

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

September 3, 2013

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, September 3, 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, September 3, 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.

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

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Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

**Chief Daniel A. Posluszny**  
**Updated on Lawrence Township Police Dispatching**

Chief Posluszny provided an in-depth review of the new Dispatch Program. He reported that IXP Corporation has 14 Communication Operators, 9 full-time and 5 part-time, and prior to IXP coming in the Police Department only had 9 full-time dispatchers. This new program now provides the ability to adjust and move employees as needed; an advantage the police did not have due to contractual restrictions. In addition, the change has allowed them to put two police officers back on the streets and IXP follows the same procedure of the former 911 Dispatchers, and in the 5-month period they have had over 4100 calls with 97-percent of them being answered in 10 seconds or less and 502 abandoned calls, which he explained were for various reasons; but, police were still dispatched to the scene for verification purposes.

Chief Posluszny continued to discuss at length IXP's Dispatch Program as it relates to IXP's take on priority calls, as well as them being very responsive to the training needs of the Township. Their supervision has gotten better as well as their program that includes employee background checks, extensive training, experienced staff, good staffing levels and the work of the dispatchers being outstanding. In closing, Chief Posluszny stated he is very pleased with IXP's service and the rapport they have developed with the officers, including the higher ranking officials, and that the Report will be posted on the Township's website. Some discussion followed relative his report and some of the differences between IXP and the former 911 Dispatchers as well as Council's skepticism regarding the change. Afterwards, the Council thanked the Chief for his presentation.

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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

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Minutes of Closed Session Meeting of March, 3, 2013, March 19, 2013 and July 16, 2013 were approved without correction.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Ms. Powers, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 22, 2013 were approved without correction.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Ms. Powers, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 5, 2013 were approved without correction.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Brame, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Kownacki.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Councilman Maffei.

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#### Awarding and/or Rejecting of Bids

There were no bid awards.

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#### Introduction of Ordinances

There was no introduction of ordinances.

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#### Adoption of Ordinances

There was no adoption of ordinances.

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#### **Manager's Report –**

Mr. Krawczun stated that he nothing to report except the matter for Executive Session.

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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. 288-13 (17-A) thru 295-13 (17-F) were approved by the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Brame	X					X	
Ms. Lewis	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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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Councilmember Brame’s report:

- No Report.

Councilmember Lewis' report:

- No Report.

Councilmember Maffei's report:

- No Report - Absent.

Councilmember Powers' report:

- Stated that one of the Advisory Committees had a meeting scheduled on a Jewish holiday which the Council is sensitive of and asked if it had been canceled. Mayor Kownacki replied "yes" he read an email in circulation cancelling the meeting.

Mayor Kownacki's report:

- No Report.

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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.

6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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James S. Kownacki, Mayor