



**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MARCH 5, 2018, 7 P.M.
PHILLIP L. PITTORE JUSTICE CENTER
25 SOUTH UNION STREET
MINUTES**

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor DeVecchio who read a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record, noting that the following newspapers: Democrat, Times and Bucks County Herald were noticed about the meeting; various individuals on the list serve, department heads, the city website and bulletin board.

ROLL CALL.

The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman, Mayor DeVecchio

Absent: Councilwoman Asaro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor DeVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

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

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-2018: An Ordinance of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Providing for Improvements to City Parks in and for the City, Appropriating \$153,000 Therefor, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$123,000 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance the Same.

Mayor DeVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that the city has applied to use our banked space with the County Open Space, in the amount of \$65,286, funds from the City's Open Space Tax in the amount of \$23,367, the down payment from the city's Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$7,650, Ordinance 23-2017 in the amount of \$27,556 which is already funded. This creates \$56,141 in new debt.

The Mayor explained to the members of the public present that South Hunterdon is installing a new track around the football field and they were looking for a place to host their football games. The City met with representatives of South Hunterdon and the City's recreation commission to discuss the project. The Recreation Commission also mentioned that the football field was ruined

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when fire trucks responding to a fire on North Franklin Street in December drove across the field.

Mayor DelVecchio introduced Krista Heinrich, the City Engineer who reviewed the specifications for the project. Ms. Heinrich stated that the size of the football field would be increased to regulations size, and this would cause the field to be placed on a diagonal. The lights would need to be changed to point at the field; the scoreboard would need to be moved; the goal posts would need to be moved; and the field would be regraded and seeded. The schedule is as follows:

3/5/18 Ordinance 03-2018 (2nd reading)

Early April Bid Opening

End of April Construction Start

End of May Construction Substantially Complete

From May to August, field will be fenced off to allow seed growth. Contractor will maintain, water, mow as necessary during this time.

August Seed established and field can be opened

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY PARKS IN AND FOR THE CITY, APPROPRIATING \$153,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$123,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE SAME.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the \$153,000, including the sum of \$30,000 as the down payment for the improvement and purpose required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment has been made available by virtue of an appropriation from the City's Open Space Trust Fund.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment or otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable bonds or notes are hereby

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authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$123,000, pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the bonds or notes is the improvements to City parks, including but not limited to improvements to Eli Field to permit the field to host high school level athletic events as more fully described in the T&M Associates proposal of January 30, 2018 which proposal is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and including all work and related materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes authorized herein is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor and an additional \$27,550 available for such purposes under Ordinance 23-2017.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time, at not less than par and accrued interest, at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget or temporary capital budget (as applicable) of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget or amended temporary capital budget (as applicable) and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are improvements or purposes the City may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, computed on the basis of respective amounts or obligations for the several

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purposes and the respective reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 15.00 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$123,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$30,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes.

(e) The City reasonably expects to commence the acquisition of the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, and to advance all or a portion of the costs in respect thereof, prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder. To the extent such costs are advanced, the City further reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount of bonds or notes authorized in Section 1 hereof.

Section 7. The City anticipates that it will be able to access \$65,286.45 in banked funds from Hunterdon County Open Space Program to offset a portion of the costs of this project. These funds and any additional grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the City is hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 9. The City Council hereby covenants on behalf of the City to take any action necessary or refrain from taking such action in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the bonds and notes authorized hereunder as is or may be required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code"), including compliance with the Code with regard to the use, expenditure, investment, timely reporting and rebate of investment earnings as may be required thereunder.

_____ **Section 10.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mayor DeVecchio opened the public hearing for Ordinance Number 03-2018 and asked for questions and comments from the public.

Louis T. Muenker, D.Ed. Superintendent of Schools at South Hunterdon Regional School District thanked the Mayor and Council and stated that this project allows the school to continue

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with their football program. He stated that every time they change a venue, it allows for different people to attend the game. It would be great for the community and great for the school.

Jason Miller, the Athletic Director for the School said that the events are nostalgic for the students who played for the Ramblers. It's a community event and they are grateful to the city for giving them this opportunity.

Toby Jefferis, the Coach of the Football team, commented that when he first approached the city about holding the games at Ely Field, he was excited and thought perhaps the local businesses could host a dinner and a game night.

Jason Miller also commented that all of the other options presented would not have given the school the flexibility needed with the schedule. In this case, should the project at the school take longer than a year, they still have this option available to them.

Mayor DelVecchio commented that he spoke with Ed McCaffrey of the Recreation Commission and with the Closson Family and they were all supportive of this project. Ed McCaffrey was present with his son and he concurred with the Mayor. The Mayor commented that at the first reading of the ordinance, members of the public asked "what about the girls." He felt that football encompassed everyone; the band, the cheerleaders, spectators, everyone.

Council President Stegman asked about the possibility of the field hockey team or soccer team using the field. Mr. Miller stated that it isn't optimum for field hockey because of the way the ball tends to fly however; it would be great for soccer.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance Number 03-2018. Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt on second reading granting final approval for Ordinance Number 03-2018. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance Number 03-2018. Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE – none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

LANDLORD REGISTRATIONS are due by April 1, 2018 to avoid the \$50 late fee.

JUSTICE CENTER PARKING: Currently space numbers 16, 18 and 22 are available for lease at the Justice Center. The fee is \$55 per month. Call Shelley at 609-397-0110 for additional information.

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**PUBLICPARTICIPATION/PETITION OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC
DISCUSSION.**

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Ege
CMR, RMC, City Clerk

The March 5, 2018 special session minutes were approved at the March 20 regularly scheduled session.