

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MEMORANDUM

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UPCOMING MEETING

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Introduction of Ordinances

There are two ordinances for introduction and two ordinances pending action prior to introduction.

Ordinance 9-A approves various capital improvement authorizations. The ordinance will authorize \$1,610,000 in expenditures and further authorize \$1,529,500 in bonds or notes to fund the approved purposes. The purposes include; purchase of public works equipment, repairs to municipally owned buildings and property, acquisition of fire/rescue equipment, the third appropriation towards the replacement of a fire apparatus, acquisition of computer equipment, park and recreational facility improvements and acquisition of public safety equipment.

Ordinance 9-B approves various capital road improvements. The ordinance will authorize \$810,000 in expenditures and further authorize \$560,500 in bonds or notes to fund the approved purposes. In addition, an amount of \$220,000 for the funding of the road improvements will be received from a New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Grant. The road improvements include; Province Line Road (Route 206 to Princeton Pike), Federal City Road (Route 295 to culvert), overlay improvements to Harding, Joffre Avenue, Lawn Park Avenue, Pretty Brook Road and Princeton Pike (Fairfield to Harney's Corner), road striping and incidental concrete improvements. Please note that the combined total of authorized bonds and notes for the two capital ordinances is less than the amount of principal pay down in 2013. The amount of new debt authorized is \$2,089,000. The 2013 principal reduction is \$3,193,234.

Ordinances 9-C & D are pending consideration of a re-examination of the Lawrence Township Master Plan that is an agenda item of the Planning Board for Monday, May 6.

Adoption of Ordinances

There are two ordinances for adoption.

Ordinance 10-A amends a previously adopted fee ordinance for the purpose of adding document reproduction charges. The change is primarily applicable to documents made available by the Police Department. The fees are consistent with the requirements of the Open Public Records Act.

Ordinance 10-B repeals and replaces the current ordinance that regulates the licensing of massage therapists and massage establishments. State law now supersedes local ordinances for the licensing of massage therapists. Local ordinances can be established for the licensing of massage establishments. The new ordinance will provide the authority of either the Police or Health Department to conduct inspections. The establishment licensing fee will be amended from the current rate of \$250 annually to \$400 for a three year period.

Resolutions

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

Resolution 17-A consents to the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority (ELSA) to issue debt through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust in an amount not to exceed \$27,000,000 for the purpose of plant upgrades and improvements. The requirement to seek authority from both Ewing and Lawrence Townships is contained in a previously adopted 1961 resolution. The improvements had been presented previously at a public meeting of the Township Council by Mr. Robert Filler, Executive Director of ELSA.

Resolution 17-B authorizes an amendment to the 2012 professional services contract of Genova, Burns & Giantomasi for the providing of legal representation on labor matters. The increase is \$16,000 and the new contract maximum for 2012 is \$101,000. Funding is available from the 2012 appropriation for Legal Services Other Expenses.

Resolution 17-C authorizes the sale of Township owned property on Meriline Avenue to Pedro Gonzales. The parcel was put out to public bid on three occasions. On two occasions no bids were received. The last public bid was conducted on April 4, 2013. Mr. Gonzales submitted a high bid of \$4,025.

Resolution 17-K authorizes a professional services contract with David Roskos, Esquire of the firm Eckert Seamans for the providing of legal representation in the matter of Simone Investment Group, LLC vs. Township of Lawrence & Lawrence Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The amount of the contract is \$12,000. Funding is available from the Lawrence Township self-insurance trust fund.

Resolution 17-L authorizes an amendment to the professional services contract of George Dougherty for legal representation in the matter of Simone Investment Group, LLC vs. Township of Lawrence & Lawrence Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Dougherty represents the Lawrence Township Zoning Board of Adjustment in this matter. The amount of the increase is \$7,000 and the new contract maximum is \$12,000. Funding is available from the appropriation for Zoning Board Other Expenses.

Resolution 17-M authorizes a sub-grant to HomeFront and the Lawrence Community Center in the amount of \$4,000 for the providing of services that support drug and alcohol education and prevention. Funding is available from the Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse grant program.

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