

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

March 1, 2011

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened with a Prayer 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, March 1, 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, Power, Mount and Mayor Puliti.
Absent: None.

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

Proclamations and Honors

There were no proclamations or honors.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Agenda was revised to include Resolution (7-K), Authorizing an Amendment to the 2011 Temporary Budget.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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 December 7, 2010 and December 21, 2010 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. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bostock, the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 15, 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

Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2079-11 AMENDING THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE CHAPTER OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE."

Mr. Krawczun advised that there was an Ordinance recently adopted to increase various fees and the ordinance increased the fees for the purchase of a firearms identification card and pistol permit, and due to an oversight the fee much be switched back to the original amount because the fees are set by State statue.

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						X
Mrs. Mount	X						
Mr. Powers	X						
Mayor Puliti	X						

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Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 1565-00 AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE."

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance will amend the number of at-large members for the Growth and Redevelopment Committee by (3) three members resulting in a total of (12) twelve at-large members up from the previous (9) nine member panel. Further, the ordinance will combine the members of the Route 1 Redevelopment Advisory Committee with the Growth and Redevelopment Committee.

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						

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Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1617-00 AMENDING THE SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE."

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance will amend the membership of the Shade Tree Advisory Committee by changing the category of the Planning Board member from a voting position to a liaison position. The amendment will also change the citizen members from (6) six to (7) seven.

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						

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Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2052-10 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN."

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance will amend the previously adopted bond ordinance, to revise the description of the authorized purposes for which bond proceeds can be used for being the Local Bond Law requires that the purposes be stipulated within the bond ordinance. He indicated the previous authorized purpose was for a (72) seventy-two inch mower and the proceeds will now be utilized for the purchase of (2) Zero Turn mowers.

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						

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Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6A, FEES: THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE CHAPTER OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – Pneumococcal Immunization Fee"

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance will eliminate the fee for pneumonia immunizations out of the fee schedule, as the service will no longer be provided by the Lawrence Township Health Department.

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. 89-11 (7A) thru 99-11 (7K)) with the exception of Resolution 98-11 (Bid Award) were approved by 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						

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. Powers the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 98-11

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as Rehabilitation Project – 35 Poillon Court; and

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was JH Williams Enterprises, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$33,440.00; 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 1-19-56-856-299; 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 Principal Planner, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with JH Williams Enterprises, Inc., 231 Haines Drive, Moorestown NJ 08057 in the amount of \$33,440.00; 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.

Adoption of Ordinances

There are no adoptions of ordinances.

Manager's Report –

Presentation of the 2011 Municipal Budget

Mr. Krawczun distributed copies of the recommended budget for Council to review and proceeded with an in-depth review of the budget process in addition to reading the 2011 Municipal Budget Recommendation Report.

Mayor Puliti thanked Mr. Krawczun and his staff for the preparation of the Recommended Municipal Budget and advised the public that this is the first time that the Council has seen the proposed budget submitted by the Municipal Manager. Further, they will be reviewing the budget line by line and having budget hearings and discussions on the matter to see how they can make adjustments to the budget.

Mr. Krawczun advised that he received notification that the statutory deadline date for the submission of the Municipal Budget to Council has been extended, and indicated the revised date for the introduction is March 11th and the adopted date is April 22nd. So, between the next two Council meetings (March 15th & April 5th) they have to review the Revenue side of the municipal budget and schedule the departmental budget presentations so that they can be

prepared to do their final deliberations at the April 21st meeting in order to meet the statutory deadline.

A short discussion and comment period took place relative to a proposed 6 percent tax increase, reductions of services, workforce reductions, budgetary cuts and savings, flat State aid, tax rates and the economics of a tax increase and the uncertainty and lack of economic growth due to the recession.

Attorney's Report –

Mr. Nerwinski reported that tomorrow the Carter Road Homeowner Association Appeal will be argued before the Appellate Division in New York and he will provide the Council with a report of the results as he receives them.

Clerk's Report –

Mrs. Norcia reported sadly they have a vacancy on the Board of Adjustments, so if anyone from the press is present and would like to do an article in the newspaper that the Township is looking for applicants, please feel free to contact her by email or telephone.

Written Communications –

There was no written communications.

Old Business –

There was no old business.

New Business –

There was no new business.

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

7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

Gregory J. Puliti, Mayor