

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

June 21, 2011

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, June 21, 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, June 21, 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 Mount, Powers and Mayor Puliti.  
Absent: Councilmen Bostock and Kownacki. (The Municipal Clerk advised that Mr. Bostock is out of town on business and Mr. Kownacki is on vacation.)

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

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Proclamation and Honors

There were no proclamations or honors.

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Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Clerk advised that the Agenda needs to be amended to include Resolution 8-V – Authorizing an Agreement with the New Jersey State Police, for the FY2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant Pass Thru Grant.

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 Mount, Powers and Mayor Puliti.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilmen Bostock and Kownacki.

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### Public Participation

*Mr. Joseph Mislán, 4 Sunset Road*, stated the issue he would like to discuss this evening is a general concern dealing with ethics and things that could be corrected with respect to elected officials and their responsibilities, and that his comments have no personal reflection upon anybody in particular. He then proceeded to discuss the slow progress of an Ethics Committee that Congress is attempting to put together and elected leaders not wanting to be critical of all the transgressions of those who are currently serving in office or plan to run for office.

Mr. Mislán proceeded to stress the need for current leaders to impress upon elected officials the profound responsibilities they have as a democracy which is the substance of what the country is made of and indicated if everyday citizens cannot depend on their leaders to lead them then democracy suffers. Further, he is merely addressing the matter in hopes that local Representatives will step-up and start being critical of elected officials across the board; because throughout the nation some of those officials are assuming when they take office all ethics go out the window and that should not be the case. In addition, citizens expect their local officials to be their leaders and hold a better standard than everyday people.

*Mr. Brian Remde, 488 Drexel Avenue*, stated he lives right off of Route 206 and he had an opportunity to discuss some of the speed limits in the area with Mr. Powers and during that discussion he expressed his views with respect to the higher speed limit being strictly enforced rather than loosely enforcing the lower speed limit, as it is his understanding more than 90% of the speeding tickets issued are for people driving 10-miles over the speed limit; so, because he believes most of the cars traveling along Route 206 are already going 40 mph or over it would be a better use of resources to strictly enforce the 40 mph speed limit rather than reducing it.

Mayor Puliti thanked both Mr. Mislán and Mr. Remde for their comments and advised that the Council will take their suggestions into consideration.

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

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Adoption of Minutes

There was no adoption of minutes.

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Introduction of Ordinances

There was no introduction of ordinances.

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Resolutions

Mayor Puliti briefly discussed a meeting that he, the Administration and some residents had with the Department of Transportation officials concerning the speed limit along Route 206, which in turn led to DOT approving a reduction of speed to 35 mph from Brearley Avenue to Skillman Avenue and Resolution 8J, Authorizing an Agreement with the State of New Jersey for the Installation of a Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Route 206 and Darrah Lane. A short discussion followed relative to public safety concerns along the Route 206 Corridor, particularly, at the intersection of Darrah Lane where there have been fatalities.

Resolution Nos. 183-11 (8A) thru 205-11 (8V)) with the exception of Resolution 204-11 (Bid Award) was approved by 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						

Cited Resolutions are spread in their 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. 204-11

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as 2011 Road Improvement Program – Bergen Street; and

WHEREAS, eight (8) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Arawak Paving Company who submitted a bid in the amount of \$327,000.00; 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 C-04-55-355-236;

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 hereby be awarded to Arawak Paving Company, 7503 Weymouth Road, Hammonton NJ 08037 in the amount not to exceed \$327,000.00; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this contract is awarded pursuant to a fair and open process and is subject to New Jersey Department of Transportation approval;

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 Mount, Powers and Mayor Puliti.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilmen Bostock and Kownacki.

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Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC – Handicapped Parking."

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. 2099-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE  
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC'

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 13 of The Lawrence Township Administrative Code entitled 'Motor Vehicles and Traffic' be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Article II – Stopping, Standing and Parking

Sec. 13-4 – Parking prohibited – At any time, except by vehicles bearing special identification for handicapped persons.

(5) Special Vehicle Parking (Handicapped)

Restricted parking spaces shall be established as set forth below and only those persons who are handicapped and who possess a special vehicle identification shall park in such designated parking space.

- a. 64 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Pike and Valley Forge Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet on Valley Forge Avenue on the south side of 1894 Brunswick Pike.
- b. 138 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Pike and Pear Street (N/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 766 Pear Street.
- c. 340 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Rt. 206 (Lawrence Road) and Fairfield Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 81 Fairfield Avenue.

- d. 165 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Vermont Street (S/W corner) for a distance of 22' in front of 11 Vermont Street.
- e. 285 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 55 Myrtle Avenue.
- f. 180 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Hopewell Avenue and Slack Avenue (S/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 115 Slack Avenue.
- g. 155 feet southbound from the prolonged curb line of the driveway belonging to West Gate apartments (S/W corner) on Princeton Pike for a distance of 22 feet in front of 2099 Princeton Pike.
- h. 263 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 57 Myrtle Avenue.
- i. 358 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Spruce Street (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 860/862\_Spruce Street.
- j. 570 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Lanning Avenue and Princeton Avenue for a distance of 22 feet in front of 933 Lanning Avenue.
- k. 335 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Slack Avenue and Princeton Pike (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 135 Slack Avenue.
- l. 370 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Lawrence Road and Titus Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 14 Titus Avenue.
- m. 346 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Puritan Avenue (N/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 750 Puritan Avenue
- n. 204 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Ohio Avenue and Puritan Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 716 Puritan Avenue

- o. 463 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 35 Myrtle Avenue
- p. 324 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 51 Myrtle Avenue
- q. 141 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Slack Avenue and Princeton Pike (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 143 Slack Avenue
- r. 54 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Puritan Avenue and Brunswick Pike, for a distance of 22 feet
- s. 518 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Lanning Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 944 Lanning Avenue
- t. 178 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Puritan Avenue and Brunswick Pike (N/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 758 Puritan Avenue.

Section 2. This ordinance supercedes all previous ordinances that relate to the designation of handicapped parking on streets and roadways within the Township of Lawrence.

Section 3. Severability.

If any provisions of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

Section 4. Repealer.

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

Section 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following the adoption thereof in accordance with law.

Additions are underlined  
 Deletions are bracketed [ ]

The Ordinance 2099-11 was adopted 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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**Manager’s Report –**

Mr. Krawczun advised that the work on the Lawrence Hopewell Trail through Carson Road Woods commenced yesterday, and if all goes according to plan and the weather cooperates the Contractor should be out within a week. Further, bids for the next segment (bridge toward Mya Drive) will be received on Thursday and proceeded to discuss the additional \$45,000 in funding authorized by the LHT Corporation for the completion of this segment of the Trail.

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Administration received more positive news in the shadow of a lot of negative news concerning the economy regarding the final design authorization that has been provided to the Contractor for the final design plan of Business Route 1. A short discussion followed regarding a start date for the construction of the project, a draft of the plan as it relates to federal funding and the Council continuing to push the project forward.

Mr. Krawczun reported that the Administration has been working both administratively and publicly on the issue of the Kraft Cleaners site and they are in the process of seeking access to the site that would allow them to assess the condition of the building and the estimated cost of demolition. He then proceeded to discuss the abandonment of the property, liens against the property and numerous Notices that have been sent for years to the property owners from the Construction and Health Departments with no response, as well as, possible litigation to resolve the matter.

Mr. Herbert advised under the unsafe structure regulations the Township is allowed to go on the property under what is known as an "Ownership Clause" from the Court, which is an immediate action plan ordered by the Court that would allow the Township to access the property and move forward on the matter if the property owner does not respond in a certain period of time according to the law.

Mr. Krawczun reported that the Twin Pines Airport project is well underway and they had a Construction Meeting just last week updating them on the progress. He advised that much of the underground piping has already been installed, excavation for other drainage work is in process, and they are still on schedule for the fall 2011 completion date although they had few problems.

Mr. Krawczun distributed copies of the updated Towing Ordinance for Council's review and consideration and proceeded to discuss in detail the significant changes that have been made to the Ordinance with respect to denied towing applications and the appeal process. A brief discussion followed relative to a change in the application deadline date.

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**Attorney's Report –**

There was no Attorney's report.

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**Clerk's Report –**

There was no Clerk's report.

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**Council Initiatives/ Liaison Report –**

Councilmember Mount's report:

- Advised that she has been away and not connected to anything recently so she has nothing to report; but she does appreciate the efforts regarding Business Route 1 and the Complete Streets Initiative that are in progress.

Councilmember Kownacki's report:

- Absent – No Report.

Councilmember Powers report:

- Stated he would like to recognize Councilwoman Mount on her trip to Taiwan and Principal Trumbull and the students at Ben Franklin Elementary School for posting information concerning the trip on their website.
- Advised that the Growth & Redevelopment Committee is focused on the Annual Awards Program for October and that Special Olympics has agreed to host the event that is usually held at Rider University; but, because the Nationals for Special Olympics is coming to New Jersey in 2014 they felt this would be a great opportunity to tour and showcase their fascinating facility.
- Advised that they had a Dedication at the Johnson Trolley Footbridge and they had a good turnout, as there were a number of bikers and other folks in attendance. He also advised that they received a \$192,000 grant for the bridge project and that Joyce Copleman, who was in attendance, did the honor of cutting the ribbon.

Subsequently, Mrs. Mount advised of a Sustainable Art Project that is coming up on July 2<sup>nd</sup> that the children at the Ben Franklin School are working on, and Mr. Krawczun advised that the project will be displayed on the front lawn of Town Hall.

Councilmember Bostock's report:

- Absent – No Report.

Mayor Puliti's report:

- Stated that the Recreation Advisory Committee did not have much of a discussion, and the Public Safety Advisory Committee had a very quick meeting, so there is nothing to report for either committee.

**Written Communications –**

There were no written communications.

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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.

7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Gregory J. Puliti, Mayor