelVecchio recognized the following people:

City Attorney and Prosecutor Philip J. Faherty, III, Assistant Prosecutor Sean Faherty, Tax Assessor Rick Carmosino, Newly elected board member to SHRSB, member of PennEast Pipeline and the Recreation Commission, Meagan Warner.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record by title and asked for a motion to adopt them as presented:

**RESOLUTION NUMBERS 11-2018 THROUGH 18-2018:**

Resolution Number 11-2018: *Payment of Taxes.*

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-2018**  
*“Payment of Taxes”*

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that

- Cynthia McBride shall be reappointed as the Tax Collector for the City of Lambertville beginning 01/01/2018; and
- taxes shall be collected quarterly on February 1, 2018; May 1, 2018; August 1, 2018 and November 1, 2018 and that interest will be charged at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there will be a ten (10) day grace period after which unpaid taxes will be charged interest from the due date; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, pursuant to statute, if a tax delinquency is over \$10,000.00 at the end of the year, an additional flat penalty of 6% per annum shall be imposed; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be published in the January 8, 2018 issue of The Times.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 12-2018: Resolution appointing Cynthia Ege as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the City of Lambertville.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2018**

*“Appointing Cynthia Ege as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the City of Lambertville”*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing body of the City of Lambertville hereby appoints Cynthia Ege as the Public Agency Compliance Officer effective January 1, 2018.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 13-2018: A Resolution Authorizing Petty Cash Accounts for the Police Department and the Clerk’s Office.

**RESOLUTION 13-2018**

*Authorizing the Petty Cash Funds*

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any County or municipality by application and resolution, and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the *City of Lambertville*, County of Hunterdon to establish such a fund for the following departments:

City Clerk’s Office, custodian for this fund is Cynthia Ege in the amount of \$500  
Police Department, custodian for this fund is Bruce Cocuzza in the amount of \$200

and

**WHEREAS, such** custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby re-authorizes such action and that these accounts were previously approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Deputy Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue Petty Cash checks to the City Clerk and Police Department prior to the 01-23-18 regularly scheduled session of the Governing Body.

**Adopted:** January 1, 2018.

Resolution Number 14-2018: A Resolution Authorizing Change Funds for the Clerk’s Office, Construction Office, Court and the Tax Collector.

**RESOLUTION 14-2018**  
*Authorizing the Change Funds*

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Change Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution, and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the *City of Lambertville*, County of Hunterdon to establish such a fund for the following departments:

Tax Collector, Cynthia McBride, in the amount of \$200  
Construction Department, Ken Rogers, in the amount of \$20  
Court, Patricia Wozniak, in the amount of \$50  
Clerk's Office, Cynthia Ege, in the amount of \$50

and

**WHEREAS**, such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing body hereby re-authorizes such action and that these accounts do not require approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Adopted: January 1, 2018.

Resolution Number 15-2018: A Resolution Appointing Lester Myers, the Public Works Director, as the Right To Know Coordinator/Officer, the Recycling Coordinator, and the SWAC Coordinator for the City of Lambertville.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-2018**

*A Resolution Appointing Lester E. Myers, Jr. As the Right to Know Officer, Recycling Coordinator and the SWAC Coordinator for the City of Lambertville*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that Lester E. Myers, Jr. is hereby appointed as the Right to Know Officer, Recycling Coordinator and the SWAC Coordinator for the City of Lambertville for 2018.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 16-2018: A Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Property Tax Credits and Delinquencies for 2018.

**RESOLUTION 16-2018**

*A Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Property Tax Credits and Delinquencies for 2018*

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey have been informed by the Tax Collector that from time to time there are property tax credits or delinquencies on certain properties located within the City of Lambertville, and

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1 a resolution may be adopted by the Governing Body of a municipality authorizing a municipal employee to process without further action on the part of the governing body the cancellation of any property tax credit or delinquency of less than \$10,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel any property tax credit or delinquency of less than \$10 without further action on the part of the Mayor and City for the Calendar Year ending December 31, 2018 and that such action be noted in the Tax Duplicate for the City of Lambertville.

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 17-2018: *A Resolution to Appoint Custodian of Records for the City of Lambertville as follows: Cynthia L. Ege for the Clerk's Office and the Governing Body, Crystal Lawton for Construction, Planning, Zoning and Fire; Sally Lelie for the Police Department.*

**RESOLUTION 17-2018**

*A Resolution to Appoint Custodian of Records for the City of Lambertville as follows: Cynthia Ege for the Clerks' Office and All Matters Related to the Governing Body; Crystal Lawton for the Construction Office, Planning and Zoning Matters and Sally Lelie for the Police Department.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following people are hereby appointed as Custodian of Records for the City of Lambertville:

Cynthia L. Ege, City Clerk, all matters related to the Governing Body;  
Crystal Lawton, TACO, all matters related to Construction, Planning & Zoning Boards of Adjustment;  
Sally Lelie, Administrative Secretary for the Police Department

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 18-2018: *A Resolution to Adopt the Policy and Procedure Requiring the Tax Assessor to File the Tax Rate Annually and the List of Tax Appeals Monthly with the Mayor.*

**RESOLUTION 18-2017**

*A Resolution to Adopt the Policy and Procedure Requiring the Tax Assessor to File the Tax Rate and the List of Tax Appeals With the Mayor Annually*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville that the Tax Assessor is hereby required to file the Tax Rate within ten days of notice from the County of Hunterdon and the List of Tax Appeals monthly with the Mayor.

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

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Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 11 through 18 as presented. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mayor DelVecchio recognized the following people: Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson and Zoning Board Attorney Stewart Palilonis, Council to the Planning Board Tim Korzun, City Planner and Shade Tree Commission Chairperson Emily Goldman, Director of Public Assistance Helen “Bambi” Kuhl, and Chairperson to the Planning Board Paul Kuhl.

Mayor DelVecchio read resolution number 19-2018 into the record and asked for a motion to adopt it as presented.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-2018**

Resolution Number 19-2018: Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Attorneys.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-2018**

*“Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Attorney”*

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for Attorneys to serve as City Attorney, Municipal Prosecutor, and Public Defender for the Municipal Court, to handle labor related matters, to handle bonds and other financial matters and to advise the City in land use issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 3, 2017 and received on December 8, 2017, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2017 for City Attorney, Municipal Prosecutor, Labor Attorney, Bond Attorney, Public Defender, Planning and Zoning Board Attorney and Redevelopment Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds are available in the 2018 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2018 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council Members of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby confirms the nomination made by Mayor DelVecchio for the following positions:

City Attorney: Philip J. Faherty III to serve as City Attorney at an annual rate not to exceed \$20,000.

Municipal Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor: Philip J. Faherty III & Sean Faherty of Hunt and Faherty, Attorneys to serve as Municipal Court Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor at an annual rate not to exceed \$41,000.00.

Public Defender: Stanley Troy, an Attorney to serve as Public Defender for the Municipal Court, at a fee of \$300.00 per session, with an annual rate not to exceed \$5,400.00.



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Labor Attorney: John Lanza of Lanza and Lanza, an attorney to serve as Labor Consultant at a rate not to exceed an annual rate not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Bond Attorney: Thomas Hastie of Capehart Scatchard, a Bond Attorney to serve as Bond Counsel at an annual rate not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Planning Board Attorney: Timothy Korzun of Sheak & Korzun, PC, an attorney to represent the City of Lambertville in all matters related to land use and the Planning Board at a rate not to exceed an annual rate not to exceed \$18,000.00.

Zoning Board Attorney: Stewart Palilonis, an attorney to represent the City of Lambertville in all matters related to the Zoning Board of Adjustment at an annual rate not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Planning Board Alternate Attorney: Stewart Palilonis at an annual rate not to exceed \$1,200.00.

Zoning Board Alternate: Timothy Korzun of Sheak & Korzun, PC at an annual rate not to exceed \$1,200.

Special Attorney for all matters related to COAH: Brian Shotts of Grace Marmero, Inc. at an annual rate not to exceed \$25,000.

Special Attorney for all matters related to Redevelopment: Kevin Sheehan, Parker McCay at an annual rate not to exceed \$25,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individuals for the year 2018, unless otherwise noted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these contracts are being awarded as described through the Fair and Open Process, “a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications,” as defined under the N.J.S.A. 49:44-20.4.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 8, 2018 issue of The Times, N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5 (d).

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

Councilwoman Warner made a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 19 as presented. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record by title and asked for a motion to adopt them as presented:

**RESOLUTION NUMBERS 20-2018 THROUGH 30-2018:**

Resolution Number 20-2018: *Authorizing Professional Service Contract for Municipal Auditor.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-2018**

*“Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for Municipal Auditor”*

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a Registered Municipal Accountant to serve as City Auditor; and

**WHEREAS**, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 3, 2017 and received on December 8, 2017, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2017 for Municipal Auditor; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds are available in the 2018 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2018 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council Members of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby confirms the nomination made by Mayor DeVecchio for the position of Auditor:

Robert Cagnassola of Suplee, Clooney and Company, a Registered Municipal Accountant, for the year 2018 at an annual rate not to exceed \$53,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individual for the year 2018:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 8, 2018 issue of The Times.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 21-2018: Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Engineers and Special Project Engineers.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-2018**

*“Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Engineer and Special Projects Engineer”*

**WHEREAS** there exists a need for Professional Engineers to serve as City Engineer and to advise on special projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 3, 2017 and received on December 8, 2017, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2017 for; and

**WHEREAS** sufficient funds are available in the 2018 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2018 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council Members of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby confirms the nomination made by Mayor DeVecchio for the following positions:

Krista, Heinrich, PE, T&M Associates, to serve as City Engineer at an annual rate not to exceed \$250,000.00

Robert Clerico of Van Cleef Engineering, to serve as Planning Board Engineer and Alternate ZBOA Engineer at an annual rate not to exceed \$10,000.00,

Richard Arango, Remington & Vernick, to serve as Zoning Board of Adjustment Engineer and Alternate Planning Board Engineer at an annual rate not to exceed: \$10,000.00.

Richard Arango, Remington & Vernick to serve as Engineer of Special Projects at an hourly rate not to exceed \$165 per hour, noting that authorization of not to exceed amounts will be authorized by resolution for each special project;

Robert Clerico of Van Cleef Engineering to serve as Engineer of Special Projects at an hourly rate not to exceed \$164 per hour, noting that authorization of not to exceed amounts will be authorized by resolution for each special project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individual for the year 2018.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these contracts are being awarded as described above without competitive bidding as a “Professional Services” as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law since the above mentioned individuals are members in good standing of their respective profession.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 8, 2018 issue of The Times.

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 22-2018: Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Planner, including Planner for COAH Matters and Planning & Zoning Board Planner, and Grants Specialist.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-2018**

*“Authorizing Professional Service Contracts for City Planner, including Planner for COAH Matters and Planning & Zoning Board Planner, and Grants Specialist”*

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a Planner to advise on special projects; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a Grants Consultant to handle the Community Development Program and explore new sources of revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 3, 2017 and received on December 8, 2017, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2017 for; and

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**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds are available in the 2018 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2018 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council Members of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby confirms the nomination made by Mayor DelVecchio for the following positions:

Ed Farmer of Millennium Strategies, as grant specialist at an annual rate not to exceed \$10,000.00, noting that authorization of not to exceed amounts will be authorized by resolution for each special project;

Emily R. Goldman, P.P., AICP, Clarke Caton Hintz as City Planner, including all COAH Matters and Planner for Planning and Zoning Board, at an annual rate not to exceed \$35,000.00; Redevelopment at an annual rate not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Rob Horowitz, Communications Director at an annual rate not to exceed \$18,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement for the year 2018:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this contract is being awarded as described above without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services" as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law since the above mentioned individual is a member in good standing of their respective profession.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of these actions shall be printed in the January 8, 2018 issue of The Times.

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 23-2018: Authorizing Professional Service Contract for City Architect and the Architect for the Bike Rack Grant.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-2018**

*Authorizing Professional Service Contract for City Architect and the Architect for the Bike Rack Grant*

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for an Architect to advise on special projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals OR qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 3, 2017 and received on December 8, 2017, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2017 for

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds are available in the 2018 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2018 Municipal Budget for the City of Lambertville for such services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council Members of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey hereby confirms the nomination made by Mayor DelVecchio for the following positions:

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Michael Burns, a Licensed Architect, of Michael Burns Architects at rate not to exceed \$37,000.00 annually, noting that authorization of not to exceed amounts will be authorized by resolution for each special project;

John Morgan Thomas, PE, a Licensed Landscape Architect, at a rate not to exceed \$31,123.60 for the duration of the project for the TAP Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the following individual for the year 2018:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this contract is being awarded as described above without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services" as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law since the above mentioned individual is a member in good standing of their respective profession.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of this action shall be printed in the January 8, 2018 issue of The Times.

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 24-2018: *A Resolution Approving the Contract with CNS Cleaning Company, Inc., of Bensalem, PA for All Office Space in the Amount Not to Exceed \$13,520 for all regularly scheduled cleanings, expiring December 31, 2018.*

**RESOLUTION 24-2018**

*A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Cleaning Contract*

**WHEREAS**, the Cleaning Contract was awarded through the Fair and Open Process, with the initial bid received November 14, 2013 for the 2014 calendar year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that governing body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract with CNS Cleaning Company, Inc. for cleaning services for 12 consecutive months beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 at an amount not to exceed \$13,520 annually for regularly scheduled cleanings.

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 25-2018: *Resolution naming Zach Edelman of Fairview Insurance as the Risk Manager for 2018 With the Option to Renew for Two One-Year Terms.*

**RESOLUTION 25-2018**

*A Resolution Appointing a Risk Management Consultant*

**WHEREAS**, the contracts are being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals and qualifications and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., bids were advertised on November 3, 2017 and received on December 8, 2017, providing sufficient time to give notice, and publicly opened on December 8, 2017 for Risk Management Consultant;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lambertville, is a member of the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund ("PAIC") following a detailed analysis; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws of PAIC require that each entity designate a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws and Risk Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws indicate that PAIC shall pay each Risk Management Consultant a fee to be established by the Executive Committee;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Lambertville hereby appoints Zach Edelman of Fairview Insurance, as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws at a rate not to exceed 6 – 8% of the City's annual assessment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement/contract with Fairview Insurance for the position of Risk Manager, with the option to renew for two one-year terms.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the notice of award of this contract will appear in the legal section of the January 8, 2018 edition of the Times.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

*Resolution Number 26-2018: A Resolution to Authorize the Participation in the New Jersey Parking Authority Cooperative for 2018.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-2018**

*A Resolution to Authorize Participation in the New Jersey Parking Authority Cooperative for 2018*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that governing body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract with New Jersey Parking Authority Cooperative for 12 consecutive months beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

*Resolution Number 27-2018: A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Issue Parking Permits to the Governing Body, Boards, Volunteers and Employees.*

**RESOLUTION 27-2018**

*A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Issue Parking Permits*

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2010-03 of the City of Lambertville was first introduced at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council on January 18, 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, the Ordinance was the subject of a public hearing at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council of February 16, 2010 and was finally adopted at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council of March 15, 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, the Ordinance was published and finally adopted on April 10, 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, the following positions are in need of parking permits and are hereby issued and limited to hours of employment in order to complete their jobs efficiently within the City of Lambertville: Mayor, Municipal Court Judge, Municipal Clerk, Construction Code Official,

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Electric Subcode Official, Plumbing Subcode Official, Fire Subcode Official, Fire Prevention Official, Substitute Official, Secretary to the Zoning Board, Planning Board and Historic Preservation Secretary and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the following boards and commissions shall have the privilege of parking in the parking lot at the Justice Center during meeting times only: Mayor and Council, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, Office of Emergency Management, Fire Commission, Historic Preservation Board, Environmental Commission, Human Relations Council, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, Council President and Judge will be issued a permit to allow them to park at a metered space whenever they are on official City business; and

**WHEREAS**, the employees working at City Hall shall also be issued a parking permit to park in the Municipal Lot located at 18 York Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk will provide a list of names and meeting dates to the Police Director for tracking purposes, and

**WHEREAS**, the permits issues shall be limited to the days and hours of current employment and it is the responsibility of the employee to bring any and all changes to the attention of the City Clerk to ensure the proper authorities are advised.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon in the State of New Jersey that the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue parking permits to the above listed names of employees and membership of boards and commissions noting the limitations of approval as noted.

Adopted: January 1, 2018.

**Resolution Number 28-2018:** *A Resolution to Approve the Contract with Look First Technology for Technology Services for 2018 at an Annual Rate Not to Exceed \$14,700.*

**RESOLUTION 28-2018**

*A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Contract with Look First Technology, LLC for Technology Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$14,700 Annually For A 1 Year Term with the Option to Renew Annually for One Additional Years.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville that the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk are authorized to sign the contract with Look First Technology, LLC for Technology Services in an amount not to exceed \$14,700 annually with the option to renew for one additional year.

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

**Resolution Number 29-2018:** *A Resolution to Authorize the Contracts For Garbage/Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling with Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for Landfill (Bulky Trash Items), Hunterdon County Waste Disposal for Solid Waste Disposal, Covanta for Solid Waste (Incinerator), and Ag Choice for Food Waste Recycling Beginning January 1, 2018 and Ending December 31, 2018.*

**RESOLUTION 29-2018**

*A Resolution to Authorize the Contract For Garbage and Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling with Waste Management of New Jersey, Pollution Control of Warren County, Hunterdon*

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*County Waste Management, Covanta for Solid Waste, and Ag Choice for the Recycling of Food Waste*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that governing body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the following contracts for garbage/solid waste disposal and recycling for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018:

Waste Management of New Jersey, at an annual rate not to exceed \$16,500.00;

Pollution Control of Warren County at an annual rate not to exceed \$10,000.00;

Hunterdon County Waste Management at an annual rate not to exceed \$10,000.00;

Covanta at an annual rate not to exceed \$99,000.00;

Ag Choice for the recycling of Food Waste, at an annual rate not to exceed \$2,000.00.

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 30-2018: A Resolution to Authorize the Contract For Animal Control Services with St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center for 2-Years at an Annual Rate Not to Exceed \$11,568 for the 2018 Contract Year, And \$3 Per Capita for the 2019 Contract Year.

**RESOLUTION 30-2018**

*A Resolution to Authorize the Contract For Animal Control Services with St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center for 2-Years at an Annual Rate Not to Exceed \$11,568 for the 2018 Contract Year, And \$3 Per Capita for 2019 Contract Year.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that governing body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the following contract for animal control services for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019 at a rate in 2018 of \$11,568, and \$3 per capita for the 2019 Contract Year.

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

Council President Stegman made a motion to approve resolution numbers 20-2018 through 30-2018 as presented. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mayor DelVecchio recognized the following people: Public Works Director Lester Myers, Lt. Brown, OEM Coordinator Dave Burd, City Engineer Krista Heinrich, City Auditor Paul Freda, and Director of Communications Rob Horowitz.

Mayor DelVecchio read the following resolutions into the record by title and asked for a motion to adopt them as presented:



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**RESOLUTION NUMBERS 31-2018 THROUGH 34-2018:**

Resolution Number 31-2018: *A Resolution to Authorize the CRS Committee and to appoint members from the Public to Represent the Community.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 31-2017**

*A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION (PPI) COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM*

**WHEREAS**, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) has three goals: (1) reduce and avoid flood damage to insurable property, (2) strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and (3) foster comprehensive floodplain management; and

**WHEREAS**, these goals need the understanding and support of the citizens, businesses and organizations within each community. Well informed people make better decisions and take steps to protect themselves from flooding by retrofitting their homes, buying flood insurance and planning actions to take during the next flood event, including but not limited to their support of local floodplain management efforts and measures to protect natural floodplain functions; and

**WHEREAS**, having an effective public information program which sets forth outreach projects to educate the community about flood risks will result in individuals more likely to take protection measures and buy flood insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has determined that the City of Lambertville's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) has earned the community a Class 7 rating based upon its floodplain management activities implemented and qualifies its citizens for a twenty percent discount of the premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed in the Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after October 1, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lambertville will need to reapply for its two-year cycle verification visit in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lambertville recognizes the importance of leading the community to be more disaster resilient and has engaged public input as early as July of 2011, forming teams to assist with the review of criteria and direct the Council on the best way to proceed.

**2011** (Richard Green, Caren Franzini, John Miller, Cindy Ege, Mayor DelVecchio).

**2012** (Paul Hamilton, Caren Franzini, Ken Bogen (County), Mayor DelVecchio, Ken Rogers, John Miller, Cindy Ege)

**2012** started mailing to lenders;

**2014** (Dave Burd, Ken Rogers, Cindy Ege, John Miller, Mayor DelVecchio)

**2015**: Muriel Meserve, Marcus Rayner, Tom Eagan, Sandra Harris, Ken Rogers, Mayor DelVecchio, John Miller, Cindy Ege

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2017: John Miller, Elaine Warner, Tom Eagan, Sandra Harris, Pam Clyne, Marcus Rayner, Muriel Meserve

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** on this 1st day of January, 2018 by the City of Lambertville, that:

1. The City of Lambertville wishes to continue its commitment to enhance public safety, protect property and preserve the natural functions of floodplains, and to reduce flood insurance premiums for its citizens by developing a Program for Public Information Committee in which to examine and execute public information initiatives.
2. The membership of the Program for Public Information Committee shall meet the following Community Rating System criteria and be appointed by Resolution of the Governing Body:
  - a) There must be at last five people on the committee.
    - a. John Miller, volunteer CRS Coordinator
    - b. Elaine Warner, Councilwoman
    - c. Community Members:
      - i. Muriel Meserve, Lambert Lane/Coryell Street
      - ii. Marcus Rayner, North Union Street
      - iii. Tom Eagan, Ferry Street
      - iv. Sandra Harris, Swan Street
      - v. Pam Clyne, South Union Street
  - b) There must be representation from the community's floodplain management office – Ken Rogers, Flood Plain Administrator.
  - c) There must be representation from the community's public information office, if one exists – Cynthia Ege, City Clerk.
  - d) At least half of the members must be from outside the local government ("stakeholders").
3. Each of the members shall serve a one (1) year term effective upon the creation of the position by the Governing Body.

Resolution Number 32-2018: *A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Contract with Edmunds & Associates for Accounting Software In An Amount Not to Exceed \$15,000.00*

**RESOLUTION 32-2018**

*A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Contract with Edmunds & Associates for Accounting Software In An Amount Not to Exceed \$15,000.00*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that governing body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to sign the contract with Edmunds & Associates for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 as follows:

Finance Software & Support: \$3,308.00

Payroll Software & Support: \$2,316.00

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Tax Collector Software:	\$2,205.00
Escrow Accounting Software & Support:	\$2,500.00
Conversion:	\$500.00
Animal Licensing Software & Support:	\$2,000.00
Conversion:	\$500.00

Plus \$150 per hour for trouble shooting.

**ADOPTED:** January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 33-2018: *A Resolution to Appoint Frank D'Amore as the Zoning Officer for the City of Lambertville effective January 1, 2018.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 33-2018**

*A Resolution to Appoint Frank D'Amore As the Zoning Officer for the City of Lambertville and the Borough of Frenchtown Effective January 1, 2018.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that Frank D'Amore is hereby appointed to serve as the Zoning Officer for the City of Lambertville and the Borough of Frenchtown.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Resolution Number 34-2018: *A Resolution to Re-Appoint Cynthia McBride as the Tax Collector for the City of Lambertville.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBR 34-2018**

*A Resolution to Re-Appoint Cynthia McBride as the Tax Collector for the City of Lambertville*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that Cynthia McBride is hereby re-appointed to serve as the Tax Collector for the City of Lambertville, granting tenure.

ADOPTED: January 1, 2018

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt resolution numbers 31-2018 through 34-2018 as presented. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING** – None.

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION** – None.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

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Mayor DeVecchio made the following nominations:

Cable Television Advisory Board: Richard Carosino, term expiring 12/31/2020;  
Emergency Management Council, for a one year term: Julie Burd, Edie Brower, Chuck Chamberlen, Scott Elliot, Raymond & Cathy Force, Mary & Richard Freedman, Bruce & Ribbons Harris, Donald Hart, Mark Hilton, Aladar Komjathy, Helen “Bambi” Kuhl, Sally Lelie, John Miller, David Morgan, Kari Osmond, Alex Palilonis, Bill Pisarra, Leslie Ramee, Craig Reading, John Weber, Gene Venettone, Mayor DeVecchio, Public Works Director, Lester Myers, City Clerk, Cynthia Ege, Police Director, Bruce Cocuzza, Construction Official, Ken Rogers, Fire Chief, Michael Barlow, Lambertville NH Ambulance & Rescue Squad Chief, Harry Heller, Executive Director of the LMUA, Tom Horn, Executive Director of Suez, David Fournier, Principal @ LPS, Wanda Quinones, Principal @ SHRSD, Jennifer MacKnight.

Councilwoman Warner made a motion to confirm the Mayor’s nominations to the Cable Television Advisory Board and the Office of Emergency Management. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DeVecchio made the following nominations:

Environmental Commission: Gina Fischetti, term expiring 12/31/2020, Kyle Strumfels, term expiring 12/31/2020;  
Human Rights Commission: John Woods, term expiring 12/31/2022, Beth Caruso, term expiring 12/31/2021;  
Historic Preservation Commission: Class B: John Hencheck, term expiring 12/31/2020, Class C: Lou Toboz, term expiring 12/31/2020, Class A: James Amon, term expiring 12/31/2020, Alternate 1: Nora Linderman, term expiring 12/31/2019;  
Lambertville Free Public Library Board: Paul Hamilton, term expiring 12/31/2022  
Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority: Janine MacGregor, term expiring 02/01/2022, Russell Lambert, Alternate One, term expiring 02/01/2020  
Local Economic Assistance Board: Susan Rovello, term expiring 12/31/2018.

Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to confirm the Mayor’s nominations to the Environmental Commission, Human Rights Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Lambertville Free Public Library Board, Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority, and the Local Economic Assistance Board. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DeVecchio made the following nominations:

PennEast Pipeline: Councilman Wardell Sanders, Gina Fischetti, Filomena Hengst – to serve as Chairperson, Lauren Rosenthal McManus, Jeffrey Tittel, Sue Begent, Kelly Kappler, Kim Nage, Meagan Warner, and David Fournier, Suez;

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Planning Board: Class II: Kenneth Rogers, term expiring 12/31/2018, Class III, Steven Stegman, term expiring 12/31/2018, Derek Roseman, term expiring 12/31/2020, Alternate 1: Glenn Davis, term expiring 12/31/2020;  
Recreation Commission: Scott Hengst, term expiring 12/31/2020, Marc Currie, term expiring 12/31/2020, Megan Hunter Ruf, term expiring 12/31/2020, James Troutman, Alternate II, term expiring 12/31/2019;  
Shade Tree Commission: Arthur Legere, term expiring 12/31/2022;  
Zoning Board of Adjustment: Kate Dunn, term expiring 12/31/2020, Alternate 2: Madeline Urbish, term expiring 12/31/2019.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to confirm the nominations made by the Mayor to the following Boards and Commissions: PennEast Pipeline Committee, Planning Board, Recreation Commission, Shade Tree Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. 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 made the following nominations:

Memorial Day Parade Coordinators: John Baker, George Hambach, Norbert Russo;

Halloween Parade Coordinators: Filomena Hengst, Cheryl Pittore;

Division of Senior Services Representatives: Barbara Burroughs;

City Historian: Lou Toboz.

Council President Stegman made a motion to confirm Mayor DelVecchio's nominations to the Memorial Day Parade Coordinators, Halloween Parade Coordinators, Division of Senior Services Representative and the City Historian. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

### **REMARKS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

Councilwoman Elizabeth "Beth" Asaro

I am very proud of the work we continue to do on this Council.

It's very satisfying to work alongside such a thoughtful, smart and Caring group of fellow citizens who continue to think out of the box, reach for new ideas, and understand the value of what we do every day.

Today, for me, I'd like to offer 3 comments regarding a couple of issues that I have been personally involved with this past year – and then some thank yous.

First, thank you to the entire Lambertville Environmental Commission, and Public Works Director Lester Myers, and the Mayor, for the successful continuation and expansion of the Organic Waste Collection program this past year – as we moved to require all of our restaurants to participate. It's been a pleasure to work with you on the program.

Second, thank you to our Lambertville Human Rights Council, in particular chairperson John Woods,

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Council President Steve Stegman, and City Clerk Cindy Ege, for a productive year. In partnership with Fisherman's Mark we held our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "One Lambertville" picnic at Cavallo Park and a few key info sessions were held with our immigrant community and their leaders to ensure the lines of communication were open as deportation issues and concerns were heightened nationally. I looking forward to working with you to support and enhance the Human Right Council's impact in our community in 2018.

Third, I'd like to thank the residents and all of those on City boards and commissions, for their support of the City and the Council – every year I am so impressed with the number of volunteers and the time that they invest in the City's issues and projects.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to continue to serve you as a member of the City Council – it is an honor to serve the City and serve with my esteemed colleagues who care so deeply for this community.

I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve another three years on the Lambertville City Council - I can't believe that I am beginning my 10<sup>th</sup> year – I look forward to continuing to serve the City of Lambertville in 2018 and beyond.

Thank you.

### Councilwoman Elaine Warner

As we look forward to 2018, I think it's vital to reflect on the accomplishments of 2017. New Jersey Democrats welcomed an unprecedented wave of success throughout the state, and here in our own district, we re-elected our incredible state legislators, Senator Shirley Turner, Assemblyman Reed Gusciora and Assemblywoman Elizabeth Maher Muoio. While we will miss the Assemblywoman in her current capacity as our legislative representative, I think all of the council can come together in congratulating her on her nomination to be Secretary of the Treasury. With that said, we have the next four years under Governor-Elect Phil Murphy to employ a progressive agenda that will work to unite all New Jerseyans under a better, fairer economy. And here in Lambertville, Beth and I plan to enforce the work of our democratic legislature.

This is the momentum we need to bring into 2018 – where we looking forward to unseating Congressman Leonard Lance with one of the seven candidates still currently in the race. The same blue wave that overcame our state government can in turn conquer our federal representatives. With the work of organizations like Indivisible Lambertville-New Hope, and the support of the other wonderful members of this council, I know that our city can continue to be the example of a progressive and welcoming community that we wish the entire nation to be.

Thank you all for the opportunity to continue to work here with the City of Lambertville, and Happy New Year!

### Councilman Wardell Sanders

I want to start my remarks by congratulating my colleagues, Beth Asaro and Elaine Warner, on their reelections to the Governing Body. I enjoy working with them, as well as with Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio and the hard-working employees of the City of Lambertville. It is a pleasure working with all of you on the business of the City.

I want take a moment to thank the many volunteers who serve on Boards, Commissions, Authorities, Task Forces, the School Board, and other public bodies. Volunteerism is the engine that moves our City forward. And we are blessed to have an enormously talented citizenry from which to mine. And thank you

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to those who enrich us with programs to promote the arts like the ACME Theater, and those politically active working for economic and environmental justice. Your work is so important to the vitality of our City.

Lastly, I want to thank our partners in State government, especially our representatives in the 15<sup>th</sup> Legislative District: Sen Shirley Turner, Assemblyman Reed Gusciora and Assemblywoman Liz Muoio who has been appointed to serve as our next State Treasurer.

As I look back on my 10<sup>th</sup> year of service on the Governing Body, I think we made progress and making government more open, efficient, and inclusive. Perhaps best exemplifying this is the rollout of the City's new website, which provides our residents with clear and quick access to a range of information about city work, activities, and provides residents with downloadable forms. It is intended to be a "Virtual City Hall." It is also an evolving tool and we welcome input to help make this better. It was an enormous undertaking, and I enjoyed contributing and I thank Council President Stegman for his many hours of work on this project.

I serve as the Governing Body's Pipeline Committee, which has been working to oppose the PennEast Pipeline and its route just to the north and east of the City's borders. The Committee, led by Filomoena Hengst, has been very active this year. Among our key activities:

- Filed substantial 3 comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS) to FERC in September 2016 and December 2016 expressing concerns about water quality, heavy haul roads, important bird areas, and requesting an extension for the deadline to comment
- Sent community letter to NJDEP – Division of Dam Safety and Flood Control regarding concerns about construction near our state-designated, Class 1 dam with 130 residents' signatures
- Sent letter to Department of Transportation with help of the League of Municipalities regarding our concerns about the planned Heavy Haul Roads through Lambertville, especially in regard to the route 29 Truck Ban
- Led successful letter writing campaign at Shadfest 2017 resulting in 170 letters to DRBC and 272 letters to legislators
- Worked with Lambertville Free Public Library and local CAP groups to continue ongoing letter writing efforts throughout the year
- Our committee members attended several Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) meetings
- Met with various groups and agencies to express our concerns: USFWS, NJDEP, Delaware River Canal staff, Geologist and arsenic expert Dr. Barringer, SUEZ water company
- Submitted comments to PA DEP regarding Kidder Compressor Station and USACE regarding river/creek crossings
- Called Senators to oppose FERC nominations

We have also participated in many community outreach activities to keep our city active in the fight:

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- Held regular committee meetings open to the public with published minutes on the city website
- Grew email listserv to 238 recipients
- Worked with Lambertville CAP to grow Facebook page to ~230 members
- Presented three rounds of in-person updates to hundreds of residents in November 2016, May 2017, and August 2017
- Obtained and provided yard signs for residents
- Hung large banner in town to raise awareness of issue during peak tourism season: Shadfest, summer months and Halloween 2017
- Organized Lambertville march/rally in October 2017

As I look forward to my 11<sup>th</sup> year serving in 2018, our work will include efforts to protect our neighbors that live in the Swan Creek area, improving our City Parks, and advocating against the PennEast Pipeline. I would also like to improve our communications with our residents so that they have better access to information about work schedules in town and other activity that may be disruptive. Social media has the ability to allow quick discourse, but it is not always accurate. There is the old saying that misinformation can get half way around the globe before the truth can get its boots strapped on. As a City we can't prevent speculation and misinformation, but we can do a better job of informing our citizens.

Thank you.

### **Council President Steve Stegman**

Thank you. I think the council members have succinctly covered the fact that we do not succeed alone; we succeed because of all who volunteer or are employed with a great attitude, which are so focused and consumer friendly as our constituencies are in meeting the need of our residents. I want to thank you for all of the hard work you do in all of the departments of the city.

I love the city as much as I did in 1987 when I was looking for a place to resettle after wanting to move out of the Bronx. I didn't know how I would be accepted, I didn't know anyone here but I always felt welcomed.

This is my 17<sup>th</sup> year in public service. When the Mayor asked me to serve on Council and fill an unexpired term, I had great mentors. I want to acknowledge John McManus, Marie Warford, Frank Kramer, Cindy Ege and now Ward Sanders, Beth Asaro and Elaine Warner. I learn from you at least once a month. We have the city at heart and your needs at heart. And to Mayor DeVecchio who saw something in me and involved me in city government; and to the residents who think I am doing a pretty good job and elect me, I serve at your pleasure and it is an honor to do so, so thank you so much.

### **STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS –Mayor DeVecchio.**

Good afternoon and a happy new year to you all.

I thank you for joining us here for our annual reorganization of the Governing Body as well as the boards and commissions of our City.

I want to recognize our Council-- Council President Stegman, Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders, and Councilwoman Warner. Their strong voices, good ideas, and active cooperation make the work of governing not only productive, but enjoyable—at least most of the time.

And special recognition to City Clerk Cindy Ege, who goes the extra mile to, make sure we keep it all together.



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Today, I am pleased to be able to say that the State of Our City is good. I am confident that this year, working together, we will continue to make it even better.

In this time where people seek to divide us, Lambertville stands out as a place where all are welcome. No matter your race, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexual preference here you are treated equally and with respect. I am proud of the fact that we received the second highest score in New Jersey, a nearly perfect 98 on the 2017 Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index. Our high score reflects how inclusive our municipal laws, policies and services are for our LGBTQ residents and that the LGBTQ community is well represented on the governing body as well as the boards and commissions of the City. Here in Lambertville, we know that our diversity enriches our community and makes it stronger

Another fundamental pillar of our City's strength is that we have established a solid fiscal foundation. Simply put, our city is on a sound long-term fiscal path. This year Standard & Poor's boosted our credit rating to AA, saying our "strong budgetary performance" and "very strong liquidity" were major factors in the rating increase. Over the past three years, our budget surplus has averaged over \$1 million. And we continue to hold the line on taxes for municipal services.

This fiscal success didn't happen by accident. We work hard to identify ways to make city government more cost-effective, seeking new ways to save tax dollars. We have streamlined every department in the City, effectively delivering more services with less staff.

And we proactively seek private, state and national grant funding for needed projects. This past year, for example, we competed for a merit-based grant from the NJ Department of Transportation and won \$250,000 for continuing to make improvements to Clinton Street. These kinds of awards greatly help us continue the ongoing work of upgrading our roads and sidewalks, keeping our City a safe place to walk, bike or drive as well as enhancing its physical appearance and doing so without using city tax dollars.

Here in Lambertville, we know we live in a special place surrounded by natural beauty. This past year alone, USA Today named our City the most picturesque in New Jersey and NJ.com named Lambertville the best location in the state for a day trip.

Perhaps, because we so appreciate our beautiful surroundings, we remain strongly committed to forging a green future. That begins with doing our part to curb climate change. This past year, I joined with more than 300 other Mayors from around the nation in committing that their City will meet the climate change goals the United States committed to in Paris as part of the landmark global Climate Change Agreement. Taken together, the efforts of cities, states and businesses can enable the United States to meet its Paris commitment—no matter what Washington does.

On Climate Change, we are not just talking the talk, we are walking the walk. Thanks to Councilwoman Asaro, Public Works Director Myers and the Environmental Commission, we expanded our Third Can Initiative, targeted at the 15% of the waste stream that is food waste and organic material and required all restaurants that use the City for garbage and recycling pick-up to participate in the Third Can Recycling Program. This will not only increase the \$40,000 we have saved annually since we launched our single-stream recycling program, it will reduce our carbon foot-print. Every pound of food thrown away produces more than 3 pounds of greenhouse gases. Taken together, our comprehensive recycling efforts remove more than 1,000 tons from the waste stream annually.

We also launched an initiative to install energy-saving LED street lights each light cuts carbon emissions by a ton annually. The installation is beginning on Bridge Street and will continue in 2018 throughout the

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City. These new lights-- which are much longer lasting--, bring the added benefits of saving us money and of shining more brightly, enhancing over-all safety.

These new initiatives are in addition to our stepped-up use of renewable energy through the South Energy Regional Energy Cooperative (SHREC) and dramatically increased energy conservation through government building improvements as we work on all fronts to reduce our carbon footprint.

We stand up against environmental threats in our own backyard, continuing to strongly oppose the proposed PennEast Pipeline. This ill-advised project threatens our water supply, will trigger more flash flooding, and puts all the progress made in cleaning up the Delaware River at risk. Through the coordination and leadership provided by our PennEast Pipeline Committee that combines environmental and community activists with local government officials, we are leaving no stone unturned.

We continue to make upgrading and maintaining our parks and protecting open space a high priority. This year we added new bleachers to Ely Field and made the Snack Shack accessible to people with disabilities, among other improvements. And the spectacular view of the woods from Ely Field will be there forever, thanks to the purchase we made through our Open Space Fund.

The Lambertville Police, under the stellar leadership of Police Director Bruce Cocuzza, continues to do an excellent job of protecting public safety. This year the police coordinated a Street Smart public education campaign aimed at making Lambertville a safer place to walk, bike and drive. I am pleased to report that a recent evaluation of the campaign determined that it was a big success, resulting in improved pedestrian behavior in using crosswalks, motorists stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks, and motorists and pedestrians avoiding hand held cell phone use while driving or crossing streets.

And we upgraded our web site, which is now designed to function as an online City Hall. Thanks to Council President Stegman and Councilman Sanders who worked endlessly on this project, the site's user-friendly features provide a convenient way for residents to get any needed municipal forms, pay taxes, learn about upcoming government meetings, or place requests for city services. Our new online City Hall provides the information needed for more residents to become active participants in the community. The more we can draw on the talents ideas, and active involvement of our residents, the more our City thrives. So as you can see, Lambertville enters 2018 well positioned to build on a strong foundation of accomplishment. Let me share a few of my top priorities.

This year, we will continue to work to hold the line on taxes and seek other ways to leverage city spending and resources to save residents money. A critical goal is achieving a Level 6 Community Rating for the National Flood Insurance Program; thank you Councilwoman Warner for representing the governing body on this project. This will increase the discount policy holders get from 15% to 20%.as well as make our city even more resilient.

We will continue our fight against the PennEast Pipeline, enlisting the support of our new Governor Phil Murphy and working to defeat this ill-advised project once and for all.

I will continue to make upgrading and maintaining our infrastructure a high priority with phase 2 of the Clinton Street project and cleaning and restoring the front of this building-- Our Justice Center-- among the priorities for 2018.

Demonstrating our continuing commitment to open and transparent government, we will begin videotaping our City Council meetings this year.

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We will continue to work on all fronts to reduce our carbon footprint, ensuring that Lambertville meets the commitment the United States made in Paris.

And we will continue to do everything we can to make sure everyone-residents and visitors-alike feels welcome in our City.

We enter the New Year, optimistic that we can do even better. Thanks to everyone present here today and to all of our residents, I am confident we will continue to ensure Lambertville is a place we are all proud to call home.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES are available for purchase starting Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at City Hall, 18 York Street. The fee for a spayed dog or cat is \$15. Licensing of dogs a requirement of the NJSA 4. A \$25 late fee imposed beginning March 1, 2018.

PARKING PERMITS for those residing on metered streets will be available for purchase starting the week of December 26th at City Hall. The annual fee is \$45 for a Permanent Residential Parking Permit, \$60 for a Transferrable Permit, and \$25 for a Temporary Parking Permit.

LANDLORD REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS/AFFIDAVIT OF NO CHANGE are due by April 1, 2018. All rental units must be registered with the City of Lambertville (Ordinance 2010-23). All rental properties with two (2) or more rental units must also register with the State of New Jersey.

NOTICE OF REORGANIZATION MEETINGS: Please take notice that pursuant to NJSA 10:4-6, the following is a schedule of the 2018 Reorganization Meetings of Mayor and Council, Boards and Committees for the City of Lambertville.

Mayor and Council, Monday, January 1, 2018 at 11 AM  
Planning Board, Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 7:00 PM  
Office of Emergency Management, Thursday, January 11, 2018, 7:00 PM  
Library Board, Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 7:00 PM at the Library, 6 Lily Street  
Historical Preservation, Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 7:30 PM  
Recreation Commission, Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 8 PM  
Shade Tree Commission, Monday, January 22, 2018, 7:30 PM  
Mayor and Council, Regularly Scheduled Session, Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 6:30 PM  
Human Rights Council, Monday, January 8, 2018, 7 PM  
Environmental Commission, Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 7:00 PM  
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Thursday, January 25, 2018, 7:30 PM

All meetings are held at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, located at 25 South Union Street in the City of Lambertville, unless otherwise noted.

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A copy of all meeting agendas are posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act on the bulletin board at City Hall located at 18 York Street, and on the City's website at [www.lambertvillenj.org](http://www.lambertvillenj.org).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Stewart Palilonis of North Union Street addressed the governing body and the members of the public. He stated that he moved to Lambertville on April 1, 1977. The City was waking up, kind of like suffering benign neglect was the hallmark of the city. Things hadn't been screwed up too much so it was possible to bring back the City to the way it was 100 years before that. The City has as much history per square inch as any place you want to name. Progress has been tremendous, 90% tribute to a good Mayor and I am very pleased to say I was involved in his selection and it's been living in a golden age. I want people to appreciate that the city is in better shape today than it has ever been, even when we were highly industrialized the things that are available you almost don't need to go anywhere else. We are in the middle of a golden age and hopefully it will continue. I am sure because of the people we have here. We have a diverse population to maintain attitudes to where we are today.

Mayor DelVecchio recognized Jake Croce, who is a member of a 5/1 middle school basketball team tied for second place in their division.

Shirley Kessler of Canal Street and a board member of the ACME Screening Room addressed the governing body and the members of the public present. Ms. Kessler thanked everyone who provided so much in making this a wonderful place to live since 2008. She is very involved in the ACME Screening Room and announced that the fundraiser was such a great success they were able to purchase the chairs you sit on and the new equipment, projector and lighting and various things. With new equipment, our numbers are up for not just special events, we are now selling out on regular screenings with members from Princeton, New Hope, and Frenchtown. ACME is a thriving institution in this town.

Councilman Sanders thanked Rabbi Kornfeld for his invocation and Alexandra Croce for singing the National Anthem.

Council President Stegman recognized Stewart Palilonis and stated he was very instrumental in the formation of the historic preservation commission to preserve the history of the city to make sure the visuals that change are within the historical period.

Councilman Sanders commented about the dialogue circulating about closing the elementary school in Lambertville. In his view, it is an essential part of the city's fabric, he doesn't begrudge the school looking at different options but he opposes the closing of LPS. With that, Mayor DelVecchio asked him if that was a motion. Councilman Sanders made a motion to oppose the closing of the Lambertville Public School. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion to oppose the closing of the Lambertville Public School. MOTION CARRIED.

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Susan Croce asked if the land that the school is on is owned by the School or the City. Planning Board Attorney Korzun commented that it is owned by the school but the deed contains a reverter clause that says if the building is ever ceased to be used as a school, the land will revert back to the city.

Council President Stegman commented that it is a walking school district. Mayor DelVecchio said in his opinion, if the school board makes the decision to close LPS and bus the students to SHRS in the Township of West Amwell, they would be making a zoning decision for the city and changing the nature of the town from a walking district to a busing district. This would greatly change the structure of our community and increase our carbon footprint.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Council President Stegman. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilwoman Asaro invited everyone to her house for the after party.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk

*The January 1, 2018 Minutes were approved at the January 23, 2018 session of the Governing Body.*

