

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

May 21, 2013

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Fire Chief, Michael Oakley.

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, May 21, 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, Maffei, Powers and Mayor Kownacki.
Absent: None.

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

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Mayor Kownacki stated that the Council has the privilege of awarding a number of Honors, to include the 2013 Officer of the Year Award, after which Chief Posluszny provided a brief background history for each the recipients, congratulated the honorees and presented the following designated Awards:

Police Awards - Commendable

Detective David E. Burns II:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2012, Lawrence Township Police Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a male wearing a black T-shirt and jeans committed a theft at the CVS Pharmacy, 1900 Brunswick Pike; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Township Detective David Burns was conducting Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement throughout the Township and proceeded to the area of CVS; and

WHEREAS, Detective Burns observed the suspect in the area removing items from underneath his clothing; and

WHEREAS, Detective Burns attempted to take the suspect into custody but the suspect fled on foot running across Brunswick Pike and a foot chase ensued; and

WHEREAS, the suspect ran down Haveson Avenue and Lawrence Township residents Shaun Dlabik and James Gorski Jr. observed Detective Burns chasing the suspect; and

WHEREAS, Shaun Dlabik and James Gorski Jr. caught up to the suspect and were able to stop him from fleeing; and

WHEREAS, Detective David Burns, Shaun Dlabik and James Gorski Jr. had to use physical force to take the suspect to the ground in order to be handcuffed; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the professionalism, alertness, and perseverance of Detective David Burns, this criminal would have remained free to commit further criminal.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Detective David E. Burns II for the determination, professionalism, and keen investigative skills that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

Officer Daniel H. Gladney:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2012, at approximately 1:15 am, Police Officer Daniel Gladney was patrolling the south end of the Township conducting routine patrol; and

WHEREAS, he noticed a parked vehicle on Irwin Place with the interior light on; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney further investigated the situation and discovered a bicycle laying on the ground along the curb line; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney inspected the vehicle, discovered that one of the vehicle's doors was slightly ajar and found the vehicle had been entered and the interior had been rifled through; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney checked another vehicle that was parked in the driveway of the same residence and discovered a suspect still inside; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney confronted the suspect, ordered him out of the vehicle and single handedly took the suspect into custody; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney discovered that the suspect was in possession of property that was stolen from several vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the suspect was charged with burglary and theft and was a suspect in numerous other burglaries in and around the Lawrence Township area; and

WHEREAS, if not for the professionalism, alertness and perseverance of Officer Daniel Gladney this individual would have remained free to commit more crimes in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Officer Daniel H. Gladney for the determination, professionalism, and keen investigative skills that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

Officer Mark S. Harmon:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Mark Harmon has served as an evidence technician with the Lawrence Township Police Department since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mark Harmon has processed numerous crime scenes throughout this time, always doing so in a thorough, conscientious and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, from Officer Mark Harmon's dedicated efforts, a total of 10 latent finger print submissions have resulted in the identification of numerous suspects for the crimes of robbery, burglary, distributing a controlled dangerous substance and theft; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the professionalism, alertness, perseverance and attention to detail of Officer Harmon, several of the crimes may have gone unsolved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Police Officer Mark S. Harmon for his determination, professionalism and keen investigative skills that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

Officer James Larkin, Jr.:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2013, at approximately 4:18 am, Police Officers James Larkin, Robert Wagner, Andres Mejia and Sgt. Joseph Lech responded to the area of Building #8 in Avalon Run on the report that two males were stealing wheels from a vehicle in the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Joseph Lech coordinated the response of officers to the area including contacting West Windsor and Hamilton Township Police Departments to assist in the event the suspects were to flee; and

WHEREAS, Officers Wagner and Mejia stealthily approached the area of Building #8 on Avalon Way and observed two suspects utilizing a floor jack to raise a vehicle that was parked in a carport, and upon identifying themselves, the startled suspects fled on foot running into the apartment complex's maze of buildings; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mejia, with the assistance of a West Windsor Township Police Officer, took one of the suspects into custody after a brief foot chase while Officer Wagner gave chase to the other suspect and broadcasting his direction of flight to additional responding officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer James Larkin and Sgt. Joseph Lech were able to head off the second suspect, taking him into custody on the opposite side of the apartment complex prior to him fleeing into a wooded area; and

WHEREAS, further investigation revealed that the suspects were jacking up the parked vehicle to move it in order to steal a motorcycle that was parked adjacent to it in the carport; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle that the suspects were operating to transport the stolen motorcycle was impounded, a search warrant was issued and the subsequent search uncovered evidence revealing that the suspects were involved in a multi-state motorcycle theft ring and selling motorcycle parts on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, upon an investigation at a residence in Bucks County, Pennsylvania by Pennsylvania law enforcement officers and Lawrence Township detectives that revealed motorcycles and motorcycle parts that were stolen throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, the suspects were charged with theft and obstructing the administration of law for the crimes they committed in Lawrence and were later charged in Pennsylvania with additional crimes including the 2nd degree crime of being a leader in an auto theft and trafficking network; and

WHEREAS, if not for the perseverance and sound police tactics used by Police Officer James Larkin these individuals would have remained free to commit more crimes in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Police Officer James Larkin, Jr. for the determination, professionalism and skills that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

Sergeant Joseph S. Lech, IV:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2013, at approximately 4:18 am, Sgt. Joseph Lech, Police Officers Andres Mejia, Robert Wagner and James Larkin responded to the area of Building #8 in Avalon Run on the report that two males were stealing wheels from a vehicle in the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Joseph Lech coordinated the response of officers to the area including contacting West Windsor and Hamilton Township Police Departments to assist in the event the suspects were to flee; and

WHEREAS, Officers Wagner and Mejia stealthily approached the area of Building #8 on Avalon Way and observed two suspects utilizing a floor jack to raise a vehicle that was parked in a carport, and upon identifying themselves, the startled suspects fled on foot running into the apartment complex's maze of buildings; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mejia, with the assistance of a West Windsor Township Police Officer, took one of the suspects into custody after a brief foot chase while Officer Wagner gave chase to the other suspect and broadcasting his direction of flight to additional responding officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer James Larkin and Sgt. Joseph Lech were able to head off the second suspect, taking him into custody on the opposite side of the apartment complex prior to him fleeing into a wooded area; and

WHEREAS, further investigation revealed that the suspects were jacking up the parked vehicle to move it in order to steal a motorcycle that was parked adjacent to it in the carport; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle that the suspects were operating to transport the stolen motorcycle was impounded, a search warrant was issued and the subsequent search uncovered evidence revealing that the suspects were involved in a multi-state motorcycle theft ring and selling motorcycle parts on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, upon an investigation at a residence in Bucks County, Pennsylvania by Pennsylvania law enforcement officers and Lawrence Township detectives that revealed motorcycles and motorcycle parts that were stolen throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, the suspects were charged with theft and obstructing the administration of law for the crimes they committed in Lawrence and were later charged in Pennsylvania with additional crimes including the 2nd degree crime of Being a Leader in an Auto Theft and Trafficking Network; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the perseverance and sound police tactics used by Sergeant Joseph Lech these individuals would have remained free to commit more crimes in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Sergeant Joseph S. Lech, IV for the determination, professionalism and keen investigative skills that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

Officer Andres Mejia:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2013 at approximately 4:18 am, Police Officers Andres Mejia, Robert Wagner, James Larkin and Sgt. Joseph Lech responded to the area of Building #8 in Avalon Run on the report that two males were stealing wheels from a vehicle in the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Joseph Lech coordinated the response of officers to the area including contacting West Windsor and Hamilton Township Police Departments to assist in the event the suspects were to flee; and

WHEREAS, Officers Wagner and Mejia stealthily approached the area of Building #8 on Avalon Way and observed two suspects utilizing a floor jack to raise a vehicle that was parked in a carport, and upon identifying themselves, the startled suspects fled on foot running into the apartment complex's maze of buildings; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mejia, with the assistance of a West Windsor Township Police Officer, took one of the suspects into custody after a brief foot chase while Officer Wagner gave chase to the other suspect and broadcasting his direction of flight to additional responding officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer James Larkin and Sgt. Joseph Lech were able to head off the second suspect, taking him into custody on the opposite side of the apartment complex prior to him fleeing into a wooded area; and

WHEREAS, further investigation revealed that the suspects were jacking up the parked vehicle to move it in order to steal a motorcycle that was parked adjacent to it in the carport; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle that the suspects were operating to transport the stolen motorcycle was impounded, a search warrant was issued and the subsequent search uncovered evidence revealing that the suspects were involved in a multi-state motorcycle theft ring and selling motorcycle parts on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, upon an investigation at a residence in Bucks County, Pennsylvania by Pennsylvania law enforcement officers and Lawrence Township detectives that revealed motorcycles and motorcycle parts that were stolen throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, the suspects were charged with theft and obstructing the administration of law for the crimes they committed in Lawrence and were later charged in Pennsylvania with additional crimes including the 2nd degree crime of being a leader in an auto theft and trafficking network; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the perseverance and sound police tactics used by Police Officer Andres Mejia these individuals would have remained free to commit more crimes in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Police Officer Andres Mejia for the determination, professionalism and skills that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

Detective Kevin M. Reading, Jr.:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2012 at approximately 08:58 am, Lawrence Township Police Officers were dispatched to the CVS pharmacy 2721 Brunswick Pike on a report of a robbery; and

WHEREAS, this being the second robbery to a CVS pharmacy in Lawrence Township in less than two months as well as two similar pharmacy robberies in Hamilton Township during this same time period; and

WHEREAS, in each of the robberies the suspect passed a note stating that he had a gun and demanding oxycodone pills ; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2013, Detective Reading utilized his law enforcement investigative resources and networking skills to develop a suspect to these crimes in Lawrence Township; and

WHEREAS, through his investigation Detective Reading identified a pattern of pharmacy robberies in Poughkeepsie New York matching Lawrence's pharmacy robberies; and

WHEREAS, Detective Reading traveled to Dutchess County in New York to interview a person of interest who was a Lawrence Township resident; and

WHEREAS, Detective Reading obtained a confession from the suspect for the two Lawrence and two Hamilton township pharmacy robberies; and

WHEREAS, Detective Reading obtained a search warrant for the suspect's residence in Lawrence Township and recovered additional evidence linking the suspect to the crimes he committed; and

WHEREAS, if not for the professionalism, alertness and tenacity by Detective Kevin Reading, this individual would not have been identified and brought to justice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Detective Kevin M. Reading Jr. for his determination, professionalism, and keen investigative skills that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

Officer Robert Wagner:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2013, at approximately 4:18 am, Police Officers Robert Wagner, James Larkin, Andres Mejia and Sgt. Joseph Lech responded to the area of Building #8 in Avalon Run on the report that two males were stealing wheels from a vehicle in the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Joseph Lech coordinated the response of officers to the area including contacting West Windsor and Hamilton Township Police Departments to assist in the event the suspects were to flee; and

WHEREAS, Officers Wagner and Mejia stealthily approached the area of Building #8 on Avalon Way and observed two suspects utilizing a floor jack to raise a vehicle that was parked in a carport, and upon identifying themselves, the startled suspects fled on foot running into the apartment complex's maze of buildings; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mejia, with the assistance of a West Windsor Township Police Officer, took one of the suspects into custody after a brief foot chase while Officer Wagner gave chase to the other suspect and broadcasting his direction of flight to additional responding officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer James Larkin and Sgt. Joseph Lech were able to head off the second suspect, taking him into custody on the opposite side of the apartment complex prior to him fleeing into a wooded area; and

WHEREAS, further investigation revealed that the suspects were jacking up the parked vehicle to move it in order to steal a motorcycle that was parked adjacent to it in the carport; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle that the suspects were operating to transport the stolen motorcycle was impounded, a search warrant was issued and the subsequent search uncovered evidence revealing that the suspects were involved in a multi-state motorcycle theft ring and selling motorcycle parts on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, upon an investigation at a residence in Bucks County Pennsylvania by Pennsylvania law enforcement officers and Lawrence Township detectives that revealed motorcycles and motorcycle parts that were stolen throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, the suspects were charged with theft and obstructing the administration of law for the crimes they committed in Lawrence and were later charged in Pennsylvania with additional crimes including the 2nd degree crime of being a leader in an auto theft and trafficking network; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the perseverance and sound police tactics used by Police Officer Robert Wagner these individuals would have remained free to commit more crimes in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Police Officer Robert Wagner for his determination, professionalism and skills that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

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Police Awards - Meritorious

Officer Daniel H. Gladney:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2013, at approximately 8:06 PM, Police Officer Daniel Gladney was conducting surveillance on Princeton Avenue in the area of the A.T. & T. Store due to a prior incident where two males were observed outside the business carrying back packs and wearing ski masks; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney was alerted by Officer Joseph Radlinsky, who was also performing surveillance, that two males were approaching the A.T.& T. Store carrying back packs and they matched the description of the males from the prior incident; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney was responding to assist Officer Radlinsky in confronting the males when he was advised by Officer Radlinsky that the males fled on foot jumping fences and hedges and running into adjoining residential yards; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney positioned himself on Pine Street and Princeton Avenue to assist in cordoning off the area and moments later observed one of the suspects as he ran from between two residences on Pine Street, at which time he stopped the suspect and placed him under arrest and during a subsequent search of the area a backpack that one of the suspects had been carrying was found and contained a semi-automatic handgun; and

WHEREAS, the second suspect that fled was not located, so Officer Gladney went back to the A.T.&T. Store to review recorded video on the store's camera system and noted that the second suspect had on a gray jacket and a distinct thin hairline down his cheek, a small beard, walked bowlegged and wore shoes with reflective material; and

WHEREAS, as Officer Gladney was leaving the A.T.&T. Store and driving back to the station to log in property, he observed a vehicle driving on Princeton Avenue and the driver was observed to have on a gray jacket, had a thin hairline down his cheek and a small beard; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney made a motor vehicle stop on the vehicle and discovered that the driver was the second suspect and upon ordering him out of the vehicle he noticed that the suspect walked bowlegged and had reflective material on his shoes and this suspect was taken into custody and a ski mask as well as another handgun were later discovered inside the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the two suspects were charged with two counts of attempted armed robbery, weapons offenses, obstructing the administration of law and trespassing; and

WHEREAS, if not for the perseverance, alertness, courage and sound police tactics used by Officer Gladney, these individuals would have remained free to commit more crimes in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Officer Daniel H. Gladney for the determination, professionalism, and courage that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

**Officer Joseph D. Radlinsky:**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2013, at approximately 8:06 PM, Police Officer Joseph D. Radlinsky was conducting surveillance on Princeton Avenue in the area of the A.T. & T. Store due to a prior incident where two males were observed outside the business carrying backpacks and wearing ski masks; and

WHEREAS, Officer Radlinsky observed a vehicle being parked on Myrtle Avenue and the headlights being turned off and next observed two males carrying backpacks in the area of the parked vehicle walking toward the rear of the A.T. & T. Store and realized they matched the description of the males in the previously-reported incident; and

WHEREAS, Officer Radlinsky radioed for backup assistance from other officers and drove from his surveillance location to confront the suspects; and

WHEREAS, Officer Radlinsky attempted to single-handedly detain the suspects; but, they fled on foot jumping fences and hedges and running into adjoining residential yards; and

WHEREAS, additional responding police units quickly set up a perimeter in the immediate area and one suspect was quickly taken into custody as he ran from between two residences on Pine Street; and

WHEREAS, one of the backpacks that the suspects had been carrying and discarded as they fled was found to contain a semi automatic handgun; and

WHEREAS, the second suspect was later apprehended as he attempted to drive a vehicle from the area and another handgun and a ski mask were later discovered inside that vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the two suspects were charged with two counts of attempted armed robbery, weapons offenses, obstructing the administration of law and trespassing; and

WHEREAS, if not for the perseverance, alertness, courage and sound police tactics used by Officer Radlinsky, these individuals would have remained free to commit more crimes in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Officer Joseph D. Radlinsky for the determination, professionalism, and courage that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

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Police Officer of the Year

Officer Daniel H. Gladney:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated dedication, commitment and professional service in the performance of their police duties; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Lawrence Township Police Department convened a Committee to recognize an officer for Outstanding Officer of the Year for 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, the Committee and the Chief Of Police selected and awarded the Chief's Achievement Award for Outstanding Officer of the Year 2013 to Police Officer Daniel H. Gladney; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Daniel H. Gladney has been a Lawrence Township Police Officer since February of 2008 and has been awarded a Meritorious Service Award, a Commendable Service Award and has received numerous letters of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney has served in the Patrol Division working as a Patrol Officer for the past five years and prior to that was a Communications Operator for three years; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney is an Alco-test Operator and trained in Criminal Interdiction where he has used his training to apprehend law violators throughout the Township of Lawrence; and:

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney is a trained Evidence Technician who has utilized those acquired skills to process numerous crime scenes to document evidence and identify perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney was nominated by a supervisor who commended his strong work ethic, great attitude, communication skills and the assistance he lends to other officers and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gladney displayed these characteristics of outstanding service on a **daily** basis to the citizens of Lawrence Township, fellow law enforcement officers and others in need for the service year of 2012-2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Police Officer Daniel H. Gladney for his selection as 2013 Outstanding Officer of the Year of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

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Civilian Awards

Mr. Joseph J. Borda:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2012 at 6:22 p.m. Officer Richard Laird of the Lawrence Township Police Department observed a motor vehicle violation on Princeton Avenue and stopped the vehicle as it pulled to a gas pump at QuickChek; and

WHEREAS, Officer Laird approached the stopped vehicle and found the driver to be upset and angered over being stopped for the infraction; and

WHEREAS, Officer Laird returned to his patrol car to issue summonses and observed the driver get out of his vehicle, at which time Officer Laird instructed the driver to get back in his car; but, the driver refused and reached for an object under the vehicle's seat; and

WHEREAS, Officer Laird exited his patrol car and informed the driver he was under arrest for obstructing the administration of law; however, the driver refused to be handcuffed causing Officer Laird to request back-up officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Laird attempted to place the driver under arrest by utilizing physical force and OC spray that enraged the driver causing him to grab Officer Laird by the neck, picking him off the ground and pinning him against a brick pillar; and

WHEREAS, Officer Laird was able to free himself from the driver's grasp and yelled for help; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Borda, who was at the QuickChek having his vehicle fueled, observed what was occurring, heard the officer yell for help, ran to his aid and held the driver away from the officer so the officer could regain control of the situation; and

*WHEREAS, Joseph Borda with the assistance of two other citizens, Shaun Wagner and Samuel Pangaldi, were able to grab the driver's arms, bring them behind his back, helped place Officer Laird's handcuffs on him then assisted in securing him in the patrol car and remained on the scene until additional officers arrived; and*

*WHEREAS, the suspect was charged with aggravated assault on a police officer, obstructing the administration of law and resisting arrest; and*

*WHEREAS, were it not for Joseph Borda's perseverance, strength, and selfless concern for his own safety, this enraged driver may have caused serious injury to a uniformed Lawrence Township police officer.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Joseph J. Borda for his alertness, courage and selfless concern that provided for the arrest of a violent suspect.*

**Ms. Donna M. Cavalieri:**

*WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and*

*WHEREAS, on April 3, 2013, Lawrence Township Police Dispatch received a call from a gentleman reporting that his wife was just robbed on Coolidge Avenue; and*

*WHEREAS, Lawrence Township resident Donna Cavalieri who resides across the street from the victim watched this robbery unfold; and*

*WHEREAS, a male suspect, who was crouched behind a vehicle, ran up to her neighbor as she was carrying groceries to her house and forcibly grabbed her purse containing cash, credentials and credit cards; and*

*WHEREAS, Donna Cavalieri ran out of her house to help her neighbor and ran after the suspect; and*

*WHEREAS, the suspect jumped into the front passenger seat of a black colored Cadillac sedan with New Jersey registration that sped away from the scene; and*

*WHEREAS, Donna Cavalieri gave a full detailed description of the getaway vehicle with a partial license plate number and its direction of flight and based upon that description a Lawrence Township police officer observed the suspect vehicle on Brunswick Pike travelling northbound and stopped it as it entered the Quaker Bridge Mall; and*

*WHEREAS, the vehicle was occupied by three individuals who were all quickly taken into custody for committing the robbery and further investigation discovered a Colt .380 handgun in the vehicle; and*

*WHEREAS, were it not for the assistance provided by Donna Cavalieri, these criminals would not have been captured and would have remained free to commit further criminal acts thereby jeopardizing the residents of Lawrence Township and the State of New Jersey.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Donna M. Cavalieri for her keen observation and cooperation with the Lawrence Township Police Department which contributed to the apprehension of the suspect and the safety of the citizens of Lawrence Township.*

**Mr. Shaun R. Dlabik:**

*WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and*

*WHEREAS, on September 2, 2012 Lawrence Township Police Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a male wearing a black T-shirt and jeans committed a theft at the CVS Pharmacy, 1900 Brunswick Pike; and*

WHEREAS, Lawrence Township Detective David Burns was conducting Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement throughout the Township and proceeded to the area of CVS; and

WHEREAS, Detective Burns observed the suspect in the area removing items from underneath his clothing; and

WHEREAS, Detective Burns attempted to take the suspect into custody but the suspect fled on foot running across Brunswick Pike and a foot chase ensued; and

WHEREAS, as the suspect ran down Haveson Avenue, Lawrence Township residents Shaun Dlabik and James Gorski Jr. observed Detective Burns chasing the suspect; and

WHEREAS, Shaun Dlabik and James Gorski Jr. caught up to the suspect and were able to stop him from fleeing and assisted Detective Burns in taking the suspect into custody; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the assistance provided by Shaun Dlabik, this criminal would not have been captured and would have remained free to commit further crimes in Lawrence Township and the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Shaun R. Dlabik for his keen observation and cooperation with the Lawrence Township Police Department which contributed to the apprehension and the safety of the citizens of Lawrence Township.

**Mr. James Gorski, Jr. :**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2012, Lawrence Township Police Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a male wearing a black T-shirt and jeans committed a theft at the CVS Pharmacy, 1900 Brunswick Pike; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Township Detective David Burns was conducting Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement throughout the Township and proceeded to the area of CVS; and

WHEREAS, Detective Burns observed the suspect in the area removing items from underneath his clothing; and

WHEREAS, Detective Burns attempted to take the suspect into custody but the suspect fled on foot running across Brunswick Pike and a foot chase ensued; and

WHEREAS, as the suspect ran down Haveson Avenue, Lawrence Township residents James Gorski, Jr. and Shaun Dlabik observed Detective Burns chasing the suspect; and

WHEREAS, James Gorski, Jr. and Shaun Dlabik caught up to the suspect and were able to stop him from fleeing and assisted Detective Burns in taking the suspect into custody; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the assistance provided by James Gorski, Jr., this criminal would not have been captured and would have remained free to commit further crimes in Lawrence Township and the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to James Gorski, Jr. for his keen observation and cooperation with the Lawrence Township Police Department which contributed to the apprehension and the safety of the citizens of Lawrence Township.

**Ms. Lynnsay A. Megargle:**

*WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and*

*WHEREAS, on August 20, 2010, a call was received by Lawrence Township Police Dispatch for a patron passed out and not breathing at the Retro Fitness gym in Lawrence Shopping Center and ambulance and Police units were dispatched to the area; and*

*WHEREAS, Lynnsay and Timothy Megargle, residents of Lawrence Township who were working out at the gym, observed Mary McCollum, a fellow gym patron, in distress; and*

*WHEREAS, Lynnsay and Timothy Megargle immediately assessed Ms. McCollum and discovered she was in cardiac arrest; and*

*WHEREAS, Lynnsay and Timothy Megargle immediately began providing mouth to mouth resuscitation and chest compressions to Ms. McCollum; and*

*WHEREAS, Lynnsay and Timothy Megargle continued with cycles of cardio pulmonary resuscitation until the arrival of police officers, emergency medical technicians and paramedics; and*

*WHEREAS, Ms. McCollum received additional treatment from the emergency service personnel and was quickly transported to the hospital; and*

*WHEREAS, Ms. McCollum received the advanced care she needed at the hospital and has since made a complete recovery; and*

*WHEREAS, Lynnsay and Timothy Megargle's actions, knowledge of first aid and their dedication to fellow citizens saved the life of Mary McCollum; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Lynnsay A. Megargle for her quick actions that resulted in the preservation of the life of Mary McCollum.*

**Mr. Timothy M. Megargle:**

*WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and*

*WHEREAS, On August 20, 2010, a call was received by Lawrence Township Police Dispatch for a patron passed out and not breathing at the Retro Fitness gym in Lawrence Shopping Center an Ambulance and Police units were dispatched to the area; and*

*WHEREAS, Timothy and Lynnsay Megargle, residents of Lawrence Township who were working out at the gym, observed Mary McCollum, a fellow gym patron, in distress; and*

*WHEREAS, Timothy and Lynnsay Megargle immediately assessed Ms. McCollum and discovered she was in cardiac arrest; and*

*WHEREAS, Timothy and Lynnsay Megargle immediately began providing mouth to mouth resuscitation and chest compressions to Ms. McCollum; and*

*WHEREAS, Timothy and Lynnsay Megargle continued with cycles of cardio pulmonary resuscitation until the arrival of police officers, emergency medical technicians and paramedics; and*

*WHEREAS, Ms. McCollum received additional treatment from the emergency service personnel and was quickly transported to the hospital; and*

WHEREAS, Ms. McCollum received the advanced care she needed at the hospital and has since made a complete recovery; and

WHEREAS, Timothy and Lynnsay Megargle's actions, knowledge of first aid and their dedication to fellow citizens saved the life of Mary McCollum; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Timothy M. Megargle for his quick actions that resulted in the preservation of the life of Mary McCollum.

**Mr. Nicholas Migliacci:**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2012, at 12:38 p.m., Nicholas Migliacci was at the Dunkin Donuts store on Princeton Avenue when he observed a female on the opposite side of Princeton Avenue waiting to cross the street; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Migliacci was watching, a male approached the female and grabbed her purse from her hand and ran off; and

WHEREAS, upon observing the male commit this crime, Mr. Migliacci quickly got into his vehicle and drove after the male who was now accompanied by another male; and

WHEREAS, the males ran north on Princeton Avenue to Mulberry Street and then down Mulberry Street toward Brunswick Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Migliacci got close to the males and exited his vehicle yelling for the males to "Freeze"; and

WHEREAS, the male that had stolen the purse heard Mr. Migliacci's order and threw down the purse and ran across Brunswick Avenue into the City of Trenton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Migliacci retrieved the purse and returned it to the victim; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Migliacci then awaited the arrival of the police and provided them with a full account and description of the suspect; and

WHEREAS, were it not for Nicolas Migliacci's keen observations, courage and dedication, the suspect may have gotten away with the stolen property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Nicholas Migliacci for his alertness, courage and selfless concern that resulted in the recovery of a citizen's stolen property.

**Mr. Samuel Pangaldi:**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2012, at 6:22 p.m. Officer Richard Laird of the Lawrence Township Police Department observed a motor vehicle violation on Princeton Avenue and stopped the vehicle as it pulled to a gas pump at QuickChek; and

WHEREAS, Officer Laird approached the stopped vehicle and found the driver to be upset and angered over being stopped for the infraction; and

*WHEREAS, Officer Laird returned to his patrol car to issue summonses and observed the driver get out of his vehicle, at which time Officer Laird instructed the driver to get back in his car; but, the driver refused and reached for an object under the vehicle's seat; and*

*WHEREAS, Officer Laird exited his patrol car and informed the driver he was under arrest for obstructing the administration of law; however, the driver refused to be handcuffed causing Officer Laird to request back-up officers; and*

*WHEREAS, Officer Laird attempted to place the driver under arrest by utilizing physical force and OC spray that enraged the driver causing him to grab Officer Laird by the neck, picking him off the ground and pinning him against a brick pillar; and*

*WHEREAS, Officer Laird was able to free himself from the driver's grasp and yelled for help; and*

*WHEREAS, Samuel Pangaldi, who was at the QuickChek fueling his vehicle, observed what was occurring, called police dispatch to ensure back up was on the way, heard the officer yell for help, ran to his aid and pushed the driver away from the officer so the officer could regain control of the situation; and*

*WHEREAS, Samuel Pangaldi with the assistance of two other citizens, Joseph Borda and Shaun Wagner, were able to grab the driver's arms, bring them behind his back, help place Officer Laird's handcuffs on him then assisted in securing him in the patrol car and remained on the scene until additional officers arrived; and*

*WHEREAS, the suspect was charged with aggravated assault on a police officer, obstructing the administration of law and resisting arrest; and*

*WHEREAS, were it not for Samuel Pangaldi's perseverance, strength, and selfless concern for his own safety, this enraged driver may have caused serious injury to a uniformed Lawrence Township police officer.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Samuel Pangaldi for his alertness, courage and selfless concern that provided for the arrest of a violent suspect.*

**Mr. Shaun Wagner:**

*WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and*

*WHEREAS, on May 4, 2012, at 6:22 p.m. Officer Richard Laird of the Lawrence Township Police Department observed a motor vehicle violation on Princeton Avenue and stopped the vehicle as it pulled to a gas pump at QuickChek; and*

*WHEREAS, Officer Laird approached the stopped vehicle and found the driver to be upset and angered over being stopped for the infraction; and*

*WHEREAS, Officer Laird returned to his patrol car to issue summonses and observed the driver get out of his vehicle, at which time Officer Laird instructed the driver to get back in his car; but, the driver refused and reached for an object under the vehicle's seat; and*

*WHEREAS, Officer Laird exited his patrol car and informed the driver he was under arrest for obstructing the administration of law; however, the driver refused to be handcuffed causing Officer Laird to request back-up officers; and*

*WHEREAS, Officer Laird attempted to place the driver under arrest by utilizing physical force and OC spray that enraged the driver causing him to grab Officer Laird by the neck, picking him off the ground and pinning him against a brick pillar; and*

*WHEREAS, Officer Laird was able to free himself from the driver's grasp and yelled for help; and*

*WHEREAS, Shaun Wagner, who was at the QuickChek, observed what was occurring, heard the officer yell for help, ran to his aid and pushed the driver away from the officer so the officer could regain control of the situation; and*

*WHEREAS, Shaun Wagner with the assistance of two other citizens, Joseph Borda and Samuel Pangaldi, were able to grab the driver's arms, bring them behind his back, helped place Officer Laird's handcuffs on him then assisted in securing him in the patrol car and remained on the scene until additional officers arrived; and*

*WHEREAS, the suspect was charged with aggravated assault on a police officer, obstructing the administration of law and resisting arrest; and*

*WHEREAS, were it not for Shaun Wagner's perseverance, strength, and selfless concern for his own safety, this enraged driver may have caused serious injury to a uniformed Lawrence Township police officer.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Shaun Wagner for his alertness, courage and selfless concern that provided for the arrest of a violent suspect.*

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### Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

*Ms. Myrna Fichtenbaum, 909 Eagles Chase Drive, discussed a letter she received approximately two weeks ago from Trenton Water Works regarding the high levels of trihalomethanes (TTHM), a contaminant found in the water supply of a serious nature that is in violation of DEP guidelines and will take two years to resolve per the information in the letter. And, she is present this evening to solicit the aid of the Council in resolving this public health menace that could be harmful to an individual's health if consumed for long periods of time and proceeded to discuss a conversation she had with a representative from Trenton Water Works and the efforts they have put forth to try and deal with the situation. Mayor Kownacki advised that the Council and the Administration is on top of the situation and they are doing everything within their power to resolve the problem.*

*Mr. Marvin Van Hise, 118 Federal City Road, discussed the shortage of mulch at the Compost Facility located on Princeton Pike and the Township subsidizing private landscapers with mulch to the put the money back into the Township's budget. Mr. Krawczun advised that quite of bit of mulch is held back for residents but he does not know exactly how much and maybe that quantity has been used in excess of what they thought they needed and proceeded to discuss the need for them to clear out the compost site of product to create the opportunity to bring in new material. Going forward they will try to balance the average amount to be sold and amount to be kept for the residents.*

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

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### Review and Revisions of Agenda

Ms. Lewis requested that the Agenda be amended to include Resolution 191-13 (8-A) – Authorizing the Rejection of Bid for 2013 7.7 to 9 Cubic Yard Dump Body with Plow and Stainless Spreader or Approved Equal.

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Brame, the Agenda was amended to include the above revision.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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### Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Brame, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 8, 2012 were approved without correction.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Dr. Maffei, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Special Meeting of November 19, 2012 were approved with correction. (Mr. Brame noted for the record a typo on the date.)

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Brame, the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 191-13

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2013, bids were received for Bid No.13-03, 2013 7.7 to 9 Cubic Yard Dump Body with Plow and Stainless Spreader or Approved Equal; and

WHEREAS, four bids were received and the Municipal Manager has reviewed said bids; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Manager and Director of Public Works are recommending all four bids be rejected because it is necessary that major specification changes be made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the four bids submitted for Bid No. 13-02, 2013 7.7 to 9 Cubic Yard Dump Body with Plow and Stainless Spreader or Approved Equal are hereby rejected.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Introduction of Ordinances

There was no introduction of ordinances.

Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Kownacki read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, NEW JERSEY – Public Nuisance"

Ordinance 2159-13 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

Manager’s Report –

Mr. Krawczun submitted invoice listings for the month of May 2013 in the amount of \$1,228,078.51.

Evesham, New Jersey Budget Article (from Medford Central Record)

Mr. Krawczun discussed an article that was included in the Council’s Agenda Packets regarding Evesham Township not adopting their 2013 Budget in protest of the current legislation that requires municipalities to pay the full amount of all tax refunds. So, he thought the Council might find interest in the matter being they previously adopted Resolutions supporting legislative change in that area where there would be some equity or a new system put in place to provide for each of the taxing districts when affected by tax refunds share in their apportionment of taxes and are responsible for a repayment of those refunds and advised that Lawrence Township collects 100-percent of the taxes which is turned over to the County and the School and that the Township funds 100-percent of the school tax and they received an apportionment from the County in the subsequent year which is a problem because they have to make those cash payments and/or credits out of the municipal budget before receiving any compensation from the county.

Mr. Krawczun advised that he received correspondence from the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) requiring Lawrence Township as well as other municipalities in New Jersey to transfer Affordable Housing Trust Fund balances over to the State, which are fees received from developers, and that the decision has been appealed and the Appellate Court has issued a stay and the Oral Arguments are scheduled to begin June 5th; and, although, Lawrence Township is not a direct party to the proceedings they will be affected by the outcome of the proceedings, so they were advised to prepare their response but not submit it until they have a better understanding as to what will occur at the proceedings on the 5th.

Mr. Krawczun stated that the next matter does not have to be decided this evening as it involves a Memorandum addressed to David Roskos, Township Attorney, from Michael Butler, Esq., who works with Mr. Roskos at his firm, about the possibility of creating a Nuisance Ordinance that will be broad in its

language and will provide an alternative for offenders who want to plead to a municipal ordinance violation rather than a violation of the State Code; a matter that was brought to their attention by the Lawrence Township Prosecutor, Chief of Police, and Court Director. And, after some deliberation the Administration is recommending that an Ordinance be adopted in regards to the matter, particularly, in light that the Station House Adjustment Program is no longer being funded by the State. Therefore, the Township does not have a formal program although they are trying to follow some of the same practices that were experienced during the existence of that program and proceeded to discuss the Ordinance creating opportunity for first-time young offenders to be charged with a lesser offense and not be punished under the Criminal Code. He then asked the Council to review the Ordinance and if all are in agreement they can have Mr. Roskos draft an ordinance.

Mr. Krawczun advised that the second part of the Ordinance involves alcoholic beverage violations that will be more narrowly defined, as it would prohibit consumption of alcohol and/or the possession of alcohol in an open container on public property, consumption of alcohol in a private vehicle that is parked on public property and the possession or consumption by minors anywhere in Lawrence Township unless they are in the presence and with the permission of a parent authority. Further, the Ordinance will not affect religious ceremonies, culinary classes or organizations having a party that are in compliance with the law for consumption of alcohol under the Alcoholic Beverage Control law. A short discussion followed relative to Nuisance Ordinance being previously presented but never formalized and exemptions to the law.

Mr. Krawczun advised that next week Mr. Roskos, Township Attorney, Mr. Parvesse, Township Engineer, Mr. Caton, Township Planner, and he will be attending a meeting with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on their Wastewater Management Plan and actions that were taken by both the Council and the Lawrence Township Planning Board.

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Council always hears how Lawrence Township is not necessarily business friendly and how the taxes in Lawrence are scaring people and businesses away so he would like to report some good positive news to the Council that was recently brought to his attention and distributed a list of the Top 20 communities in the State of New Jersey for calendar year 2012, which showed the number of permits issued against estimated construction cost and Lawrence Township being 14th in the State and proceeded to discuss in detail the increase in the number of permits issued that led to Lawrence coming in at 14th place and the continuing trend in 2013, mainly, due to the construction going on at the Quaker Bridge Mall, which is a positive direction for Lawrence Township.

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Cable Telecommunication Committee had a meeting last week and he will give brief overview to the Council as they are still in negotiations with Comcast on the renewal of the franchise. And, they believe

for the most part in principal the outline of the new Ordinance will allow for the franchise to be renewed going forward; but there are a couple of items that are still under negotiation and if the terms can be agreed upon there are three options of action. First, a mutually agreeable Ordinance will be drafted and reviewed by the BPU and the Council will adopt the Ordinance that would allow Comcast to have their franchise agreement. Second, if they cannot reach an agreement on all terms the Council can unilaterally adopt an ordinance but then Comcast would have the right to appeal, which usually starts through remediation then heard before an Administrative Law Judge or the third option is that Comcast can exercise their right to create a system-wide license that is available to incumbent operators.

Mr. Krawczun stated that Comcast does not want to exercise option three, neither party wants to exercise option two and both parties feel that option one is in their best interest and proceeded to discuss a change in the Statute in 2006 that basically gave Verizon the right to a statewide franchise; a change that affected both Verizon and existing cable providers and radically changed the process that many towns had been experiencing in the past during the franchise renewal process. So, a lot of the concessions that were commonly seen from cable providers are not the case as the new dynamic has changed the bargaining positions of the municipalities. Further discussion took place relative to the bargaining positions of municipalities being substantially diminished with no real leverage.

Mr. Krawczun stated that they have had much conversation about User Fees and how towns raise revenue, etc. and they took a look at some information on fees that Lawrence Township collects and how much from those fees go directly to the State of New Jersey and proceeded to review all the fees collected through various processes in the Township and what is paid out or goes directly to the State and the grand total between pass-thru and direct payments is over \$1M. An at length discussion took place relative to state mandates as it relates to budget cuts, operational demands, tax appeals and the inequity of refunds and fees that have to be remitted back to the State of New Jersey.

Attorney's Report –

Mr. Roskos stated that the Council authorized him to correspond with the County and DEP in terms of the Waste Management Plan Amendment and he did and he has the letters for distribution tonight, and as indicated by the Municipal Manager they anticipate having a meeting with them in the near future; but, he thinks it is important to correct the record at least as the record was related to the DEP and County by Council for The Lawrenceville School as he does not think that was an accurate rendition of what has taken place since 1993 so he went through the exercise of sharing with them how they had an

amendment in 1993 and how north Lawrence was essentially excluded from sewer service in the Township's planning; but, was still reflected in the Master Plan and the Utility Element of the zoning that they adopted, which has been their position for a long time, as they have not flip-flopped position and it has been the Township's policy for a long time to sewer certain areas and not to provide sewer to other areas. So, hopefully, they will be able to explain to DEP and the County what the Township's position has been for the last 18 years and they will move forward from there.

Mr. Roskos advised that the Council authorized Mayor Kownacki to sign the General Release for Bond Safeguard Insurance Company and they received the settlement monies in the amount of \$618,000, which was given to the Municipal Manager along with the Judgment he obtained against the defaulting developer in which they seized their escrow funds. So, they are now in a position where the Township Engineer can prepare bid specifications and they can get the work done at Carriage Park that should have been done by the other developer. He further discussed a Developer that came forward who wants to buy the balance of the project and build Building #2 and they are working with the Association in that regard because one of things the Developer does not want to do is be responsible for the sins of the past in terms of having to repair things that they did not construct, so more will follow in the next meeting or two.

Clerk's Report –

There was no Clerk's report.

Old Business –

There was no old business.

New Business –

Mayor Kownacki asked the permission of Council for the Municipal Manager to resend the letter that was sent out to Non-Profits last year requesting voluntary contributions in-lieu of taxes. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Council for Mr. Krawczun to move forward with the letter.

Summer Schedule – Mayor Kownacki stated normally the Council cancels the first meetings of the month in July and August as part of their summer schedule and he would like know the consensus of the Council in

cancelling the June 6th meeting and conducting all regularly-scheduled business at the June 18th meeting. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Council to cancel the meeting of June 6th.

Resolution Nos. 192-13 (17-T) was 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 Resolution is spread in its entirety in the Resolution Books of the Township of Lawrence.

Public Participation (3-minute limitation per speaker) –

Ms. Dlabik, 1358 Lawrenceville Road, stated she would like to comment on Mr. Krawczun’s report as it relates to the increase of construction permits and Lawrence coming in 14th place in the State of New Jersey and being compared to large cities in North Jersey when she thought Lawrence Township was a suburb...not a city and indicated that she was born and raised in Lawrence and she raised her kids in Lawrence and they might be doing too much building if they are being ranked up there with cities like Newark and Jersey City and proceeded to discuss the building of new construction when they have an increase of empty buildings throughout the Township and questioned the point of building new construction when businesses are filing tax appeals and they cannot get people to occupy the existing empty spaces.

Ms. Barbara Nester, 20 Adele Court, inquired about receiving a copy of the Manager’s Report regarding fees paid to the State so she can review the fees discussed by Mr. Krawczun regarding the large portion of the collected fees being paid to the State, which is very interesting and asked if the bulk trash fee would be paid back to the State and Mr. Krawczun advised “no” but he would like to point out that the fees collected by the Township that go to the State are in addition to fees that are required to be paid by a user. For example: If someone comes in to get a dog license or a marriage/civil union permit the fees are shared with the State being some of the fee is kept by the Township and rest goes to the State. Some discussion took place relative to the Township keeping 100-percent of the bulk waste fee and it helping to offset the cost of the trash collection.

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 173-13 (17-A) thru 190-13 (17-R) with the exclusion of Resolution (17-S and 17-T) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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Resolution Nos. 191-13 (17-S) was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Cited Resolution is spread in its entirety in the Resolution Books of the Township of Lawrence.

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Councilmember Brame’s report:

- Advised everyone that the Memorial Day Parade will take place on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and will commence at 10:00 a.m., and he is looking forward to all being there and taking part.

Councilmember Lewis’ report:

- Advised that the Council this year has added something very worthwhile to the Memorial Day celebration and indicated in the past the Township was able to fund the cost of beverages and hot dogs afterwards and last year due to the budget they had to take that away; but this year each of the Councilmembers has made a donation to the Township so they can participate.

Stated that the Growth & Redevelopment Committee had a very long and productive meeting to talk about how they can partner with the Chamber of Commerce as well as with the businesses in town to capitalize on the Special Olympics that will be in town and how they can further the communications so that the residents will know exactly what is going on. So, she will have more to report in the coming months.

Advised that there is communication that everyone received with regards to recently acquired land and that the Open Space Advisory Committee has been working on a project to name some of those lands that currently exist and she will be reaching out later with specifics so they can do them all at once.

Councilmember Maffei's report:

- No Report.

Councilmember Powers' report:

- Advised that the Planning Board met last night and they did check for consistency in the Master Plan as it relates to The Lawrenceville School and as previously talked about they did find the two Ordinances consistent with the Master Plan.

Stated since 1997 Lawrence Township has been a Tree City USA and one of the things that the Shade Tree Advisory Committee has done in the past is plant a tree at one of the elementary schools and that they have gotten to most of the schools; but, not all. So, this year's recipient is Slackwood Elementary School.

Mayor Kownacki's report:

- No Report.

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**Written Communications –**

Memorandum from Steve J. Groeger, Superintendent of Recreation  
Relative to the Naming of Recently Acquired Lands – No Discussion

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

8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Tonya D. Carter, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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James S. Kownacki, Mayor