

REGULAR MEETING  
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
COUNCIL MEETING ROOM – UPPER LEVEL

April 5, 2011

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance, led by the Municipal Clerk.

At the commencement of the meeting Mayor Puliti read the following statement of proper notice:

STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE: “Adequate notice of this meeting of the Lawrence Township Council being held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, has been provided through the posting of the annual meeting schedule of said Council in accordance with Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act”.

The roll was then called as follows:

Present: Councilmembers Kownacki, Powers, Mount and Mayor Puliti.  
Absent: Councilman Bostock. (The Municipal Clerk advised that Mr. Bostock is out of town on business.)

Also, in attendance were Richard S. Krawczun, Municipal Manager, and Kevin Nerwinski, Esq., Municipal Attorney.

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Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Clerk advised that the Agenda needs to be amended to include Ordinance 7-B, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2075-11 Providing for Certain Job Classifications and Providing Compensation for the Municipal Employees of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Mount, the Agenda was amended to include the above revision.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Kownacki, Mount, Powers and Mayor Puliti.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilman Bostock.

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## Proclamations and Honors

### **Proclamation Declaring the Month of April as Autism Awareness Month**

Prior to presenting the proclamation Mayor Puliti made a few remarks relative to autism and the profound impact that the developmental disorder has on adolescents and adults, particularly, in New Jersey, and April being designated as "Autism Awareness Month" to try and bring awareness to parents and the general public on autism and its affects. He then turned the floor over to Mr. Tim Hitzel who briefly discussed his son, David, who was diagnosed with autism at 20-months and his involvement with Autism New Jersey, and the Annual Drive for Autism that he has sponsoring in June. Thereafter, he introduced the organizations Director of Development who thanked the Council and extended his and the organizations appreciation for their support in helping to bring awareness to autism.

Mayor Puliti read the following Proclamation for the record declaring the month of April as "Autism Awareness Month":

#### *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, learning and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and,

**WHEREAS**, autism was once thought to be a relatively rare disorder, affecting only one in 10,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, as more and more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as one in 150 children (one in 90 in the State of New Jersey); and

**WHEREAS**, while there is no cure for autism, it is well documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism New Jersey (formerly COSAC) is spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects,

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that I, Gregory J. Puliti, on behalf of the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

***AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH***

in the Township of Lawrence and urge all employees and residents to participate in our municipality's Autism Awareness Month activities in order to become better educated on the subject of autism spectrum disorders.

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**Proclamation Declaring the Month of April as Big Brothers and Big Sisters Month**

Mayor Puliti advised that the month of April is also designated as "Big Brother Big Sister Month", after which he turned the floor over to the Representative of the organization who spoke about their mission of soliciting volunteers to help mentor and serve the children of Mercer County, and the organizations programs designed to cultivate relationships that provide children with every day skills through friendship with caring adults. In closing, she briefly discussed their annual fundraising event scheduled for Saturday and advised that additional information regarding the event is displayed on their website and invited all to attend.

Mayor Puliti read the following Proclamation for the record declaring the month of April as "Big Brothers and Big Sisters Month":

***Proclamation***

***WHEREAS***, Big Brothers Big Sisters Mercer has served the children of Mercer County for 34 years; and

***WHEREAS***, Big Brothers Big Sisters provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring professionally-supported one on one relationships that forever change their lives for the better; and

***WHEREAS***, Big Brothers Big Sisters' volunteers cultivate relationships that provide children with skills to manage everyday challenges through simple friendship with a caring adult; and

***WHEREAS***, Big Brothers Big Sisters needs more volunteers to carry out its mission; and

***WHEREAS***, Big Brothers Big Sisters accepts all applications from parents and guardians who request mentors for their children;

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Gregory J. Puliti, Mayor, on behalf of the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

***Big Brothers Big Sisters Month***

and urge all residents to participate in this very worthwhile mission for the benefit of the children throughout Mercer County.

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### Public Participation

*Mr. Joseph Martino, Lawrence VFW Post #3022*, introduced Auxiliary President, Tom Kelly and advised that he is the new Commander of the VFW Post #3022, and they are both present to thank the Council for the honorary street sign that was installed in honor of their Post that has been in for existence over 74 years. He further advised that the organization still has a lot of WWII Veterans and he is a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, and as the new Commander he is trying to keep the organization going, as well as, continue to do the good things that have been done in the past for the community, charitable organizations and veterans and their families. In closing, Mr. Martino thanked the Council again for the great honor.

Mayor Puliti extended a sincere thank you on behalf of Council and stated that the installation of the sign is just a simple token to honor the men and women who serve and protect the country, after which Councilman Powers thanked Mayor Puliti for spearheading the initiative to make sure all the men and women who served in the armed forces are recognized.

*Mr. Joseph Mislán, 4 Sunset Road*, stated that he has been a resident of Lawrence for 45-years and he present to discuss an article that was in the Lawrence Gazette written by Laura Waters about the upcoming School Board Election on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and indicated a few years back he thought that he might be able to get some specifics about where to save money in the school budget. So, he followed up on the plan by requesting a copy of the budget report from the Board of Education which they were very nice about preparing; but indicated the Report consisted of about 600-pages of line items that was impossible to go through to find savings, and he does not know if it was deliberate; but, he does know that the report could have been better.

Mr. Mislán further discussed the challenges he faced using the chain of command to try and discuss the law of keeping records and the preparation of the budget so that it is more comprehensible for the public, and the Board of Education response of doing everything possible to be transparent about expenditures in the budget, which he feels is not the case at all based on the documents they presented to him.

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### **A. Presentation of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail**

Prior to the discussion, Councilwoman Mount and Mr. Krawczun advised that they both sit on the Board of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail and they would be

recusing themselves from any discussions or voting that might take place regarding the matter.

*Ms. Eleanor Horne, 35 Dix Lane*, greeted the Council and advised that she is Co-President of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail Corporation and she is present this evening as a representative of the LHT and to ask for the Council's support to move forward on a key piece of the project that has been under consideration and negotiation for at least eight years and indicated the first part of her report includes the LHT's recommendation to the Town Council for completing the Trail segments in Carson Road Woods, a public park, and the Mya Drive area along public streets. And, the second part of her report is on the benefits of the Trail to the community and the LHT progress to date.

Ms. Horne proceeded to discuss the LHT Corporation goals with respect to completing the unique project by 2012 so that residents of Lawrence Township, Hopewell Township and all of Mercer County can enjoy and benefit from a community amenity that is the result of a unique and successful community partnership that has Lawrence Township as its core. She further discussed the mission of the LHT which is to enhance Lawrence Township and Hopewell Township communities by planning, designing, implementing and maintaining a safe public system of biking and pedestrian trails with Bristol-Myers Squibb and Educational Testing Service serving as anchors for the Trail to which other paths and projects might connect.

Ms. Horne stated from the beginning the LHT was envisioned to be a multipurpose trail that could grow to become a significant community asset as it offers area residents year-round recreational opportunities and a healthy alternative to vehicular transportation. And, indicated around the world, trails such as this have demonstrated the ability to improve the quality of life for all who live and work in the region, after which she discussed at length the two trail segments they are seeking approval to complete (Carson Road Woods and Mya Drive), the Trail demand and use analysis, value of the Trail to the community, current status of the Trail, funding for the Trail, recent dialogue that has been exchange with the Rosedale Acres Homeowners Association and the conclusion of the LHT project.

In closing, Ms. Horne thanked the Council for their attention to an important community matter and urged them to give the LHT their support that would allow them to move forward and complete the majority of the Trail by 2012, and advised that she is ready now or at anytime to answer questions anyone might have regarding the presentation of the project.

Prior to opening the floor for discussions, Mayor Puliti thanked Ms. Horne for the presentation and the LHT Board, landowners who gave acreage, all the volunteers and anybody who contributed or had anything to do with bringing the Trail, a jewel, to Lawrence Township that people can enjoy for generations to

come and proceeded to discuss the Council's appreciation for what the LHT will do for the children, adults, and seniors of the community, after which Councilman Powers thanked the LHT Board and everyone involved with the project and echoed Mayor Puliti's remarks with respect the Trail being a benefit to the community.

*Mr. Bob Hunsicker, 84 Carson Road,* advised that he is present to discuss the original Agreement between the LHT Corporation and Carson Road Woods and proceeded to discuss at length some major shifts in the plans since the original agreement, with regards to the width of the Trail, stone dust vs. pavement of the Trail and environmentally sensitive concerns. In addition, he advised that the residents of Carson Road are not in favor of drop-off areas, additional parking, crosswalks or LED lighting being placed in any part of the woods and requested that the Council amend the Resolution that is scheduled for adoption tonight or postpone it until those items can be further addressed, as they are totally out of keeping with the character of the property and not part of any agreement they have with the LHT.

Mr. Hunsicker proceeded to discuss Friends of Carson Road Woods having no objection to the Trail with the exception of the items he addressed, the numerous conversations and emails that have taken place between him and the Administration regarding the Trail and the response he received back at 4:00 p.m. today stating that there would be no changes made to the proposed resolution, which he thinks is unacceptable to the Friends of Carson Road Wood and the neighborhood and community at large up there and indicated that is their stand and position regarding the matter. He then thanked the Council for their time and consideration.

In response to Mr. Hunsicker's comments, Mayor Puliti stated if he is not making a mistake all of the things he mentioned applies to public safety and because Carson Road Woods is a public park that the Township is responsible for and they are putting in a simple bike trail, although he cannot speak for the other members of Council, he has no idea of changing the items that were put in place for the purpose of pedestrian safety in the trail. He then proceeded to discuss the longstanding matter that will be coming to a close tonight and extend his appreciation to LHT for the work they did with Carson Road Woods. A brief discussion took place relative to the Mayor's comments.

*Mr. Henry Clancy, 48 Carson Road,* thanked Ms. Horne for the wonderful presentation and indicated he has not heard a lot of kudos go out to the people involved with the entire project, and he hopes he does not offend Mrs. Mount who chose to excuse herself from tonight's conversations, but was sort of a guiding light at he beginning of the process of the Trail, which he was not always in favor of, but came to realize that the project is probably a "gem" to the Township, after which he thanked everyone involved on the tremendous job they did on the LHT and proceeded to elaborate on the longstanding issue.

There being no one else who wished to address Council, Mayor Puliti closed Public Participation.

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#### Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 1, 2011 and January 4, 2011 were approved without corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Kownacki, Mount, Powers and Mayor Puliti.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilman Bostock.

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On a motion by Mrs. Mount, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2011 were approved without corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Kownacki, Mount, and Mayor Puliti.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilman Bostock.  
Abstain: Councilman Powers.

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#### Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES."

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance amends the Lawrence Administrative Code regarding underage drinking, to add what is known as a "Lifeline Exemption", where if a person consumes alcohol and is underage and someone calls either 9-1-1 or a School Public Safety Agency and reports that the underage person is in distress due to consumption of alcohol then the person making the call under certain conditions, and the additional person who provides

assistance along with the person in need of medical assistance will be immune from prosecution under the proposed ordinance.

The Ordinance was introduced and approved on the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVED	SECOND
Mr. Bostock				X			
Mr. Kownacki	X						X
Mrs. Mount	X						
Mr. Powers	X					X	
Mayor Puliti	X						

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Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2075-11 PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY."

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance will simply waive the fee for marriage ceremonies performed by the Mayor in its entirety for members of the United States Armed Forces.

The Ordinance was introduced and approved on the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVED	SECOND
Mr. Bostock				X			
Mr. Kownacki	X						
Mrs. Mount	X						X
Mr. Powers	X					X	
Mayor Puliti	X						

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### Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 113-11 (8A) thru 123-11 (8L)) were approved by the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVED	SECOND
Mr. Bostock				X			
Mr. Kownacki	X						X
Mrs. Mount	X						
Mr. Powers	X					X	
Mayor Puliti	X						

Cited Resolutions are spread in their entirety in Resolution Book Volume No. 2 of the Township of Lawrence.



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Resolution No. 124-11 (8M) was approved by the following roll call vote:

| COUNCIL      | AYE | NAY | PRESENT | ABSENT | ABSTAIN | MOVED | SECOND |
|--------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| Mr. Bostock  |     |     |         | X      |         |       |        |
| Mr. Kownacki | X   |     |         |        |         |       | X      |
| Mrs. Mount   |     |     |         |        | X       |       |        |
| Mr. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         | X     |        |
| Mayor Puliti | X   |     |         |        |         |       |        |

Cited Resolution is spread in its entirety in Resolution Book Volume No. 2 of the Township of Lawrence.

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Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

Mayor Puliti asked for comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Puliti asked for comments from Council. There being none, public participation was closed. On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Mount the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 125-11

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 3, 2011 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Drexel Woods Trail Improvements – Wooden Walkway**; and

WHEREAS, seven (7) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Viviano Construction, LLC who submitted a bid in the amount of 751 linear feet, and

WHEREAS, this project is being funded by 2010 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:50-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is G-02-40-954-299; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendations of the Municipal Engineer, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Viviano Construction, LLC, 46 Ridgeview Way, Allentown NJ 08501 in the amount of 25,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Manager is hereby authorized to draft the necessary agreement, subject to the approval of the Municipal Attorney as to form and content thereof.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers, Kownacki, Mount, Powers and Mayor Puliti.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilman Bostock.

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### Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2002-09 ESTABLISHING RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE"

Mayor Puliti asked for comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Puliti asked for comments from Council. There being none, public participation was closed.

### Ordinance No. 2088-11

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 2002-09, 1876-06 AND 1976-08 ESTABLISHING RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that Section 20-1A of the Lawrence Township Administrative Code entitled 'Sewers and Sewage Disposal' is hereby amended as follows:

#### Section 20-1A Sewer Connection – Schedule of Rates for Sewer Services

##### B. Fees Attributable to Operation and Maintenance Charges

1. All users shall be subject to an additional fee attributable to Operation and Maintenance charges of [\$3.85] \$3.94 per cubic feet of water...

##### D. Rate Charges for Unmetered Premises

1. Charges for residential sewer service for premises without metered sewer or water connections shall be based on an estimated annual water consumption of fourteen thousand two hundred (14,200) cubic feet. Applying the Operation and Maintenance charges of [\$3.85] \$3.94...

- a. Each unmetered residential use [~~552.34~~] \$559.48
- 2. Charges for sewer service for hotels and motels without metered sewer or water connections shall be based on an estimated annual water consumption of six thousand four hundred and fifty (6,450) cubic feet. Applying the Operation and Maintenance charges of [~~\$3.85~~] \$3.94 per hundred...
  - a. Each unmetered room [~~\$248.92~~] \$254.13
- 3. Charges for sewer service for all other uses without metered sewer or water connections shall be based on an estimated annual water consumption of fourteen thousand two hundred (14,200) cubic feet for up to ten fixtures. Each additional fixture shall be estimated at one thousand four hundred and twenty (1,420) cubic feet. Applying the Operation and Maintenance charges of [~~\$3.85~~] \$3.94 per hundred...
  - a. Each use up to ten fixtures [~~\$552.34~~] \$559.98
  - b. Each additional fixture [~~\$55.20~~] \$55.95

Deletions are in brackets [ ]  
 Additions are underlined \_\_\_\_\_

The Ordinance 2088-11 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

| COUNCIL      | AYE | NAY | PRESENT | ABSENT | ABSTAIN | MOVED | SECOND |
|--------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| Mr. Bostock  |     |     |         | X      |         |       |        |
| Mr. Kownacki |     |     |         |        | RECUSED |       |        |
| Mrs. Mount   | X   |     |         |        |         |       | X      |
| Mr. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         | X     |        |
| Mayor Puliti | X   |     |         |        |         |       |        |

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**Budget Presentations –**

**Paul Catanese, Municipal Court Judge, Budget Presentation:**

Judge Catanese stated what a pleasure it is for him to appear before Council and discuss the municipal budget, and he would like to publicly thank the Council and the Municipal Manager for supporting the Court’s operation over the years, and for providing them with the necessary resources to provide quality service to all who interacts with the Municipal Court and indicated just this past year approximately 11,600 cases were filed with the Court, which included drunk

driving cases, motor vehicle moving violations, criminal charges that were either indictable, first offense or ordinance type violations.

Judge Catanese then proceeded with an in-depth review of his 2011 Budget Report for Council's review and consideration relative to his staff shortage and his request to re-establish the part-time position, his highly qualified staff to include the prosecutors and public defenders and their weekly court sessions and auxiliary duties associated with criminal, domestic and motor vehicle violations, elimination of special court sessions due to budgetary cuts, the decrease in court revenues and the collection rates due to economy and people being unemployed, community service in lieu of fines and the elimination/transfer of the substance abuse program that was formerly offered by the Court.

A short question and answer session took place relative to Judge Catanese's presentation, after which Mayor Puliti and the Council all thanked and gave closing remarks to Judge Catanese for the wonderful job he and his staff do for Lawrence Township.

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**Gregory Whitehead, Director of Public Works, Budget Presentation:**

Mr. Whitehead greeted the Council and advised that he would briefly go through each of the Divisions 2011 budget requests and the types of services they provide to the community and proceeded with an in-depth report of his staff, training mandates, departmental duties and initiatives, brush collection and operational cost associated with the compost facility, outsourcing and privatization of services, expenditures, grants, equipment usages and shared services for each of the Divisions, as well as, some of the services and projects that were accomplished in 2010 and future cost-saving projects for 2012. A lengthy question and answer session took place relative to Mr. Whitehead's presentation.

Mayor Puliti advised Mr. Whitehead of all the wonderful compliments the Council received with regards to the job he and his staff did during the snow storms and extended a special thank you on behalf of Council to Mr. Whitehead and his staff for the outstanding service the Public Works Department provides to the community.

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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Krawczun stated when he submitted the 2011 Recommended Municipal Budget one of the things they discussed was scheduling and advised that tonight concludes the public presentations by Department Directors and at the next meeting the Governing Body will deliberate and hopefully come to a final consensus, after which a formal introduction of the budget will be presented at the first meeting in May.

Mayor Puliti asked Mr. Krawczun to go back and see what it would take to reduce the budget by one penny so that the Council will have some idea of how far they can go in terms of cutbacks and how they would like to proceed with the budget. Afterwards, an at length discussion took place relative to tax appeals/contributions as it relates to commercial businesses, residential tax appeals and the upcoming revaluation that would help stabilize taxes.

Mr. Krawczun stated he would like to draw the Council's attention to a couple of items which they have seen under the Capital Budget Plan in previous years and they have also heard during Mr. Whitehead's budget presentation under the Streets/Roads segment, after which he discussed the Administration's plan to appropriate the cost through the Capital Program for the storage facility (\$210,000), 20-ton dump (\$175,000), replacement of fire apparatus (\$500,000), Twin Pines parking lot excavation and the Change Orders associated with the project (\$150,000) and appropriations for the Street Program for 2012.

Mr. Krawczun advised that the total amount of new debt would be \$2,171,000 and the return of debt principle is \$3,171,000 which is \$1,000,000 less than the recommended capital budget and what the Township is currently paying, which will create savings through the debt service payments.

Mr. Krawczun reported that the Central Jersey Transportation Forum adopted a draft set of Bylaws which he distributed to Council for review and advised that the forum basic mission was to try and create an original voice to define the Route 1 Corridor in Central Jersey and there have been discussions on how to strengthen the Forum by creating members who have the authority and ability to vote, and those voting members will then be able to adopt policy and recommend policy and procedures to the Forum, to be reviewed with other members. In addition, they will be able to forward that information to State, Legislative and other offices in order to promote policies that may be beneficial.

Mr. Krawczun advised that the eligible voting members will be the counties and municipalities and there are five additional municipalities who are not considered part of the Route 1 Corridor, but they are still part of the Forum. He indicated they are known as the Route 1 Growth Strategy Committee and is comprised of Trenton, New Brunswick, Ewing, Hamilton and North Brunswick Townships and proceeded to review some of the voting procedures listed on the

bylaws. A brief discussion followed relative the reason surrounding the implementation of the bylaws.

Mr. Krawczun stated at the last meeting he advised the Council about the first Pre-con Meeting they had regarding the construction of the fields at the Twin Pines Airport and a Change Order that requires the authorization of the Governing Body and could possibly produce savings. He advised that it would change the stone drainage layers under the athletic field being utilized by Lawrence Township natural grass surfaces and proceeded to discuss the additional cost of \$68,000 if they were to deduct the stone drainage layers and add geocomposite, get rid of seeding and install sodding and do the parking lot excavation; but advised if they stay with seeding the field there would be no additional cost and they would actually have a net savings.

Mr. Krawczun stated earlier in his report he discussed the Twin Pines Project as it relates to the recommended Capital Budget Plan and the second phase of the plan where they could authorize additional funds in the capital budget to cover the cost of the parking lot and once it is excavated they can expand that definition to include any type of work that might come at the Twin Pines Airport which would probably be well over \$100,000 by the time the project is completed, after which he asked the consensus of the Council as to how to proceed with respect to changing the stone drainage and adding the geocomposite and changing from seeding to the sodding. After a short discussion relative to the disadvantages of seeding, it was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the construction as presented, after which they can apply to the Open Space Fund and reimburse the fund once the Ordinance is adopted.

Mr. Krawczun stated in 2006 there was a resolution appointing Student Advisory Liaisons to the Affordable Housing, Human Relation, Open Space and Recreation Advisory, and Andy Link, who serves as the Staff Liaison to the Growth & Redevelopment Committee has brought forward a request from the committee asking for student liaison for their committee and indicated after reviewing the Resolution they would need to amend it to include the Growth and Redevelopment Committee on the list and asked the wishes of the Council as to how they would like to proceed. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to grant the request.

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**Attorney's Report –**

There was no Attorney's Report.

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**Clerk's Report –**

The Municipal Clerk advised that the Easter Egg Hunt is taking place at Central Park on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

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**Written Communications –**

Memorandum from Cable Telecommunications Advisory Committee Regarding A-3766 and S-2664 "Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act"

Mr. Paul Alfieri, CTAC Board member, stated that the intent of the Bill is to deregulate and simplify the bureaucracy over CATV providers operation, but there are a number of provisions included in the Bill that he thinks are debatable and needs further consideration. He advised that the Bill was scheduled to be voted upon on March 21, 2011 but the vote was postponed because of the number of issues raised among the public and legislators.

Mr. Alfieri further advised that a memorandum was sent to members of Council by the Cable Telecommunications Advisory Committee (CTAC) articulating some of their concerns and how they might affect the Township specifically. In addition, the Committee understands that the Council per say cannot act on the matter but can only express their opinion regarding the matter to the duly elected members of the Legislature. So, in order to raise awareness with the Council as to their existence the CTAC has documented the specific issues of concern and made certain recommendations regarding those issues.

Mayor Puliti thanked Mr. Alfieri for the update and requested that the Committee send the Memorandum to the Senator, Assembly and the Majority/Minority offices on behalf of Lawrence Township Council so that they can be aware of the Township's concerns.

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**Old Business –**

There was no old business.

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**New Business –**

There was no new business.

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There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned.

9:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Gregory J. Puliti, Mayor