

# TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

## Office of the Municipal Manager

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## **MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Township Council

FROM: Richard S. Krawczun, Municipal Manager

DATE: May 2, 2014

### **UPCOMING MEETING**

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#### Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2014 Municipal Budget

#### Awarding and/or Rejecting of Bids

There are no rejections or awarding of bids.

#### Introduction of Ordinances

There are four ordinances for introduction.

Ordinance 9-A authorizes the sale of Block 2319, Lot 42 to contiguous property owners through a process of a public bid. The parcel had been previously offered for sale and no bids were received. A contiguous owner has again requested the property be offered through public bid and it is recommended that the sale be scheduled once again. The parcel, if purchased by a contiguous property owner, is prohibited from being built upon and/or subdivided. The property will be offered for sale at a starting bid price of \$1,500.

Ordinance 9-B repeals prior ordinances regulating hours of operation for township businesses and replaces the regulations with new language. Businesses and commercial establishments in the neighborhood business, limited business, general commercial and highway development zones would be prohibited from operating before 5 A.M and after midnight Mondays through Thursdays, or after 1 A.M. Fridays through Sundays and legal holidays.

There are exceptions to businesses subject to these restrictions, such as; bars, barber shops, gas stations excluding vehicle repairs and body work, hotels/motels and businesses that have been operating during the prohibited hours if done so continuously and legally since April 8, 1992. The exclusions do not apply to new establishments within five hundred (500) feet of a residential zone or residential property.

Ordinance 9-C is a capital ordinance authorizing various capital improvements with an aggregate cost of \$1,423,850 and permits the issuance of \$1,144,550 of bonds or notes. The ordinance includes \$279,300 in funds that provide for a cash payment toward the authorized improvements, this is in excess of the statutory requirement of a minimum down payment of five-percent (5%) of the amount of bonds or notes authorized. Providing a funded amount toward the improvements in excess of the minimum required reduces the amount of debt to be issued and hedges against potential future interest rate increases.

Ordinance 9-D provides authorization for various road improvements with an aggregate cost of \$946,150 including the amount of \$220,000 from a New Jersey Transportation grant and the issuance of \$689,842 of bonds or notes.

### Adoption of Ordinances

There is one ordinance for adoption.

Ordinance 10-A authorizes a capital expenditure for the purchase of police vehicle in-car video systems. The ordinance establishes \$126,000 for the purchase and authorizes the issuance of debt in the amount of \$119,700.

### Resolutions

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

Resolution 17- H authorizes changing the due date for first-half 2014 sewer bills from April 15 to June 1, 2014. The reason for the delay is the conversion to a new sewer billing system.

Resolution 17-J authorizes the purchase of new police handguns through use of a state contract vendor, Lawmen Supply Company of Pennsauken, New Jersey. In addition, the resolution authorizes the trade-in of obsolete firearms. The net amount of the purchase is \$13,826.18. Funding is available from the Disposition of Forfeited Property account.

Resolution 17-K authorizes a professional services contract to Bruce A. Eisenstein, PhD., P.E. for the providing of telecommunications consulting to the Lawrence Township Planning Board. The contract maximum is \$5,000. Funding is available from applicant escrow fees.

Resolution 17-L authorizes a contract with Remington Vernick and Arango Engineers for the providing of engineering inspection services. The amount of the contract is \$31,641.25. Funding is available from applicant escrow fees and/or capital improvement ordinances that permit costs for this type of service.

Resolution 17-M authorizes contracting with McGraw Communications, Incorporated of New York, New York for the providing of telecommunication services. McGraw Communications' tariffs are approved and regulated by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

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