

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

June 9, 2011

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Thursday, June 9, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Puliti gave a warm welcome to the newly appointed Township Attorney, Michael W. Herbert.

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, June 9, 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, Powers and Mayor Puliti.
Absent: Councilwoman Mount.

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

Review and Revisions of Agenda

There were no revisions to the agenda.

Adoption of the 2011 Municipal Budget

Resolution No. 166A-11, Authorizing Adoption of the 2011 Municipal Budget was 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. Puliti	X						
Mayor Powers	X						

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

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bostock, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2011 were approved without corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bostock, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2011 were approved with corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of **May 3, 2011** were approved without corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Introduction 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'."

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance simply authorizes the addition of a handicapped parking space at 758 Puritan Avenue.

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

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

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 167-11 (7A) thru 179-11 (7M)) with the exception of Resolution 148-11 (Intro-Budget) 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. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bostock the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 180-11

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2011, bids were received for Bid No. 11-06, Uniforms Rental and Cleaning; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received and reviewed by the Township Manager and the Director of Public Works and the lowest responsible bidder is American Wear, Inc., 261N. 18th Street, E. Orange NJ 07017, who submitted a bid in the amount of \$32,558.76 for a three year contract running from July 1, 2011 to June 30,2014; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is 1-01-26-310-255 (Buildings & Grounds OE) in the amount of \$5,426.46 for the period of July 1 through December 31, 2011; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE 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 11-06, Uniforms Rental and Cleaning, to American Wear, Inc. In the total amount of \$32,558.76 for a three year contract running from July 1,2011 through June 30,2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount of said award in excess of the submitted certification of funds is subject to final appropriation in the adopted municipal budgets for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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

Resolution No. 181-11

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2011, bids were received for Bid No. 11-07, Motorcoach Transportation; and

WHEREAS, four bids were received and reviewed by the Township Manager and the lowest responsible bidder is A-1 Limousine, 2 Emmons Drive, Princeton NJ 08540, who submitted a bid in the amount of \$10,065.00; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is 1-01-28-370-235 (Recreation OE);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE 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. 11-07, Motorcoach Transportation, to A-1 Limousine in the amount of \$10,065.00.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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

Resolution No. 182-11

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2011, bids were received for Bid No. 11-08, Summer School Bus Transportation; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received and reviewed by the Township Manager and the lowest responsible bidder is George Dapper, Inc., 1020 Green Street, Iselin NJ 08830, who submitted a bid in the amount of \$5,685.46; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is 1-01-28-370-235 (Recreation OE);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE 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. 11-08, Summer School Bus Transportation, to George Dapper, Inc. in the amount of \$7,500 which also includes other trip destinations at a cost of \$58 per hour during inclement weather.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled," ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REAPPROPRIATING \$60,000 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE PREPARATION OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER, TAX MAPS."

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. 2098-11

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REAPPROPRIATING \$60,000.00 PROCEEDS OF
OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER
TO PROVIDE FOR THE PREPARATION OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP,
COUNTY OF MERCER, TAX MAPS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, it is hereby determined that \$60,000.00 of the proceeds of obligations originally made available pursuant to the following bond ordinances of the Township of Lawrence, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Township") are no longer necessary for the various purposes for which the obligations previously were authorized:

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description and Date of Adoption	Amount to be Reappropriated
1700-02, Amended by 1820-04	Road Improvement Striping of Streets, finally adopted April 17, 2002 and December 21, 2004 respectively	\$60,000.00

Section 2: The \$60,000.00 described in Section 1 and made available pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39 is hereby reappropriated to provide for the preparation of Lawrence Township, County of Mercer, Tax Maps.

Section 3:

The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 4:

This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption.

The Ordinance 2098-11 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

Manager's Report –

Mr. Krawczun submitted invoice listings for the month of **May 2011** in the amount of **\$468,835.24**.

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Administration received an update on a draft of the final Report from the Matrix Consulting Group on the evaluation of the Police Department, and that they would like to have a member of the group give a public presentation regarding that report at the July 5th meeting. In addition, he would like to get the consensus of Council with respect to the presentation being put first on the July 5th Agenda, and to make certain that all members of the Council will be present for the meeting.

Attorney's Report –

Mr. Herbert stated he would like to thank the Council again for appointing him as the new Township Attorney and that he is looking forward to a great year.

Clerk's Report –

There was no Clerk's report.

Written Communications –

There was no written communications.

Old Business –

There was no old business.

New Business –

Mayor Puliti reported that a few weeks ago he, Councilman Bostock and the Municipal Manager met with leaders of The Lawrenceville School to discuss general affairs between Lawrence Township and the School. In addition, they did a review of 2011 Municipal Budget and discussed some of the municipal services

provided to the school by the Township and conversations they have had in the past regarding tax-exempt properties that the School owns, but do not pay property taxes on, and financial contributions previously given to the Township.

Mayor Puliti stated during those discussions they asked if the School would be willing to increase their financial contribution to the Township given the economic situation and he is pleased to report that the leaders of the School agreed to an increase of \$30,000 which brings the total to \$65,000. So, between the generous donation given toward the fireworks and the facilities donation they are pretty even with the taxes that they would pay on the municipal portion to the Township. In closing, he publicly thanked The Lawrenceville School for their generous donations.

Mr. Bostock advised that they had a very frank and forthright discussion at the meeting and the leaders at the School were well aware of the Council's concerns with respect to the size of the contributions that the School had donated in previous years. In closing, he thanked Headmaster Liz Duffy and the leadership of the school for stepping up to the plate and making such a large increase in their long-term contribution to the Township and proceeded to discuss the School's understanding of the Township's budget situation and the large tax burden carried by the residents of Lawrence.

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

7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

Gregory J. Puliti, Mayor