

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

Office of the Municipal Manager

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Township Council

FROM: Richard S. Krawczun, Municipal Manager

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UPCOMING MEETING

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Presentation

Representatives of Good Energy, L.P. the electric and natural gas aggregation consultant to the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System will present an overview of residential electric aggregation. New Jersey state law allows municipalities and counties to aggregate the purchase of electricity on behalf of residential and non-residential users with the goal of providing individual savings per user account.

Awarding and/or Rejecting of Bids

There are three bid awards.

Resolution 8-A authorizes an award of bid to GreenSpace Landscape Contractor, Incorporated of Glenside, Pennsylvania for the providing of supplemental snowplowing services. The hourly rate for each staffed snowplow is \$188 per hour. The contract award is \$17,000. GreenSpace will be called into service once the accumulated snowfall amount reaches six inches or in the event of severe weather that redirects township personnel to other duties.

Resolution 8-B authorizes an award of bid to Brennan Brothers Contracting, L.L.C. of Old Bridge, New Jersey for providing pedestrian trail improvements on the Johnson Trolley Line between Craven Lane and Phillips Avenue. Funding is being provided from a grant in the amount of \$14,100 from the Lawrence Hopewell Trail Corporation.

Resolution 8-C authorizes an award of bid to Central Jersey Waste and Recycling, Incorporated of Ewing Township, New Jersey for the providing of curbside collection of municipal and bulk waste. The contract is for the period of December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2018. In addition, the resolution reserves the right of Lawrence Township to award or reject the specification Option for recycling of organic food waste for a period of sixty-days from the receipt of bids. The purpose for delaying award of the contract to recycle organic food waste is due to the October 31, 2013 notice to

Lawrence Township from the Mercer County Improvement Authority that an amendment to the Mercer County Solid Waste Plan that would allow for the processing of food waste on Lamberton Road. It is recommended that a postponement will allow for additional information on this service to be considered.

Introduction of Ordinances

There are two ordinances for introduction.

Ordinance 9-A grants a renewal of the municipal franchise agreement with Comcast of Lawrence, LLC for the providing of cable services in Lawrence Township.

Ordinance 9-B authorizes an amendment to the Lawrence Township Municipal Land Use Ordinance, which would permit used car sales as a conditional use in the Highway Commercial Zone. Currently used car sales are prohibited unless in conjunction with new automobile sales facilities.

Adoption of Ordinances

There are no ordinances for adoption.

Resolutions

The agenda includes routine administrative authorizations as well as resolutions providing for refunds, bond releases and acceptances.

Resolution 17-E and 17-F authorizes grant agreements between Lawrence Township and New Jersey State Police for Emergency Management Assistance/Emergency Management Performance Grants in the amount of \$5,000 each. The grant proceeds may be utilized for personnel and/or equipment related to emergency management operations. Resolution 17-E is for State Fiscal Year 2012 and 17-F is for State Fiscal Year 2013.

Resolution 17-G authorizes support for No Passing Zones on Route 206. The New Jersey Department of Transportation has conducted an investigation to inventory centerline markings on Route 206. The results of that investigation recommends the entire length of Route 206 in Lawrence Township remain a No Passing Zone. In order to maintain the No Passing Zone status, regulations require a resolution of support from the municipal governing body.

Resolution 17-I recommends the re-naming of Cheverly Road to Fred Vereen Jr. Road.

Resolutions 17-K is a "Chapter 159" resolution that authorizes the amending of the 2013 adopted budget by anticipating revenue and appropriating the same as required by the funding sources. The purpose of the grant is for improvements to the Johnson Trolley Line pedestrian trail from Craven Lane to Phillips Avenue. The amount of the grant is \$14,100.50 and is from the Lawrence Hopewell Trail Corporation.

Resolution 17-R authorizes extending the Municipal Alliance grant until June 30, 2014.

Resolution 17-T authorizes an amendment to the professional services contract of David

Roskos, Esquire of Eckert Seamans for services as Township Attorney. The amendment will authorize an increase to the contract in the amount of \$100,000 with a new contract maximum of \$238,000. Funding is available from the operating budget, trust funds and self-insurance fund.

Resolution 17-U authorizes an amendment to the professional services contract of James Kochenour of Arora and Associates, P.C. for the providing of traffic consultant services to the Lawrence Township Planning Board. The amendment will authorize an increase of \$15,000 with a new contact maximum of \$42,500. Funding is available from site plan/subdivision review fees paid by applicants before the board.

Resolution 17- V authorizes an amendment to the professional services contract of Brian Slaugh, PP, AICP of Clarke Caton Hintz for services as planning consultant to the Lawrence Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The amendment will authorize an increase of \$9,000 with a new contract maximum of \$41,500. Funding is available from site plan/subdivision review fees paid by applicants before the board.

Resolution 17-W authorizes an amendment to the professional services contract of James Kochenour of Arora and Associates, P.C. for the providing of traffic consultant services to the Lawrence Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The amendment will authorize an increase of \$5,000 with a new contact maximum of \$27,000. Funding is available from site plan/subdivision review fees paid by applicants before the board.

Resolution 17-X authorizes participation in a multi-funding agreement for the purchase of open space. Participating are Hopewell Township, Hopewell Borough, Pennington Borough, Princeton, Mercer County, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space, D&R Greenway Land Trust and Friends of Princeton Open Space. Hopewell Township has entered into an agreement to purchase a property owned by the Berwind Property Group on Carter Road. The parcel is approximately 240 acres and has approvals for 800,000 s/f of research/office space. Using the value of the property as a match Mercer County has agreed to provide each participating municipality with an open space purchase assistance grant in the amount of \$212,500. Pledging this funding does not negate the ability of Lawrence Township from seeking financial support from Mercer County if another open space acquisition was pursued. In addition, Hopewell Township will be responsible for bonding and/or raising private contributions for the balance of the purchase not covered by the multi-funding agreement proceeds. The total purchase price is \$7,500,000. Lawrence Township will be indemnified for liability and maintenance.

Resolution 17-Y authorizes the establishment of municipal charges against various properties that remain unpaid to Lawrence Township for its' contracting of service vendors for the purpose of abating violations at the locations.

Resolution 17-AA authorizes the transfer of funds between 2013 appropriations.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about the agenda or any other matter.