



City of Lambertville
REGULARLY SCHEDULED SESSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020, 6:30 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING USING ZOOM
MINUTES

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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Fahl called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and she asked the Deputy Clerk to read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record.

The Deputy 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; the meeting notice was provided to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times, sent to department heads, members of the listserv and was posted on the glass doors of the elevator entrance at City Hall. The meeting agenda was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, on the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org.

This session will be recorded using Zoom. The recording will be posted to the City's website.

The meeting agenda offers the planned action items of the Governing Body to the extent known at the time of publication.

CLOSED SESSION: *A Resolution to go into Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Privileged Issues Related to Contract Negotiations and Personnel Matters, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:4-12(b)(7)*

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Privileged Issues Related to Contract Negotiations and Personnel Matters, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:4-12(b)(7)

Mayor Fahl and City Council convened in closed session at 7:00 p.m. with a motion made by Councilwoman Taylor 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 7:00 p.m. with a motion made by Councilwoman Urbish and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL

The Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Urbish, Mayor Fahl

Absent: Council President Asaro, Councilman Sanders

Also present: William Opel – City Attorney, Cynthia Ege – City Clerk, Kristina Majeski – Deputy Clerk.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Fahl led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked the members of the public to continue to stand for the Moment of Silence in honor of those serving in the United States Arms Forces in Country and Abroad; and for those serving on the front lines of COVID19.

MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to approve the following sets of minutes: October 22, 2020 Open Session Minutes, October 22, 2020 Closed Session Minutes, October 30, 2020 Open Session Minutes, October 30, 2020 Closed Session Minutes, November 2, 2020 Open Session Minutes, November 2, 2020 Closed Session Minutes, November 10, 2020 Open Session Minutes, November 10, 2020 Closed Session Minutes, November 30, 2020 Open Session Minutes and November 30, 2020 Closed Session Minutes.

Councilwoman Taylor made the motion and Councilwoman Urbish seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS LIST

Council President Asaro asked for a motion to approve the Bills List and the Amended Bills List. Councilwoman Taylor made the motion and Councilwoman Urbish seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to adopt the proclamations honoring Mercer County and the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission for their partnerships with the City of Lambertville.

Mayor Fahl wanted to take a moment to thank both Lt. Robert Brown and her wife, Karrie Osmond for the negotiation for obtaining a street sweeper in our time of need.

Councilwoman Urbish commented that this was a great shared service and appreciated it.

MERCER COUNTY

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WHEREAS, the cleaning of City streets is extremely important for beautification and storm water management; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville experienced equipment failure that prevented this much needed service to our residents; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Nazzaro, the Administrator for the County of Mercer worked with Kari Osmond, District Director for the Honorable Bonnie Watson Coleman, U.S. Representative and Lt. Robert Brown of the Lambertville Police Department to acquire a loaner sweeper for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville is very appreciative of the County of Mercer's willingness to assist us in our time of need with the loaning of equipment

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 County of Mercer is hereby acknowledged and thanked for their assistance with the cleaning of our streets in the fall of 2020.

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Councilwoman Urbish made the motion and Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED

DELAWARE RIVER JOINT TOLL BRIDGE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission has been a valued partner of the City of Lambertville for many years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville has relied on the assistance of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission over the years with the hanging of the Snow Flakes, Banners for nonprofits on Bridge Street, and with the hanging of flags; and

WHEREAS, the City was also the recipient of various grants for road improvements that included partial funding of the Bike and Pedestrian Project, the light on Route 165 and Swan Street, Mt. Hope & Ferry Street, George Street, Blair Tract, Quarry Street, Jefferson Street, Klins Court, South Franklin Traffic Calming, Perry Street, Delevan Street and McCready's Alley – just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville is very appreciative of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission's willingness to assist us in our time of need with various projects throughout the year

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 Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission is hereby acknowledged and thanked for their assistance throughout the years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Lambertville is looking forward to continuing our partnership.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City would also like to recognize Aladar Komjathy for his assistance with securing services.

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Councilwoman Taylor made the motion and Councilwoman Urbish seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions listed on the consent agenda \$152-2020, 153-2020, 154-2020, 155-2020, 156-2020, and 158-2020__

NOTE: 157-2020 is on hold to the December 17 session.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 152-2020: *A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Township of West Amwell.*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 152-2020

A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Township of West Amwell.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the Township of West Amwell for the Use of Mowing Equipment and an Operator.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 153-2020: *A Resolution to Suspend the Street Sweeper Beginning December 14, 2020 and Ending March 8, 2021, weather permitting.*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 153-2020

A Resolution to Suspend the Street Sweeper Beginning December 14, 2020 and Ending March 8, 2021, weather permitting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville that the Street Sweeper is hereby suspended from operation beginning Monday, December 14, 2020 and ending March 8, 2021, weather permitting.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 154-2020: A Resolution to Insert a Special Item of Revenue in the 2020 Budget – Police

RESOLUTION –154-2020

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159 P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item if revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item have been made available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the City has received a grant in the amount of **\$440.00; Halloween DUI Patrol Grant**
\$440.00; Thanksgiving Safe Passage Grant

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lambertville hereby requests the Director of Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2020 CY Budget in the amount of **880.00** which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the **Stay Sober Grant**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of **880.00** is hereby appropriated under the caption of:
OPERATIONS “EXCLUDED FROM CAP”
Stay Sober Grant \$880.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval, with a copy of the letter awarding the Grant.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 155-2020: A Resolution to Authorize An Appropriation from the Open Space Fund Related to the Acquisition of Property for Recreation and Conservation Authorized in Ordinance Number 14-2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 155-2020

A Resolution Appropriating \$75,000.00 from the Municipal Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Trust Fund for Use in Connection with the Acquisition of Property for Conservation/Recreation Purposes

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WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville (the "City") has a duly adopted Municipal Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Trust Fund (the "Trust Fund") to be used for the purposes of acquiring, developing and maintaining lands for recreation and conservation purposes and acquiring farmland for farmland preservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2020, the Governing Body adopted Ordinance 14-2020, authorizing the purchase of property located at 260 N. Main Street in the City (the "Property") and execution of any documents in furtherance thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 12-15.7(a)*, the Trust Fund can be utilized for acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to appropriate \$75,000.00 in furtherance of the acquisition of the Property.

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, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein in full.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated \$75,000.00 from the Trust Fund to cover costs associated with the acquisition of the Property.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 156-2020: A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of An Overpayment of Fourth Quarter Taxes to Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service for Block 1005, Lot 33, 213 N. Union Street in An Amount Not to Exceed \$2,038.12.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 156-2020

A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of Fourth Quarter Overpayments to Wells Fargo for Block 1005, Lot 33, \$2,038.12

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service a vender used by financial institutions for the purpose of collecting and making tax payments submitted duplicate payments for fourth quarter property taxes in the City of Lambertville; and

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service is due a refund for Block 1005, Lot 33, in the amount of \$2, 038.12 for an overpayment of fourth quarter taxes.

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 refund to Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service in the amount of \$2,038.12 is hereby authorized.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 157-2020 – *Delayed to 12-17-2020*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 158-2020: *A Salary & Wage Resolution for the Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Frenchtown for Construction Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$82,572.11*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 158-2020

A Salary & Wage Resolution for the Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Frenchtown for Construction Services

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville serves as the lead agency for Construction Services with the Borough of Frenchtown and salary & wage is due to Construction, Electric, Plumbing and Fire Subcode Officials for the work completed in 2020.

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 following Salary and Wage Payments is hereby authorized:

Paid to:

Charles Rogers in the amount of \$2,800.00

Victor Timpanaro in the amount of \$242.00

Due to:

Tim Dieterman, Plumbing Subcode Official \$10,000

Keith Steele, Electric Subcode Official \$10,000

Ken Rogers, Construction Official \$25,000

Ken Rogers, Building Subcode Official \$20,000

Ken Rogers, Fire Subcode Official \$10,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total salary amount for Frenchtown Construction Services will not exceed the \$82,572.11 appropriated in the 2020 budget.

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Councilwoman Taylor made the motion and Councilwoman Urbish seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilwoman Taylor wanted clarification on what RESOLUTION NUMBER 158-2020 was funding, it was for paying employees who worked on it this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fahl read the announcements into the record by title.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING AND MENORAH LIGHTING: Canceled

PARKING NEWS! All metered parking is free on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020 and from December 17th through December 25!

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: The City is in the beginning stages of planning appointments for the 2021 calendar year. If you are currently serving on a board or commission, or if you would like to be considered for an appointment, please submit your letter of interest and resume to the Mayor, Council President and City Clerk using the following email addresses:

- i. mayorfahl@lambertvillenj.org
- ii. Councilpresidentasaro@lambertvillenj.org
- iii. cityclerk@lambertvillenj.org

CONVENIENCE CENTER HOURS: For additional information, please visit the city's website at: <https://lambertvillenj.org/newsfeed-pages/389-the-city-of-lambertville-convenience-center>

- i. Wednesday, December 16, 2020 from 3 to 5 pm
- ii. Saturday, December 5, 2020 from 9 am to 12 noon

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC CONCERN

Mayor Fahl asked for public comments.

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The City Clerk read instructions for how to participate in public comment via zoom.

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.

The Deputy Clerk noted there were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. with a motion made by Councilwoman Urbish and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Majeski

Kristina Majeski, Deputy Clerk

Approved at the February 18, 2021 Voting Session of the Governing Body.