

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

December 17, 2013

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

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

At the commencement of the meeting Mayor Kownacki 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, December 17, 2013 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 Brame, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Kownacki.  
Absent: Councilman Maffei. (The Municipal Clerk advised that Dr. Maffei is excused.)

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

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Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

There were no proclamations or presentations.

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Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

There was no public participation.

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Review and Revisions of Agenda

There were no revisions to the agenda.

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Adoption of Minutes

There was no adoption of minutes.

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Awarding and/or Rejecting of Bids

Mayor Kownacki asked for comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Kownacki asked for comments from Council. There being none, public participation was closed. On a motion by Ms. Powers, seconded by Mr. Brame, the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 386-13

**WHEREAS**, on November 22, 2013, bids were received for Bid No. 13-15, 105' Rear Mount Platform Ladder Truck for Slackwood Fire Company; and

**WHEREAS**, three (3) bids were received and reviewed by the Township Manager, Manager of Motor Pool and the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator. The two low bids, KME Kovach, First Priority Emergence Vehicles and Rosenbauer, Blaze Emergency Equipment Company are being recommended for rejection because the bids were non-compliant with the specifications;

**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 rejecting the two low bidders of Bid No. 13-15, 105' Rear Mount Platform Ladder Truck.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brame, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Kownacki.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Maffei.

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Mayor Kownacki asked for comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Kownacki asked for comments from Council. There being none, public participation was closed. On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Brame, the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 389-13

**WHEREAS**, on November 22, 2013, bids were received for Bid No. 13-15, 105' Rear Mount Platform Ladder Truck for Slackwood Fire Company; and

**WHEREAS**, three (3) bids were received and reviewed by the Township Manager, Manager of Motor Pool and the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator. After thorough close review of the bids, it was determined that Emergency Equipment Sales, LLC, 4 Youngs Road, Trenton, New Jersey 08619 met all the required specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the accounts to be charged are C-04-55-374-267 (Ord. 2156-13 - Acquisition of Fire Apparatus), C-04-55-362-267 (Ord. 2127-12 - Acquisition of Fire Apparatus) and C-04-55-351-269 (Ord. 2095-11 - Fire Apparatus Replacement);

**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. 13-15, 105' Rear Mount Platform Ladder Truck, to Emergency Equipment Sales, LLC in the amount of \$1,050,673.00.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brame, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Kownacki.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Maffei.

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Introduction of Ordinances

There was no introduction of ordinances.

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Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Kownacki read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2054-10 PROVIDIING CERTAIN JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY"

Ordinance No. 2167-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2054-10 PROVIDING CERTAIN JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR THEMUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be recited as "The Salary Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence – Chief of Police for 2013".

Section II. Salaried Employees

The following is the salary range for the Chief of Police for 2013:

| <u>Title</u>    | <u>Salary – 2013</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Chief of Police | \$158,148            |

Section III. Repealer

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances adopted prior to the date of this ordinance that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed insofar as they relate to or concern the job classifications listed in this ordinance.

Section IV. 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 V. Effective Date

- A. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption thereof.
- B. All salary or compensation provided for and by this ordinance shall be effective the first day of January, 2013.

Ordinance 2167-13 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

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**Manager’s Report –**

Mr. Krawczun submitted invoice listings for the month of December 2013 in the amount of \$2,198,126.51.

Mr. Krawczun stated he previously mentioned the Revaluation Letters going out on what they anticipated to be the early part of December; but, the process is not yet completed because as the re-val company finishes their work each property assessment is reviewed by the Tax Assessor’s Office and the combination of the review along with a filing of the review delays the process. Now, they anticipate that the letters will go out the week of December 30<sup>th</sup> and in turn this will create a delay in setting the net valuation taxable; something he has to do in order to present the 2014 Recommended Budget to the Council in January in accordance with the Administrative Code and in the absence of that value he will not be able to tell members of Council what the tax rate will be.

Mr. Krawczun indicated that they anticipate having the information in the latter part of January and once all the questions on assessments by property owners come in and they meet and make any adjustments that need to be settled, the value will then be set. So, again, there will be a delay in the letters which will cascade into a delay of the Recommended Budget but will not affect the Township operations because they have most of the budget work done as to where the town needs to be at this particular point in the year. And, because the delay will only be a matter of a few weeks they anticipate that the Budget Report will come forward in the first week of February and the only question he has for the Council this evening is when would they like the Department Directors to present their budget presentations which they do not have to answer tonight.

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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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**Old Business –**

There was no old business.

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**New Business –**

There was no new business.

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**Public Participation (3-minute limitation per speaker) –**

There was no public participation.

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**Resolutions**

Resolution Nos. 380-13 (17-A) thru 395-13 (17-N) with the exception of Resolutions 386-13 and 389-13 (Bid Award) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Cited Resolutions are spread in their entirety in the Resolution Books of the Township of Lawrence.

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Councilmember Lewis' report:

- Stated that she received a report from the new Compost Committee and they are meeting at the end of the month so they are moving along.
- Stated on another important note she would like extend on behalf of the Council a token of gratitude in appreciation for their current mayor and publicly thank Mayor Kownacki for his dedicated service and for all that he has done in the past two years; because, although, the last two years have been difficult he has set a path for all two-year mayors to come. She then presented Mayor Kownacki with a plaque on behalf of Council and thanked him for his dedication and hard work.

Mayor Kownacki stated that the Council knew from the beginning that it was going to be a rough two years and yes they got beat down... but they got back up as team and kept moving forward. And, there are things that he did during his term that other Councilmembers may not have done...but, as the Chair he took a stand and he would like to thank the Municipal Clerk, Municipal Manager, Township Council and the Township Attorney for their support, and indicated he has much respect for each one of them and it has been an honor and pleasure to serve as chair to the Council and mayor of Lawrence Township.

There were no further Initiatives or Liaison reports.

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**Written Communications –**

There was no written communication.

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

7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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James S. Kownacki, Mayor