

**Special Meeting
Lawrence Township Council
Lawrence Township Municipal Building
Council Meeting Room – Upper Level**

**May 23, 2012
6:30 pm**

The following are the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

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

STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE: "Adequate notice of this special meeting of the Lawrence Township Council being held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, was forwarded to The Trentonian, The Times and The Lawrence Ledger on May 18, 2012 by the Municipal Clerk.

Additionally, the required Public Notice of public hearing and adoption of the 2012 Budget Amendment was placed in the May 20, 2012 edition of the Trentonian."

Roll Call was then called as follows:

Present: Councilmembers Lewis, Maffei, Powers, Puliti and Mayor Kownacki.
Absent: None.

Also, in attendance were Richard S. Krawczun, Municipal Manager, and David M. Roskos, Municipal Attorney.

Public Participation

Public Hearing on the 2012 Municipal Budget as Amended

The following individuals voiced their opinions and concerns about the 2012 Budget Amendment, the School Board Budget and Referendum that was voted down at the April 17th election, cuts in spending, enactment of the 2-percent cap, as well as, their opposition to new tax hikes, users' fees for curbside trash collection, cuts in municipal services and layoff of police officers.

- 1) Ms. Carol Harle, 117 Review Avenue, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648
- 2) Ms. Amy Davis, 54 Pine Knoll Drive, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648
- 3) Mr. Keith Pilot, 23 Huron Way, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648
- 4) Mr. Richard Lino, 21 Tracey Drive, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648

An additional comment, question and answer period took place relative to reductions in the municipal budget, revenues/surplus regeneration, shortfall in tax and energy receipts, low bank yields, skyrocketing healthcare premiums, employee layoffs/givebacks, core services and future challenges the Council will face with the 2-percent cap put in place by the Governor.

In closing, the Council extended their appreciation to Mr. Krawczun for his efforts and dedicated services in preparing the budget and discussed why they would be supporting and voting for the 2012 Municipal Budget as amended.

Mr. Krawczun in turn thanked the Council for all their support and indicated that they will continue to work on the issue of the budget.

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

After the discussion, the following resolutions were presented and adopted by the vote recorded herein:

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 176-12 (3-A) thru 179-12 (3-E) were approved by the following roll call vote:

| COUNCIL | AYE | NAY | PRESENT | ABSENT | ABSTAIN | MOVE | SECOND |
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| Ms. Lewis | X | | | | | | X |
| Dr. Maffei | X | | | | | | |
| Mr. Powers | X | | | | | | |
| Mr. Puliti | X | | | | | X | |
| Mayor Kownacki | X | | | | | | |

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

Adjourned: 7:45 pm

James S. Kownacki, Mayor

Tonya D. Carter, Deputy Municipal Clerk