



City of Lambertville
Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting
March 1, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, 25 South Union
Street, Lambertville
AGENDA

Amended 03-01-2022

I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The meeting agenda provides for all action items known at the time of publication and is subject to change.

II. ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Lambert, Councilman Sanders, Councilman Stegman, Council President Taylor, Mayor Nowick

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. RESOLUTIONS

a. RESOLUTION NUMBER 54-2022: *A Resolution Urging the Swift Passage of S-330 which restores Energy Tax Receipts.*

Urging the Swift Passage of S-330 which restores Energy Tax Receipts

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties, and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of dedicated energy tax receipts to the State's General Fund further jeopardizes this critical property tax relief funding in future years; and

WHEREAS, by reducing Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (CMPTRA), which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

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WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Senator Singleton and Senate President Scutari have introduced legislation (S-330) that will restore, over a five-year period, Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the (*insert name of municipality*) in the county of (*insert name of county*) urges the Legislature to swiftly pass this legislation and Governor Murphy sign the legislation prior to passage of the FY2023 State budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to (*insert names of municipality's Assembly representatives and Senator*), Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Governor Murphy, and the League of Municipalities.

b. Cannabis Applications – March 7, 2022 meeting agenda.

Please note: the following applications will be delayed and will be on the special session agenda scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022.

- i. Baked by the River Cannabis Application - delayed
- ii. Union Chill Cannabis Application - delayed
- iii. Jersey Girlz Cannabis Application - delayed

V. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

a. ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-2022: *An Ordinance to Amend the Lambertville City Code, 2014, Chapter II – Administrative Code, Section 2-3.10, i. Addressing Council, 2. Changing the time for remarks and questions from five minutes to three minutes.*

An Ordinance to Amend the Lambertville City Code, 2014, Chapter II – Administrative Code, Section 2-3.10, i. Addressing Council, 2. Changing the time for remarks and questions from five minutes to three minutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the city of Lambertville that Chapter II, Administrative Code, of the Lambertville City Code, 2014, section 2-3.10, letter i., is hereby amended to read:

Except upon consent of the Council, each person addressing the Council pursuant to this section shall be required to limit his remarks to three minutes and shall at no time engage in any personally offensive or abusive remarks. The chair shall call any speaker to order who violates any provision of this rule.

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PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING: March 17, 2022

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Social Media Policy
- b. Public Comment
- c. Rainbow Crosswalk
- d. Greater Lambertville Chamber of Commerce – Shad Festival

Parking Lots and Road Closures:

- a. North Union Street Parking Lot from Friday, April 22, 2022 through Monday, April 25, 2022;
- b. Bank Parking Lot on Saturday, April 23, 2022 beginning at 8 am and ending at 8 pm on Sunday, April 24, 2022;
- c. Suspended parking for the following streets:
 - i. Main Street from York to Ferry Street
 - ii. Bridge Street from Lambert Lane to Main Street
 - iii. Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
 - iv. Lambertville Free Public Library Parking Lot for handicapped parking
- d. Road Closures from 9 AM to 8 PM on April 23, 2022 and again on Sunday, April 24, 2022.
 - i. Union Street from York to Ferry Street
 - ii. Church Street from Union to Main Street
 - iii. Kline’s Court from Bridge to Ferry Street
 - iv. Ferry Street from Kline’s Court to Union Street

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Job Opportunity:
 - i. Parking Enforcement Part-time Position (20 hours each week, \$15 per hour) is open in the police department.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- IX. CLOSED SESSION: Closed Session of the Governing Body of the March 1, 2022 Lambertville City Council Meeting to discuss Issues related to Potential Contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7).

X. ADJOURNMENT