



City of Lambertville
REGULARLY SCHEDULED SESSION
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020, 6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING USING ZOOM
AGENDA

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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Fahl called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and asked the City Clerk to reach the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record.

The City Clerk read the following statement into the record:

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act with the Annual Notice advertised in Trenton Times, provided to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times, the posting of the meeting agenda on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, on the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org, on the exterior door of the Elevator Entrance at City Hall, and to department heads and the listserv.

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Instructions on how to participate in the meeting were emailed through the City's listserv, provided on a call-in message at City Hall, posted on the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org and will be read into the record at the beginning of the meeting and again during Public Participation.

CLOSED SESSION: *A Resolution to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues related to the Business Administrator Contract and Shared Services Contract with the Borough of Flemington and will reopen to the public at 7 p.m.*

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues related to the Business Administrator Contract and also shared services contract with the Borough of Flemington.

RESOLUTION

“Authorizing a Closed Session at the July 9, 2020 Lambertville City Council Meeting to Discuss Personnel Issues Related to the Business Administrator Contract and also Shared Services Contract with the Borough of Flemington”

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lambertville is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

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WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that a closed session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by N.J.S.A 10:4-12(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville that a closed session shall be held on July 9, 2020, via Zoom, to discuss the following matters: *Personnel Issues Related to the Business Administrator Contract and also Shared Services Contract with the Borough of Flemington.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Lambertville Mayor and City Council.

ADOPTED:

Mayor Fahl and City Council convened in closed session at 6:03 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Councilwoman Urbish. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Fahl and City Council re-convened in regular session at 6:58 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Council President Asaro. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Fahl asked everyone for their patience and said the meeting would get started at 7:05 p.m. to give the members of the public time to join the meeting.

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Fahl asked the City Clerk to read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record.

The City Clerk read the following statement into the record:

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ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Urbish, Council President Asaro, Mayor Fahl

Also Present: Alex Torpey -Business Administrator, Cynthia Ege – City Clerk, Kristina Majeski – Deputy Clerk, William Opel – City Attorney, Emily Goldman – City Planner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fahl led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Fahl led the public in the Moment of Silence in honor of those serving in the United States Armed Forces and for those serving on the front lines of COVID19.

CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENT REGARDING COUNCIL SESSIONS

Mayor Fahl asked the City Attorney to read the statement regarding council meetings into the record.

The City Attorney read the following statement into the record.

Based on the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus, the State of New Jersey and the City of Lambertville have taken necessary action to ensure the continued regular operation of government.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, formal action by the Governing Body must be taken in public, at a meeting that is adequately noticed to invite public participation and maximum transparency. **Such requirements are not set aside during times of emergency, and therefore the City and its Governing Body MUST proceed with conducting these necessary meetings, in accordance with State law, and in a manner that ensures optimum transparency.**

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Despite recent amendments to OPMA providing for electronic notice of any meeting, the City will continue to provide the standard statutory notice for its meetings by posting such notice in City Hall and publishing notice with The Trenton Times and Hunterdon County Democrat.

We would like to note the following, as the City has formulated a specific plan as to how to proceed with Governing Body meetings for the foreseeable future:

The OPMA, as amended, authorizes governing bodies to conduct public meetings through use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms. The City will utilize Zoom video conferencing, which also provides a dial-in feature if residents would prefer to participate by phone rather than video, as well as teleconferencing for those who wish to connect by phone only.

The City will continue to rely on the procedures currently in place for public comments directed to City officials during all meetings. **There will be no change to the City's public comment policy for virtual meetings.**

The City, at all times, will act within the requirements of the OPMA for meetings conducted during this public health emergency so that the City government can continue to provide services to the community, and the public can continue to participate and provide comments, without interruption.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

PARKLET AND STREATERY

Mayor Fahl discussed the memorandum circulated to the members of Council regarding Parkettes and Streatery fees.

FEES:

Application fee: \$50

Set-up fee: \$320

Breakdown: \$320 for breakdown and move.

The fees are associated with the time it takes for public works to set up and break down the parklet and will only be assessed when the Parklet moves to a new location.

DURATION: The city owned parkette will be available for one month unless there are no other applicants.

APPLICATION: The application will be online, first come first serve and is open to all businesses within the City of Lambertville except for those businesses located on the State Highway (Bridge and Main Streets).

OTHER STIPULATIONS:

- Parkettes cannot be placed on bridge street.
- Restaurants are required to maintain the plantings and tables that come with the parkette.
- Restaurants can serve alcohol if it is compliant with their liquor license. BYOB is also permitted.
 - Restaurants licensed to serve alcoholic beverages by the State of New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission are required to:

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- provide the City with a Certificate of insurance that names the City as additional insured and list the coverage to extend to the Parkettes for the serving of alcoholic beverages on their certificate of insurance;
- obtain a "PETITION TO EXTEND LICENSED PREMISES [EP]" from the State of New Jersey ABC.
- Those offering BYOB (bring your own bottle) must specifically add and show the coverage for BYOB Establishments on their certificate of insurance.
- Restaurants are required to provide the City of Lambertville with a certificate of insurance naming the City as additional insured.
- All certificates of insurance will be reviewed by the City's Risk Manager for full compliance

PARKING FEES for Streatery's: Mayor Fahl reported that applications for a streatery are for one or two parking spaces at meter or non-metered spots. The one streatery located on North Union Street (Liv and Charlies), has two spaces. The Governing Body must come to a consensus on value of parking spaces. Currently, the ordinance assesses a fee of \$10 per day for metered spaces and \$4 per day for nonmetered spaces. Council members asked to see everything all laid out and it is not an agenda item.

AUGUST WORK SESSION: The Governing Body agreed to cancel the August 4 Work Session. The City Clerk will work with the City Attorney to file the proper notices.

URGENT REPAIRS TO THE LIBRARY – Matt Larkin

Alex Torpey introduced Matt Larkin from the Library Board. He informed the members of the public and Governing Body that there were a handful of urgent repair requests needed at the Library and they are Outside of capital discussions.

Mr. Larkin and Karen Riedeburg, a member of the Library Board, joined the meeting as a panelist, Alex Torpey shared his screen with the members of the public and Governing Body.

The screen titled "Lambertville Library building immediate repair needs" dated July 9, 2020 was reviewed.

There are four areas outlined in the PowerPoint presentation identified by the board members as urgent need and they include: Main Street Porch, \$20,000, Lilly Street Porch, \$98,000, handrail issues, decking rotting, rotted eaves, and the Ventilation needs may not be meet in accordance with CDC guidelines. Leak at the front desk and a starlings nesting in the building.

Additional repairs that are needed include: Brick and mortar repair: \$150,000, Estimate for lead abatement: \$78,000, Windows do not open, \$126,500, Elevator is unreliable, \$98,000, and there is moisture in basement \$6,500.

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Mayor Fahl expressed concern about capital budget and she asked the board members to come back to our next meeting.

The City will investigate funding opportunities through FEMA and the 1778 Foundation and to identify areas at City owned buildings for storage. The City will look at the space available at City Hall, the Police Department and potentially the Justice Center.

The Business Administrator commented that the City has approximately \$60 – 70,000 available in a bond ordinance from 2017. Mayor Fahl expressed concern for the other areas at other City buildings that need work. Concern was expressed for the lead remediation because it is a serious public health hazard. A certified person for abatement is required by law.

The Business Administrator and the Mayor will work the Library board to gather additional information to share with the members of Council. The members of the Governing Body will reach out to Mr. Larkin or Karen Riedeberg for a tour of the Library.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY TEAM PRESENTATION – Paul Kuhl & Sarah Gold

Sarah Gold and Paul Kuhl were present and promoted to panelist.

Mr. Kuhl addressed the members of the Governing Body and public. He said the Lambertville Community Advisory Team is a group of individuals (20 members) committed in engaging civil production, understanding city values, city's challenges, who will communicate with the community and advocate to the Council with the community values. The first two months the focus is on the Police Site with December 31, 2020 is the deadline in mind. The next step will be to start looking at the facilities priorities, fair share housing and facilities will interchange at one point. New home for police department.

Sarah Gold addressed the members of the Governing Body and public regarding public engagement. She said the team started talking about community engagement, and they are looking forward to getting input from the community. They plan to:

- Mail a letter (English and Spanish) within the next two weeks that contains information about a short survey to all community members to gather more information, obtain values, opinion about the police site, and will include a link to the website which will have more information about engaging the public.
- Paper copies of the survey will be available to members of the public who do not have internet access.
- Host weekly office hours, varying times throughout the day, with the CAT (virtual meetings), hope to have 12 smaller group sessions with a goal is to listen to the

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community and understand where they are with the site and what they would like to see.

- September 1 Council Session, the Chairperson of the Community Advisory Team will report back on what they learned.
- Early October the CAT will present recommendations to the Planning Board and the Council and will be completed in supreme court style, majority, descending.
- Updates will be provided to the Council by public meetings, and via memos.
- All information is on the city's website on the CAT page (insert link).

BILLS LIST

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to approve the bills list (Approval to pay to Maple Direct, Inc. for the postage/ mailing of the estimated tax bills in the amount of \$1,024.50). Councilwoman Taylor made the motion and Council President Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

Draft reports, contracts and other documentation in draft form will be provided to the members of the public if they are adopted by the Governing Body.

Council President Asaro read the resolutions into the record by title.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 83-2020: *A Resolution to Cancel Resolution Number 71-2020 Authorizing the Contract with Suburban Engineering.*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 83-2020

WHEREAS, The City of Lambertville adopted Resolution Number 71-2020 Authorizing the Contract to Suburban Engineering for the Swan Creek Stabilization Grant on May 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City has decided to move forward with Princeton Hydro.

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 hereby cancels Resolution Number 71-2020.

Council President Asaro asked for a motion to adopt Resolution Number 83-2020. Councilman Sanders made the motion and Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONNUMBER 85-2020: *A Resolution to Authorize the Contract with Spatial Data Logic, Inc., For the Purchase of Software off State Contract, Award Number SHIA89851, Which Includes Maintenance and Support and Professional Services, in An*

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Amount Not to Exceed \$64,250.00 the First Year and \$13,650 for the Ongoing Licensing Cost after Year Five.

The Business Administrator informed the members of the public present that this contract is with Spatial Data Logic and the primary reason the City is contracting for this software is because the State of New Jersey is shutting down Permits NJ, a software program the City has been using for years for free to issue construction permits. This software package offers a much broader array of functionality. Construction is biggest piece and first piece, and they are in the process of setting up training and onboarding, data from DCA and set up. This will link to the County tax map data and importing into the system, so that we can use it in other departments. The roll out will take six months, the contract is for five years. The next most valuable tool is public works. All nonemergency 311 calls addressing potholes, garbage missed pick-up through a mobile application. People can still call City Hall and the employees will have a screen to enter the request straight in. Each call receives a tracking number, so that members of the public can track our progress. We can also do things like shade tree, animal, and pet licenses.

Members of the Governing Body expressed concern for the contract amount with all the news received about the condition of the Library. The Business Administrator was asked if there was a cheaper version that would allow the City to just process construction permits. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 85-2020

WHEREAS, Spatial Data Logic, Inc. (SHI) has an approved State Contract with the State of New Jersey for the sale of software, Award Number SHIA89851; and

WHEREAS, the City Business Administrator and Qualified Purchasing Agent has certified the funds are available, the contract is responsive and responsible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon hereby authorizes the Contract with Spatial Data Logic, Inc. (SHI), a State Contract Vender, ID Number SHIA89851, in an amount not to exceed \$64,250.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator is authorized to sign the contract.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE USING ZOOM AND CALLING IN

Mayor Fahl asked the Deputy Clerk to read the instructions for public participation into the record.

The public participation portion of the meeting will be taken under Agenda Item Number 14.

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PARTICIPATION BY COMPUTER: If you are currently utilizing a computer to participate, you would click the “Raise Hand” button on the bottom of the screen. This will place you in a queue that I can see for when it is time to take public comments. People are sorted in the order they raised their hands. When I call on you, a message will pop-up asking if you want to unmute yourself. If you choose to move forward and place a public comment or question, choose to unmute, if you have changed your mind then choose to deny.

PARTICIPATION BY PHONE: If you are dialing in on your phone

DISPLAY OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER: To avoid having your phone number displayed on the screen, first dial *67, then the meeting phone number followed by the meeting identification number. Your phone number will not be displayed.

RAISE YOUR HAND: dial *9 to be placed in the queue. When called on, the system will ask you to confirm being un-muted to proceed.

You will be asked to state your full name and address into the record, then please feel free to make your comment or ask a question. You will remain unmuted while the governing body responds. Please make sure there is no background noise such as the T.V. on, music or loud chatter.

When public comments are finished, participants will be placed back on mute for the duration of the meeting.

Members of the Governing Body will raise their hand to make a comment or ask a question.

Members of the public expressed concern for the cost of the software package especially with the needs of the Library and during the pandemic. Questions were raised about the contract being signed before the Governing Body approved the contract, exploring potential share service agreements with other municipalities, and the timing.

Discussion among the Governing Body ensued. The members of the governing body felt there was not a cheaper option available and this is a time sensitive issue with no action having a serious impact on the City’s ability to service the public.

The Business Administrator looked at six or seven software packages and determined this to be the most responsive to the City’s needs. Other venues include: SDL, LLC, Mitchell, Humphrey’s, GovPilot, Jungle Lasers, Click Fix.

The Business Administrator will produce a rubric of options and alternate plans that includes the various options and the thought process used. This is in addition to the memorandum which provided a summary sent to the Governing Body at the direction of the Mayor about this topic in April.

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Council President Asaro made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the purchase of software off State Contract. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 84-2020: *A Resolution to Authorize the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2020 Calendar Year Budget (Chapter 159).*

**FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF
ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$460,000.00, which is now available from “FEMA - Swan Creek Embankment Erosion Mitigation” in the amount of \$460,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$460,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption “FEMA - Swan Creek Embankment Erosion Mitigation”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from FEMA via the NJ Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$460,000.00.

Resolution No. _____
Offered by _____
Adopted _____
Clerk _____

Seconded by _____
Municipal

I, Cynthia Ege, Municipal Clerk of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon in the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon in the State of New Jersey.

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to adopt the Chapter 159 Resolution to request approval to add \$460,000 to the 2020 Calendar Year Budget for the FEMA grant for Hibernia Fire Company/Fisherman’s Mark. Councilwoman Taylor made the motion and Councilwoman Urbish seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTIN CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 86-2020: *A Resolution to Authorize the Contract with Princeton Hydro for Engineering Services for the Grant filed for Stream Stabilization for 37 South Main Street, Block 1045, Lots 21 and 22, in an Amount not to Exceed \$25,2929, Funded through a Grant from FEMA.*

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 86-2020

A Resolution to Authorize the Contract with Princeton Hydro for Engineering Services for the Grant Filed for Stream Stabilization for 37 South Main Street, Block 1045, Lots 21 and 22, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$25,191, Funded through a Grant from FEMA.

WHEREAS, the Hibernia Fire Company through the City of Lambertville filed a grant with FEMA for stabilization of the embankment of the Swan Creek; and

WHEREAS, engineering services will be reimbursed through the grant; and

WHEREAS, Princeton Hydro responded to the City's request for a proposal for engineering services which includes a field assessment, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, engineering plan set, engineering memorandum, NJDEP pre-application meeting for a total of \$25,191.00.

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer and Qualified Purchasing Agent has certified funds are available and that the proposal is both responsible and responsive.

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 Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Princeton Hydro for engineering services related to the grant with FEMA for Hibernia Fire Company in an amount of \$25,191.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the engineering services will be funded through the grant application filed by the Hibernia Fire Company through the City of Lambertville with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Authority).

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Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to adopt the resolution authoring the contract with Princeton Hydro. Councilman Sanders made the motion and Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

PENNEAST PIPELINE: Councilman Sanders reported that he has been working with residents in the City's Committee Against the Pipeline (CAP), comprised of environmental activists, members of the Environmental Commission. Councilman Sanders noted that the purpose of the CAP is to ensure that all our efforts to fight the Penn East Pipeline are well-coordinated, effective, and focused. He noted that the CAP last met on July 8th. Among the discussion items was a need to honor Filomena Hengst, a resident, and chair of our CAP Committee for many years. Because of other commitments, she stepped down from that role. Councilman Sanders noted that Filomena did a fantastic job in this role, and spent countless hours helping steer our fight against the pipeline, and she did so with grace, intelligence, and compassion. The group is going to do a little something for her, but Councilman Sanders wanted to take a moment in the public meeting to again thank her for her work and leadership in a more public setting.

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CENSUS: Councilman Sanders also reported out on the City's Census 2020 efforts. He noted that our response rate hovered at about 71% in Lambertville. He noted that he had discussions with folks with the Indivisible Group who had agreed to volunteer to assist. Councilman Sanders reported that he will work with Indivisible and other volunteers to try to coordinate that city's efforts. The key next step is to prepare the town for the Census efforts around those referred to as "Nonresponse Follow-up (NRFU)." Beginning August 11th, census takers will interview households in person. The city needs to work to prepare residents for that next step.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STREET SWEEPER WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, July 27, 2020.

PLANNING BOARD VACANCY: If you are interested in serving on the Planning Board, please submit your letter of interest and resume to mayorfahl@lambertvillenj.org; councilpresidentasaro@lambertvillenj.org or to cityclerk@lambertvillenj.org. The Planning Board meetings the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

CONVENIENCE CENTER HOURS: The Public Works Department is open Wednesday (July 15, 2020) from 3 to 5 pm for residents to drop off leaves and brush. They will also be open on Saturday, July 11, 2020 from 9 am to noon. For additional information, please visit the city's website at: <https://lambertvillenj.org/newsfeed-pages/389-the-city-of-lambertville-convenience-center>

SPARKLE WEEK UPDATE: Sparkle Week will be held the first two weeks of August. Details can be found on the City's website: <https://lambertvillenj.org/sparkle-week>

ZONE ONE, TUESDAY PICK-UP – AUGUST 4: Begins at Church Street and goes south to Route 29, includes Bridge Street, Ferry Street, Swan Street, Mount Hope Street and Canal Street. It also includes Curley Lane, Grants Alley and Washington Street.

ZONE TWO, WEDNESDAY PICK-UP – AUGUST 5: Includes Cottage Hill, Connaught Hill, and Music Mountain.

ZONE THREE, THURSDAY PICK-UP – AUGUST 13: Begins at Church Street, runs north to Delaware Avenue.

ZONE FOUR, FRIDAY PICK-UP – AUGUST 14: Begins the north side of Delaware Avenue, runs north to Cherry Street, and includes Lamberts Hill and Blair Tract.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC CONCERN

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Instructions on how to participate using a phone or the webinar feature of Zoom were read into the record by the Deputy Clerk.

Bart Thurber offered his services regarding the Library. He served as the chair of a Library board of similar size, trained as an architect. Mayor Fahl said she was happy to pass his info onto the board.

Lillie Chen asked the for clarification on the cost of lead remediation at the Library because \$200,000 sounds like a lot. Mayor Fahl commented that this project is from 2018 and she gave an overview of the process followed in 2018. The proposals received for lease remediation were expensive. As a part of the October facilities review, The City Architect did a facilities review and estimated the cost for the repairs.

Lauren Kovacs asked the Governing Body to lean on qualified residents who have expertise in building rehab; prioritize the maintenance of the city buildings for the residents; if the painting is being done to encapsulate, that the more ornate be scrapped to be easier to facilitate; stop signing additional contracts or bonding until new council members are sworn. Lauren commented that existing building maintenance is a priority over planning fees. She asked if the mold in ventilation in the acme was that from water or prior funding? The Business Administrator responded that the mildew was most likely caused by water damaged that was never properly fixed, you can see it in bumps and waives under the floor tiles. Ms. Kovacs asked that the city not explore developing that site. She asked how the CAT members selected? Mayor Fahl responded that over 50 members applied, looked at with several members of council, city planner, Alex, and key stakeholders. They also tried to get a diversity of ages, experience, personal, work they do, professional expertise, interest in various parts of the what the cat would be discussing and working on and then with the chairs for concerns or additions. When we had one drop out, gave my options to the board. Ms. Kovacs asked if consideration was given to those who were in favor of development? Mayor Fahl said it was not discussed but obviously I was aware of some of their stances and tried to have a good mix of people who have been at meetings against, people who are neutral who are supportive and against. Ms. Kovacs asked if the design charette is being scheduled before recommendations? Mayor Fahl responded yes, and the City bonded for us to that community forum.

Judy Detrano asked if the police be doing anything for those not complying with wearing facemasks? Mayor Fahl responded that she reached out to the Attorney General's Office following your email, to see if mask enforcement is ticket able offence and she is waiting to hear back. The City will station a police officer at town path to monitor expanded sidewalk and provide presence.

Matthew Hanson informed the members of the public present that New Hope Celebrates and the City of Lambertville assisted over 150 businesses and gave out 3,000 masks but have another 1,000 to give out. He encouraged people to go to celebrate our

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towns to get them. Councilwoman Urbish and I can connect and get some to the Bridge Street location to help increase those masks going to the public.

Audrey Byrnes asked if the Library received the grant they were applying for and discussed at the Community Development Fair. Can any of our employees do any maintenance repairs on the building, like building a railing. Mayor Fahl responded that there were two rounds of awards and round 2 is June of 2021. Public works does minor repairs and maintenance of the building but structural repairs requiring licensing.

Sue Bell informed the members of the public that Doylestown has closed one side of the sidewalk so they can use it for outside dining. She suggested that Lambertville may want to look at doing that. Mayor Fahl commented that they will bring this up during the weekly call with business.

Elizabeth Battaglia asked how the Community Advisory Team members were selected. Mayor Fahl commented that this was previously asked tonight and she reviewed the application process. Ms. Battaglia commented that the two chairs who are also members of the planning board and she is curious as to why. Mayor Fahl commented that Paul Kuhl, had 20 years of experience on the Planning Board; and has the Historic perspective gained from his years of residency. Sarah Gold also serves on Indivisible. Councilwoman Urbish directed her to the website for the membership and additional information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Councilwoman Urbish. 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

*Attendance at the July 9 session included: 9 panelist, 82 attendees.
Approved at the July 23, 2020 Session.*