



**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MARCH 29, 2018, 6:30 P.M.  
PHILLIP L. PITTORE JUSTICE CENTER  
25 SOUTH UNION STREET  
MINUTES**

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

Mayor DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.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 with notice provided to the Times, Democrat and Bucks County Herald on Friday, March 23, 2018, sent out through the list serve and to department heads. The meeting agenda was posted to the city's website on March 23 2018.

**ROLL CALL.**

The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

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

*Absent:* Councilman Sanders.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS LIST.**

A bills list was not presented for approval.

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING.**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2018: *A CAP Bank Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2018**

CALENDAR YEAR 2017

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et.seq, provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 0.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous

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year's final appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, a municipality may, by ordinance, bank the difference between its final budget appropriations and the 3.5% increase authorized by this ordinance when said difference is not appropriated as part of the final budget; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lambertville City, County of Hunterdon, hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$103,116.78 that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon; be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION: February 27, 2018

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: March 29, 2018

Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing for Ordinance Number 04-2018 and asked for questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance Number 04-2018. Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance Number 04-2018. 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 Ordinance Number 04-2018. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt on second reading, granting final approval for Ordinance Number 04-2018. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 64-2018:** *A Resolution to Authorize the Extension of the Contract with Tri-Eagle Energy for the 24 months at the contract rate of \$0.05343.*

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Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the City held an auction and awarded the bid to East Coast Power to contract for the supply of electric. We did not receive good bids for street lighting and rejected those bids. The consultant for the City was able to negotiate with the current provider for street lights for a 24 month extension. This represents a 14% savings over the JCP&L rate.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 64-2018**

*A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to Sign the Agreement with TriEagle Energy for the 24 Month Extension of the Third Party Purchase of Electric(eprocurement) through the SHREC for Street Lights at a Contract Rate of \$0.05343.*

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 Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the one month extension of the agreement with TriEagle Energy for the eprocurement of electric for street lights at a contract rate of \$0.05343 as recommended by T&M Associates and confirmed by the City Attorney.

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Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt Resolution Number 64-2018, authorizing the contract with TriEagle Energy for the street lights. Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 64-2018. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 65-2018: *A Resolution for Conducting Annual Budget Examination.***

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that this year the City is able to conduct the annual budget examination rather than send it down to the State for their review and comments.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 65-2018**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the City of Lambertville has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Town meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2018 budget year, so now therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officers certification. The governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
  - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated
  - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
  - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt Resolution Number 65-2018. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 65-2018. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2018 BUDGET.**

Mayor DelVecchio will give commentary on the 2018 budget at the April 9 special session.

Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on the 2018 budget and asked for questions and/or comments from the public. There being no questions or comments from the public, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing on the 2018 budget. Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing on the 2018 budget. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2018 BUDGET.**

Mayor DelVecchio reviewed the resolution to amend the 2018 budget with the members of the public. Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to introduce the amendment to the 2018 Budget. Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to introduce the amendment to the 2018 budget. 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 informed the members of the public that the public hearing on the amendment to the 2018 budget will be held at a special session scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS.**

DRIVEWAY APPLICATION: *Daniel Ranieri, 112 North Union Street.*

Mayor DelVecchio read the application into the record. He asked the Governing Body for input. Council President Stegman commented that he met with the property owner on Saturday with Michael Burns, the City Architect. There is concern for the property being in the historic district, the potential loss of trees that appear to be in or close to the area marked for the driveway, the number of parking spaces that will be lost on the street, conformance with the City's zoning ordinances, and the need for the drawing to be to scale and signed and sealed by a certified professional. The information provided does not clearly delineate the distance from the intersection or the distance from the street to the porch area. After some discussion, it was decided it would be best to obtain input from the City Engineer and the City Planner.

Council President Stegman made a motion to request escrow from the applicant to cover the fees for the City Engineer and the City Planner to review this request and provide input to the

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governing body. Councilwoman Warner seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

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.*

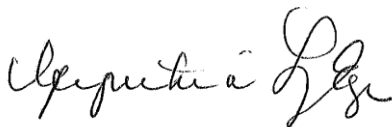
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PETITION OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Stegman and seconded by Councilwoman Warner. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk



*The March 29, 2018 session minutes were approved at the regularly scheduled session held on April 17, 2018.*