

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

December 22, 2011

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance, led by Abigail Crutchley.

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 Thursday, December 22, 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 Bostock, Kownacki, Mount, Powers and Mayor Puliti.
Absent: None.

Also, in attendance were Richard S. Krawczun, Municipal Manager, and Michael W. Herbert, Esq., Municipal Attorney.

Proclamations and Honors

Proclamation Presented to Abigail Crutchley for “What Math Means to Me” Award

Mayor Puliti welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year and advised that the Township Council would be honoring Abigail Crutchley, a student at Slackwood Elementary School, with a Proclamation for her participation in "This is My Math" Student Art Contest. Thereafter, he turned the floor over to Ms. Crutchley, who briefly spoke about the artwork and the written essay she submitted that earned her approximately \$15,000 in prizes and special recognition as one of the top 12 winners.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, recognizes outstanding residents for their endeavors and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, occasionally one of these residents so exceeds the recognized standards of performance that special recognition is warranted; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Crutchley is one such individual, who as a student at Slackwood Elementary School, participated in a McGraw-Hill sponsored program "This is My Math" Student Art Contest; and

WHEREAS, Abby, a third grade student, decided to enter this contest and with the assistance of Slackwood Elementary School teachers George Regan and Jill Lee-You submitted an original piece of artwork and a written essay on "What Math Means to Me"; and

WHEREAS, in November Abby was notified that she was one of 72 finalists out of more than 2400 students who had submitted entries; and

WHEREAS, votes could be cast by the general public through the contest website from November 15th thru November 17th, after which Abby was notified that she was one of 12 winners; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Abby's winning entry, Slackwood Elementary School was awarded approximately \$15,000 in fun and functional classroom prizes including a Smartboard and a computer; and

WHEREAS, Abby's artwork will be displayed at a new Museum of Mathematics when it opens next year in New York City; and

WHEREAS, as an additional honor Abby's artwork will be used as a cover for a third grade math text book;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Abigail Crutchley on this momentous occasion and wishes her much success in all her future endeavors.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Manager advised that the Agenda needs to be revised to include Resolution (8-N) - Authorizing Amending Contract with Small Animal Veterinary Endowment (SAVE) for Animal Shelter Services.

On a motion by Mr. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Agenda was amended to include the above revisions.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 2, 2011 were approved without corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Mr. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of the Closed Session of September 20, 2011 were approved with corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Mr. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of the Closed Session of **October 18, 2011** were approved without corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

On a motion by Mr. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of **October 4, 2011**, **November 1, 2011** and **December 6, 2011** were approved without corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Introduction of Ordinances

There was no introduction of ordinances.

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 371-11 (7-A) thru 383-11 (8-M) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Kownacki the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 384-11

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2011, bids were received for Bid No. 11-25, Interior Painting; and

WHEREAS, six bids were received and reviewed by the Municipal Manager and Director of Public Works and the lowest responsible bidder is TM Painting and Construction, 19 Worth Road, Neptune, New Jersey with a bid of \$13,800.00 and alternate #1 pricing of \$3,800.00; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJAC 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the accounts to be charged are \$13,800.00 to 1-22-56-859-299 (Insurance) and \$3,800.00 to 1-01-26-315-255 (Vehicle Maintenance); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BT IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to award Bid No. 11-25, Interior Painting, to TM Painting and Construction in the amount of \$13,800.00 and \$3,800.00 for Alternate #1.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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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. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Kownacki the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 385-11

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Demolition of Craft Cleaners**; and

WHEREAS, six (6) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Rosario Contracting Corporation who submitted a bid in the amount of \$8,500.00; 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 1-01-22-195-299; 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 Rosario Contracting Corporation, 63 Community Place, Long Branch NJ 07740 in the amount of \$8,500.00; 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 Bostock, Kownacki, Mount, Powers and Mayor Puliti.  
Nays: None.

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Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2078-11 CHAPTER 6A: 'FEES: THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE CHAPTER' OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – Recreation Fees

Ordinance No. 2115-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2078-11 AMENDING CHAPTER 6A FEES: THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE CHAPTER OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2078-11 Amending Chapter 6A Fees: The Consolidated License, Permit and

Fee Chapter of the Township of Lawrence Administrative be and hereby is amended to include the following omitted Sections:

Section 2. Miscellaneous Fee

Except as provided for, fees for non-residents and organizations with their base of operation not in Lawrence Township shall be twice the established rate. (established in Ord. 1125-88)

Section 3. Financial Assistance for Program Fees

Upon review of household income and family size the Superintendent of Recreation can issue a [full or] partial scholarship for Recreation Department fees set forth in said ordinance. Qualified participants [in the Playground, Sport and Art/Theater Camp] will be assessed a minimum of [20%] 25% of the registration fee. Travel Camp participants meeting the guidelines will be required to pay a minimum of \$100 per week. (established in Ord. 1627-00 amended in Ord. 1966-08)

Section 4. Refunds of Registration Fees

Individuals withdrawing from a program before the start date will receive a refund, minus 25% of the established registration fee [that is due]. No refund will be issued if the participant withdraws after the starting date of the activity. (established in Ord. 1996-08)

Section 5. Temporary Food License for Community Day

Individuals must obtain a temporary food license for the purpose of distributing food and/or beverages at Community Day and meet all the requirements as outlined by the Lawrence Township health Department. The fee for this temporary license for non-profit or not-for-profit organizations based in Lawrence Township will be waived. (established in Ord. 1996-08)

Section 6. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of same inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 7. Severability

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of said ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption thereof.

The Ordinance 2115-11 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

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**Manager’s Report –**

Mr. Krawczun opened by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the Council for all their cooperation and support of the Administration throughout the years. He extended a special thank you to Councilman Bostock and Councilwoman Mount, who will be leaving the Council as of the end of the year, for the opportunity to work with them over the years and for having enough confidence in his ability to re-appoint him as the Township Manager. In closing, Mr. Krawczun stated that it has been a sincere pleasure to work with the both of them and he wishes them well in their future endeavors.

Mayor Puliti stated on the flip side of Mr. Krawczun’s comments that the Council would like to thank him for taking such good care of Lawrence Township and for keeping the Township fiscally sound, as they rely on his expertise very much.

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**Attorney’s Report –**

Mr. Herbert wished everyone a Happy Holiday and advised due to the death of his father he has been forced to take over as the Township Attorney for West Windsor Township... so he will be leaving Lawrence at the end of the year; but he would like to thank everyone for making his time at Lawrence very pleasurable, as Lawrence has been the easiest, most pleasant, town that he has ever represented. He advised that Mr. Krawczun is a wonderful Township Manager and that Lawrence is a “great” town that is very well run. He thanked the Council again for leaving him with such a good feeling and wished them all well for the New Year. Subsequently, Mayor Puliti thanked Mr. Herbert on behalf of Council for his services.



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**Clerk's Report –**

There was no Clerk's report.

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**Council Initiatives/ Liaison Reports –**

Councilmember Mount's report:

- Prior to her report Ms. Mount thanked all of her colleagues for supporting her during her 12 years on Council and advised that it has been a pleasure to serve the residents of Lawrence Township and to meet and develop relationships with people throughout the Township and region that perhaps under normal circumstances she would not have had an opportunity to meet, which she truly enjoyed. She advised that the time she spent on Council has certainly been both challenging and a pleasure and that she really appreciates the Administration and the Township Staff for running a great town and for being able to work out all of her crazy ideas throughout the years.

She indicated overall they have accomplished a lot during her 12 years of service, something she is very proud of and thanked her fellow colleagues again for all their support, as well as, all the volunteers on the Boards/Committees and numerous organizations and people who have contributed to making Lawrence a great place to live, after which she extended well wishes to everyone for the New Year.

- Advised that the Green Team is moving right along and that they have prepared an Annual Report that Mr. Krawczun will present to the Council at a later date, but one of the things she would like to highlight from the report is regarding the School District, who has stepped out and formed a district-wide Green Team of representatives, consisting of both students and faculty staff, to work with the Township Green Team in promoting sustainability, which she feels is a great partnership. She then proceeded to discuss Kenneth Najjar, a resident of Lawrence and employee of the Delaware River Basin Commission, who stepped forward to help the Green Team apply for a Clean Water Grant for the Shabukunk Water Shed; a grant that will help them keep the water and the stream itself clean.

- Advised that the Sustainable Mobility Committee will be applying for a Grant to study the possibility of building a walking/ biking bridge or tunnel connecting the south side of Lawrence to the north side of Lawrence over or under I-95, which they are glad of because of the safety challenges for pedestrians and cyclists getting from one side of the highway to the other along Route 206.
- Stated that the Nature Center is now a 501c3 (non-profit) that has established an official Board, and they are very active in their educational ideas and they are planning lots of good programs right through the winter.

Councilmember Kownacki's report:

- Stated that he does not have a Liaison Report, but he would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and thank everybody on Council for their great leadership, and advised in the two years he has served on Council he has learned a lot with respect to leadership from the Mayor and his fellow colleagues, to include Mr. Bostock. Further, he would like to thank Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager, and Kathleen Norcia, Municipal Clerk, who have also provided great leadership and he hopes that the town can continue with such leadership for years to come.

Councilmember Bostock's report:

- Stated that there is no greater honor for a citizen of a republic such as Lawrence to be chosen by his or her fellow citizens to represent them on Council as a government, and he will always be grateful to his fellow citizens of Lawrence for giving him an opportunity to serve on the Council. He indicated public service is a sacred trust and he has tried to conduct himself in a manner that reminds him of that trust and that he has spent most of his professional career in government working for various public officials, who taught him what it takes and means to be a public servant.

He then thanked Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager for the outstanding job he has done as the Township Manager and advised that the Township is very fortunate to have him as a manager and at the helm running the local government, as he can say without peer contradiction that Mr. Krawczun is one of the most outstanding Manager's in the State of New Jersey. He also thanked Kathleen Norcia, Municipal Clerk, who is a true professional in every sense of the word and who has done an excellent job in running the Clerk's Office and keeping the Council on task with

information needed to make decisions that they are called to make from time to time.

Mr. Bostock also thanked all of his Council colleagues, those who are present on Council and those who previously served on Council during the course of this tenure, and indicated one thing that he is convinced of is that everybody on the Council acts in what they consider to be in the best interest of the Township and he appreciates the Council's job more than ever after occupying the position for a relatively short period of time, and how much time and effort they all put in to what they do for the town and he thinks the community owes them a debt to gratitude for their service.

He indicated in 1995 when he and his wife decided to move from Virginia to New Jersey they chose to live in Lawrence because they thought it would be a great place to live and raise a family, and it has met and exceeded all of their expectations in every way, shape and form, and he hopes that his time on Council has made Lawrence a little bit better place to live and to raise a family. He then proceeded discuss community service as it relates to people giving back to their communities, as well as, the Township staff, police officers, countless organizations and volunteers., who step-up to the rising challenges every day to make Lawrence a community they can all be proud of, after which he thanked everyone again and wished everyone, including the newly elected members of Council, well in the New Year.

Councilmember Powers report:

- Stated that Growth & Redevelopment Committee had a meeting and members of GEPNA attended the meeting to express some concerns and issues they had regarding some concerns they had with a zoning, and that they had good dialogue on the matter to clarify some of the confusion they had with the zoning ordinance that was sent out.
- Stated with respect to the Human Relations Committee he and Mayor Puliti along with Freeholder Colavita were present for the lighting of the menorah at Adath Israel Congregation for Hanukkah, and that Freeholder Colavita gave them a lesson on the proper etiquette for the ritual lighting the menorah.
- Advised that he has no report for the Shade Tree Committee, but he would like to express a sincere thank you to Councilman Bostock for his four years of service and indicated for the last two years Mr. Bostock has been outnumbered 4 to 1, with respect to his

political party, and despite him being the minority Councilman Bostock truly demonstrated that he could be an effective leader with all the initiatives that were accomplished during his four years on Council.

- Stated that Councilwoman Mount has been his campaign running mate for many years and he knows “sustainability” is something that is near and dear to her heart so he would like to present her with the Sustainable Award that the Township received down in Atlantic City, which he presented to Ms. Mount and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Mayor Puliti’s report:

- Mayor Puliti presented Councilman Powers with a plaque in honor of his four years of service to Lawrence Township, and congratulated him on his re-election to Council.

Mayor Puliti stated that he and Councilwoman Mount go a long way back and he would like to say to her on behalf of the Council and the citizens of Lawrence that her Open Space and Sustainability efforts will be remembered for a very, very, long time being she is the one who started the path, after which he presented her with a plaque in honor of her 12 years of dedicated service.

Mayor Puliti indicated when he returned to Council after a short break he met the lone Republican, Councilman Bostock, who was very analytical and looking at issues from both sides which he felt was very refreshing, and in doing so they accomplished a lot in a bi-partisan working relationship and he would like to thank Mr. Bostock for that, after which he presented Councilman Bostock with a plaque in honor of his four years of dedicated service.

Mr. Kownacki stated on behalf of the Council and citizens of Lawrence he would like to thank Mayor Puliti for his “great” service, after which he presented Mayor Puliti with a plaque for his service and thanked him for his leadership.

Mayor Puliti thanked the Municipal Clerk, Township Attorney, Municipal Manager and each member of Council for the wonderful honor.

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**Written Communications –**

There was no written communication.

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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.

7.36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Gregory J. Puliti, Mayor