

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

April 16, 2014

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2014 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 Lewis 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, April 16, 2014, 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, Kownacki, Maffei, Powers and Mayor Lewis.  
Absent: None.

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

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Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Mayor Lewis invited Mr. Tim Hitzel to the podium and asked if he would like to tell the Council a little bit about why he is being honored this evening, after which Mr. Hitzel greeted everyone and stated that April is “Autism Awareness Month” and each year with the help of Mr. Powers and the Township Council proclaiming April as the month to help bring awareness, educate and improve the life of those living with autism. And indicated his son, David, is on the autism spectrum and he comes before the Council with Ellen Schisler, Director for Autism New Jersey, formerly known as COSAC, as they were instrumental in providing him and his wife, Melissa, with services and helping them through the process. In addition, he sat on the Board of Autism New Jersey for a few years and during that time he ran an Annual Ride for Autism and this will be their fourteenth year at Brookdale Community College.

Mayor Lewis stated that Mr. Hitzel may already know the Township Council has recently taken to singling out members of the community rather than causes and today she would like to present him with a Proclamation for his efforts in promoting Autism awareness. She then read the following Proclamation into record:

***Proclamation***

*WHEREAS*, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize individuals who have contributed to the overall benefit of Lawrence Township; and

*WHEREAS*, volunteerism is at the very core of a community's quality of life and represents the character of its residents; and

*WHEREAS*, Lawrence Township is most fortunate to have among its citizens, Tim Hitzel, who for a number of years has been unselfishly working to improve the quality of life for those individuals living with Autism, a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, learning and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Hitzel has been a leader in furthering awareness of this issue as well as a leader in fundraising efforts to assist in finding a cure for Autism; and

*WHEREAS*, April is Autism Awareness Month and again this year Tim together with his son David will participate in the Annual Ride for Autism;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED* that I, Cathleen M. Lewis, on behalf of the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence hereby extends its heartfelt appreciation to Tim Hitzel for promoting Autism awareness and education to the residents of our community as well as to the communities throughout the State;

*AND, BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED* that he and David are wished a very successful Ride thus furthering efforts to find a cure for autistic spectrum disorders.

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Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

*Ms. Dawn Monsport, Real Estate Agent with Keller Williams*, advised that she is present on behalf of her client, Norma Drew, and the sale of her property at 10 Shinney Lane and she would like to provide the Council with a bit of history that has prevented the sale of her client's property, and indicated the property

went under contract Christmas Eve, December 24, 2013, with a closing date of March 16, 2014; but, at the end of February when they had the Survey done a couple of issues arose. First, they did not have a recent Survey as one had not been done since I-295 was built behind her client's property so they went to the State and took care of that issue. They then went to the Title Company and found that the property was landlocked by an easement along with three other properties on Shinney Lane and based on her understanding the first property is owned by Lawrence Township, as the property was purchased in 1990 from UPS, and they are now in need of an easement to get beyond the Township portion of Shinney Lane in order to access house numbers 4, 8, 10 and the other side which is undeveloped at this point. She further advised that the attorneys on both sides have had discussions with no resolution and the problem has posed a hardship on her client as they thought they were going to close on the 16<sup>th</sup> and since the closing did not take place Ms. Drew's furnishings and belongings are in a truck parked in the back of her property and she is paying \$150 per day and sleeping on an air mattress on the floor. In addition, they have had to delay the closing not only for the buyer but for the property Ms. Drew intends to purchase at Lawrence Point.

Mr. Roskos explained that the Township is limited by Public Statute, as they are not a private party and he has spoken with Mr. Manahan regarding the matter in an attempt to help the situation and he asked the Township to review their old files to determine under what circumstances did the Township acquire the property that Ms. Monsport is referring to. And, during that process they did find the Deed in which he shared with Mr. Manahan that looked as if Lawrence Township took title to the land and suggested that Mr. Manahan share the information with the buyers Title Company to give them some comfort that the land is existing, which he did...but the Title Company responded back that the document was not sufficient for them to insure the access point and they want an easement from the Township, and indicated it is nice that the Title Company is issuing edicts and making demands but the fact of the matter is that the Township can only do what it is authorized to do by Statute and proceeded to discuss in detail what was explained to both attorneys in regards to what would be needed in order for the Township to move forward in granting the rights to a public entity. Some exchange of dialogue took place between Ms. Monsport and Mr. Roskos relative to the property survey.

Mayor Lewis stated she understands the point everyone is trying to make and she appreciates them coming out and voicing their concerns before the Council as it is important for the Council to know if there are issues with the residents and that the Township is not trying to make the situation for Ms. Drew more difficult because clearly the Township Attorney has been working to find a solution to the matter; but, at this point they are delving into matters that the Council cannot act upon tonight and requested that Mr. Roskos continue talks with the buyer's Attorney to identify the document that would facilitate resolving the matter even if it requires the act of Council to finalize the matter.

Mr. Roskos reiterated again that he does not think he can take the matter any further because he thought in finding the Deed by which the Township took title and providing that to the buyer's Title Company would resolve the issue; but, the Title Company still will not insure the lane when clearly the Township took subject to the lane as it was disclosed to the Township when they acquired the land knowingly with their eyes wide open. Therefore, if the Township had an objection or opposition to the continued use of the land some action would have been undertaken in the last 24 years...and no action has been taken. And, despite those operative facts the buyer's Title Company is still requesting an easement from the Township, a public entity, even though the public entity is not being compensated for this interest in public property and all he has asking is for someone to give him some principle by which he can help Ms. Drew's case.

Ms. Sylvia Morrison, 3 Vander Veer Drive, Co-Realtor Representing Norma Drew, stated that they dealt with several title companies and they were told by the companies that they cannot and will not insure this Title as well, and indicated that Ms. Drew has paid a quarter of a million dollars to Lawrence Township in her lifetime, \$264,000 worth of taxes and she has been denied communication on this matter with the Municipal Manager, Township Council and Township Attorney. Now, she is here to say there is a solution but they are not finding it because of so much pushback and Ms. Drew, who is 77 years old, is sleeping on the floor and \$15,000 later waiting to close along with two other parties and they owe it to her to find a solution. And, she knows they have their opinions, judgments and legalese; however, it is conflicting with what is taking place in the real world and suggested that the Township provide the Survey instead of insisting that Ms. Drew provide a survey for the property owned by the Township so that they could delineate what they are dealing with and prevent any further delay to the process. Additional dialogue took place relative the Township defining the lane as requested and the giveaway of public property being prohibited and contrary to State Statute as well as the attorneys finding a solution to the matter.

Ms. Delores Burke, 8 Shinney Lane, stated that she has resided at 8 Shinney Lane since 1961 and she has a copy of the Survey from when they purchased their home in 1961, in addition to another Survey with a map that shows where their pins were when they purchased the property and that survey was from a couple that purchased the property in 1945. And, according to the survey Shinney Lane all the way from Bakers Basin Road back to Ms. Drew's property shows that they own the road in front of their properties that goes across Shinney Lane and she has the written part to the Survey from 1945 that definitely shows Shinney Lane being the properties owners' road. Mayor Lewis asked Ms. Burke to leave a copy of the Survey along with her contact information with the Municipal Clerk for further review.

Ms. Tahirih Smith, 944 Lawrence Road, stated that she comes with an invitation which she would like to preface with a little story and indicated about nine years ago they invited a pair of authors from Sweden who authored a book called "The Natural Step for Municipalities", which is a scientific approach on sustainable development and how to develop a community for better healthy living; a community conversation that took place in the middle of a nice snowstorm at The Lawrenceville School with a few members of Council present at the meeting and the result of that meeting was to plot out the town's common future agenda that included things like improving the streets with complete streets, doing gardening projects and sharing tools with neighbors and lot of general improvements that the Council has taken and approved for the community and at that time Sustainable Lawrence was born as a non-profit organization to help promote those efforts within the community, and Sustainable Jersey, which is now a statewide program, was also born.

Ms. Smith advised that Lawrence Township is one of the first communities to be certified as a "bronze" community within the Sustainable Jersey Program and a "green" sustainable community in New Jersey and they have kept that certification for two rounds so they are now in their sixth year of being a bronze medal community, of which they are very proud. And, thanks to the Township Council they will continue to make lots of efforts within the community and they are now holding hands with other municipalities to do this together for the region. They just had a wonderful Seventh Annual Living Expo at the National Guard Armory, in which they had over a thousand people attend, eighty-five vendors, local vendors that included organizations, businesses, schools, congregations and representatives from Council, which they were thankful for along with the wonderful efforts that they now share with the rest of Mercer County.

Ms. Smith stated in celebration of that they invited the authors of the "Natural Step for Municipalities" back to Lawrence to conduct a second community conversation for two reasons: First, the release of their second book ten years later on lessons learned working with Eco-Municipalities; and, second, but most importantly...to plot out their next ten years of development together. So, on behalf of Sustainable Lawrence she would like to extend a formal invitation to the Council, Municipal Manager and other municipalities in Mercer County to come out and participate in the Community Greater Conversation on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and they would also like to request a Special Session with the Township Council to recap lessons learned within Lawrence Township on May 9<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon or at the Council's pleasure.

There being no one else to address the Council, Mayor Lewis closed public participation.

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### Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Manager requested that the Agenda be amended to include Resolution (17-J) – Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between Lawrence Township, New Jersey Department of Transportation and Mercer County for the Business Route 1 Improvements.

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

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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### Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Brame, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 1, 2013 and October 15, 2013 were approved with correction.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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### Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

There was no award of bids.

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Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF POLICE VEHICLE IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEMS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$125,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$118,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"

Mr. Krawczun stated the Ordinance authorizes a capital expenditure for the purchase of police vehicles in-car video systems. The ordinance establishes \$126,000 for the purchase and authorizes the issuance of debt in the amount of \$119,700.

The Ordinance was introduced and approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' - Handicapped Parking"

Ordinance No. 2178 -14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC'

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 13 of The Lawrence Township Administrative Code entitled 'Motor Vehicles and Traffic' be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Article II – Stopping, Standing and Parking

Sec. 13-4 – Parking prohibited – At any time, except by vehicles bearing special identification for handicapped persons.

(5) Special Vehicle Parking (Handicapped)

Restricted parking spaces shall be established as set forth below and only those persons who are handicapped and who possess a special vehicle identification shall park in such designated parking space.

- a. 64 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Pike and Valley Forge Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet on Valley Forge Avenue on the south side of 1894 Brunswick Pike.
- b. 138 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Pike and Pear Street (N/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 766 Pear Street.
- c. 340 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Rt. 206 (Lawrence Road) and Fairfield Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 81 Fairfield Avenue.
- d. 165 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Vermont Street (S/W corner) for a distance of 22' in front of 11 Vermont Street.
- e. 285 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 55 Myrtle Avenue.
- f. 180 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Hopewell Avenue and Slack Avenue (S/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 115 Slack Avenue.
- g. 155 feet southbound from the prolonged curb line of the driveway belonging to West Gate apartments (S/W corner) on Princeton Pike for a distance of 22 feet in front of 2099 Princeton Pike.
- h. 263 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 57 Myrtle Avenue.
- i. 570 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Lanning Avenue and Princeton Avenue for a distance of 22 feet in front of 933 Lanning Avenue.
- j. 335 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Slack Avenue and Princeton Pike (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 135 Slack Avenue.



- k. 370 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Lawrence Road and Titus Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 14 Titus Avenue.
- l. 346 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Puritan Avenue (N/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 750 Puritan Avenue.
- m. 204 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Ohio Avenue and Puritan Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 716 Puritan Avenue.
- n. 324 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 51 Myrtle Avenue.
- o. 141 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Slack Avenue and Princeton Pike (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 143 Slack Avenue.
- p. 54 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Puritan Avenue and Brunswick Pike, for a distance of 22 feet.
- q. 518 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Lanning Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of of 22 feet, in front of 944 Lanning Avenue.
- r. 548 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Lanning Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 950 Lanning Avenue.

Section 2. This ordinance supersedes all previous ordinances that relate to the designation of handicapped parking on streets and roadways within the Township of Lawrence.

Section 3. Severability.

If any provisions of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

Section 4. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of same inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following the adoption thereof in accordance with law.

Ordinance 2178-14 was approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT DOME BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$546,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$518,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"

Ordinance No. 2179-14

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT DOME BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$546,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$518,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

**Section 1.** The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Lawrence, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$546,000 including the sum \$27,300 as down payment for the improvement as required by the Local Bond

Law. The down payment has been made by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement in one or more previously adopted budgets.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$518,700 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.** The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the construction of a Salt Dome. The improvement listed herein include all work and material necessary therefore or incidental thereto.

**Section 4.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 5.** The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Section 6.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements that may be lawfully undertaken as

general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law is 20 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$518,700, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$5,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purposes of improvements.

**Section 7.** Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**Section 8.** The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**Section 9.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the

payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 10.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

There being no public comments relative to Ordinance No. 2179-14, it was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD REPAIR WORK IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$100,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"

Public Comments:

Ms. Tahirih Smith, 944 Lawrence Road, stated that they have several really dangerous potholes where she resides along Route 206 and asked what could be done about repairing those potholes and was advised by Mr. Krawczun that she can report the locations of the potholes to him or the Municipal Clerk or directly to DOT who has a link on their website. He further discussed a lawsuit that went through the Joint Insurance Fund where a town did a repair on a county road and the county was sued; and, because the town did the repair they were brought into the lawsuit as well. And, he knows sometimes it becomes frustrating to residents to hear the Township or the Public Works Department say that is not our jurisdiction but there is a host of liability that comes with the Township fixing something they are not supposed to; so, they take care of the 200 lane miles of their own roads in Lawrence Township so that they do not become haphazard about doing the work.

There being no one else to address the Council, Mayor Lewis closed public participation.

Ordinance No. 2180-14

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD REPAIR  
WORK IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE IN THE  
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING  
\$100,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000  
BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST  
THEREOF

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

**Section 1.** The improvement described in Section 2 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Lawrence, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$100,000 and the sum of \$5,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment or the grant referred to in Section 1; negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$95,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.** (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds to be issued is the: (1) Province Line Road (off 206), Fackler Road, Princeton Pike, Federal City Road, Denow Road, Cold Soil Road, Van Kirk Road, Toftrees Court, Drift & Eldridge Road intersection, Eldridge Avenue, Johnson Road "S" bend, Tiffany Woods (entrance) and Mabel Avenue (intersection) (2) concrete improvements incidental to overlay and all work and materials therefore or incidental thereto and all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk, which plans are hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is \$100,000.

**Section 4.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no

note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 5.** The capital budget of the Township of Lawrence is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

**Section 6.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated: (a) The purposes described in Section 2 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements that may be lawfully undertaken as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, and the reasonable life thereof, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law is 5 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$95,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$2,500 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purpose of improvements.

**Section 7.** The grant referred to in Section 1 when received will be applied to the direct payment of the cost of the improvements authorized herein. Any other grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**Section 8.** The Chief Financial Office of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**Section 9.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 10.** The Township reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures towards the cost of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein has been or is reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Township, or any member of the same "control group" as the Township, within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-1(f), pursuant to their budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. The Section is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Township's official intent to reimburse any expenditures towards the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.103-18, and no action (or



inaction) will be an artifice or device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.103-13(j) or 1.148-9(g) to avoid, in whole or in part, arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements.

**Section 11.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Ordinance 2180-14 was approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER"

Ordinance No. 2181-14

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$848,672.79 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey by a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring that, in the CY 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Lawrence shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$848,672.79 and that the CY 2014 municipal budget for the Township of Lawrence be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within five days after such adoption.

Ordinance 2181-14 was approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE PROHIBITING AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING"

Ordinance No. 2182-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE  
PROHIBITING AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING

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

WHEREAS, the Lawrence Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, strives to protect citizens from fear and intimidation accompanying certain kinds of solicitation that have become an unwelcome and overwhelming presence in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Lawrence Township Council is to restore an atmosphere of mutual respect within the community; and

WHEREAS, within the last few years there has been a substantial increase in aggressive solicitation or panhandling throughout the Township of Lawrence as well as an increase in targeted panhandling in certain areas of the Township; and

WHEREAS, aggressive panhandling, which usually includes approaching or following pedestrians, the use of abusive language, unwanted physical contact, or the intentional blocking of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, is extremely disturbing and disruptive to residents and businesses and contributes not only to the loss of access and enjoyment of public places, but also to an enhanced sense of fear, intimidation and disorder; and

WHEREAS, the increase of targeted panhandling at locations where residents are captive audiences, in which it is impossible or difficult for them to exercise their own right to decline to listen to or avoid solicitation from others, intimidates persons who are approached, interferes with privacy and security, impedes traffic flow, causes congestion, and negatively impacts businesses within the town. Such places include buses and bus shelters, parking lots, major intersections where cars and bicyclists must stop for traffic, and pedestrian foot bridges where pedestrians are unable to take an alternate route; and

WHEREAS, aggressive and targeted panhandling of commercial customers as they enter and exit retail establishments, including malls, restaurants, bars and cafes, has become increasingly disturbing to residents and businesses, has generated an enhanced sense of fear, intimidation and disorder, and has caused many retail customers to avoid shopping or dining within the Township. This situation threatens the economic vitality of the Township; and

WHEREAS, this law is timely and appropriate because current laws and Township regulations are insufficient to address the above-mentioned problems.

The restriction contained herein are neither overbroad nor vague, and are narrowly tailored to serve a substantial governmental interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 15 of the Lawrence Township Administrative Code entitled "Offenses – Miscellaneous" be and is hereby amended by the addition of the following new section.

## 15-20 Panhandling

### Section I. Definitions

#### A. "Aggressive Manner" shall mean:

1. Approaching or speaking to a person, or following a person before, during or after panhandling, if that conduct is likely to cause a reasonable person to:
  - (a) Fear bodily harm to oneself or to another, damage to or loss of property  
or;
  - (b) Otherwise be intimidated into giving money, goods or other things of value
2. Approaching an occupied vehicle by entering into the roadway when traffic is either stopped or moving, before, during or after panhandling;
3. Knocking on the window of, or physically reaching toward or into an occupied vehicle before, during or after panhandling;
4. Continuing to solicit from a person after the person has given a negative response to such panhandling;
5. Intentionally touching or causing physical contact with another person without that person's consent in the course of panhandling;
6. Intentionally blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a pedestrian or vehicle by any means, including causing a pedestrian or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact before, during or after panhandling;

7. Using violent or threatening gestures toward a person before, during or after panhandling;
  8. Using profane, offensive or abusive language which is inherently likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction, either before, during or after panhandling;
  9. Following a person while panhandling with the intent of asking that person for money, goods or other things of value
- B. "Intersection" shall mean the intersection of the lateral curb lines, or if none, the lateral boundary lines of the roadway, of two roads that join one another at approximately right angles.
- C. "Panhandling" shall mean asking for money or objects of value, with the intention that the money or object be transferred at that time, and at that place. Panhandling shall include using the spoken, written, or printed words, bodily gestures, signs, or other means with the purpose obtaining an immediate donation of money or other thing of value.
- D. "Public Place" shall mean a place where a governmental entity has title or to which the public or a substantial group of persons has access, including, but not limited to, any street, highway, parking lot, transportation facility, shopping center, school, place of amusement, park or playground.

#### Section II. Unlawful Panhandling

It is unlawful and a public nuisance for any person to:

- A. Panhandle in an aggressive manner in any public place; any supermarket, mall, retail store, restaurant or bar; any public transportation vehicle or at any bus stop; any parking lot or parking structure accessible to the general public and within any intersection in the Township.

#### Section III. Exceptions

This ordinance shall not affect the individuals, groups, sporting organizations, military organizations, religious groups and any other organization that completes an application to solicit with the Lawrence Township Municipal Clerk in an effort to raise money for their said groups.

Section IV. Enforcement

- A. The Chief of Police or his designee is authorized to enforce this ordinance.
- B. Citizens may bring complaints against violators of this ordinance

Section V. Penalties

The penalty for the first violation of this section shall be a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and/or a period of community service not to exceed thirty (30) days; for a subsequent offense within a one year period from the initial violation, the penalty shall be a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and/or a period of community service not to exceed sixty (60) days.

Section VI. Repealer

All ordinances or part of same inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section VII. Severability

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section VIII. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after adoption thereof.

Ordinance 2182-14 was approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Krawczun submitted invoice listings for the month of April 2014 in the amount of \$1,102,500.42.

Mr. Krawczun stated the first item of business was already discussed regarding the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with authors Sarah James and Torbjorn Lahti on eco-municipalities and sustainability.

Mr. Krawczun advised on March 20<sup>th</sup> he, Mayor Lewis and James Parvesse, Municipal Engineer met with Aaron Watson, Director of Mercer County Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Melinda Montgomery, A.A.E. Airport Manager and Garret Hengeli, Noise, Safety, Environmental Specialist to discuss concerns raised by residents of Toftrees Court about the travel path, noise and altitude of the planes utilizing Trenton-Mercer Airport and that the County representatives are familiar with the residents' concerns as Mr. Hengeli had visited the Toftrees neighborhood on several occasions to investigate reported concerns and during his observations he did not find any excessive noise or unsafe activities. In addition, a verification of altitude by the aircraft approaching the airport was confirmed with Trenton-Mercer Air Traffic Control during his visit and no violations were found there either

Mr. Krawczun stated as for the flight pattern it cannot be changed by the county or a municipality because in order to change a particular portion of a flight pattern and move it in one direction or another they would have to change the entire circle of flights all at one time; and, because the FAA develops and approves the flight pattern it can only be changed by them as it is directed under their jurisdiction and proceeded to discuss a piece of correspondence that the Administrator of Hopewell Township submitted to the FAA at the beginning of the year requesting a meeting to discuss the exact same topic, which the FAA declined, but advised they would be conducting a Noise Study at the Trenton Airport that they will share with the Township once the study is completed and he will request a copy of that report to share with the Council.

Mr. Krawczun advised that he and Gregory Whitehead met with Dennis Waters, Township Historian, to discuss a design for a display case to exhibit historic artifacts of Lawrence Township that will be located across from the Engineering Department in Town Hall. The physical presence of the Display will be non-intrusive and accommodating as there are some things they might need to protect the artifacts. They are also seeking independent funding for the creation of the display.

Mr. Krawczun stated that he had an opportunity to meet with a representative of Keller Williams about the parcel of land near the Quakerbridge Mall that sits on the front side of Grovers Mill Road to discuss what the town is interested in seeing at that location and other zoning issues that may be applicable, and indicated they are a listing broker so they are trying to market that site as well and he is bringing the matter to the Council's attention because they are now seeing a good pattern of activity picking up.

Mr. Krawczun advised that they held a meeting with some other towns in Mercer County about Municipal Energy Aggregation and there is lot of information that is still being sought and each of the towns representatives, who he will not mention at the present time as they need to consult with their governing bodies but at the conclusion of the meeting agreed that they would each ask their respective Governing Bodies if there was any interest in pursuing a much larger meeting that would invite the Councils, Planning Boards, Green Teams and other Environmental Commission members from each of the communities as well as residents who may be interested and to seek out one of the consultants who offer this type of aggregation service to not only inform everyone but to do some Q & A to determine if there was an interest in doing this jointly with more than one town. So, if there is an interest he can represent Lawrence Township as one of the communities who would like to see a larger meeting setup just for informational purposes and dialogue to begin the understanding of what might be necessary, the pros, the cons and how this might work on a more cooperative joint level. After some general dialogue amongst the Council and Mr. Krawczun regarding energy aggregation and educating the public on the matter the Council voiced their support and participation in a joint meeting.

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#### **Attorney's Report –**

Mr. Roskos stated they already discussed one of the items he was going to report on tonight concerning the sale of the property at 10 Shinney Lane and he would like to finish his thoughts on the matter and expressed his appreciation to the Mayor for ending the dialogue earlier that was nonproductive and indicated all he was he is trying to do is protect the Township as the town has to act in accordance with the Statute. And, he is certainly sympathetic to Ms. Drew's problem; but, he hopes the Council now understands that Lawrence Township took no municipal action that created the lane and they did not place the lane on property owned by others...someone else did many years ago, and all they merely discovered was after the Township acquired the property for public use it appeared in the Deed and Township recognized that the lane existed in 1990 and he thought that should have solved the questions for the Title Company, as they should have stepped up and insured the access point and resolved the problem.

Mr. Roskos further stated he thinks the problem is bigger than the Township and by that he means all of the property owners who reside on that lane have no common easement and what should have been done years ago is all the parties should have joined in a Deed of Easement and had it recorded at the County Clerk's Office then their rights would have been defined and having said that he senses the Council would like him to move forward on the matter in attempt to find a resolution and in order to do so he needs a Survey to show



where the lane is located; because according to the map that was provided to the Council, he is not sure if the lane is where it is depicted on the tax map or if the lane is on the Bielamowicz property or if the Township's property is truly subject to the lane or if the lane has moved from the time the Township acquired the land and advised that he did personally go out to the site and took pictures so he could have a better understanding as to what is going on and proceeded to explain his thoughts on the situation as well as what they would need to do legally to grant the easement. Additional dialogue took place relative to Mr. Roskos working with the property owners, their attorney and Title Company to find a resolution as well as some of the challenges they might face with regards to the easement and wetlands in the area.

Mr. Roskos stated he issued a memo today regarding Proclamations and asked if all of Council received a copy. Mr. Brame advised that he did not receive a copy and would like to discuss the matter in Closed Session but was advised by the Municipal Clerk that the matter is not a closed session issue; therefore, the matter has to be discussed in open session.

Mr. Roskos stated the memo simply states that there is no ordinance on the books which prohibits proclamations or provides guidance about proclamations; but, there is one Resolution (382-10) that addresses the Township's sponsorship of functions, events, services and facilities that essentially deals with cable television programming...so there is no Resolution or Ordinance that concerns itself with proclamations; therefore, it is their prerogative to do as they see fit in terms of proclamations, and as a reminder he added to the memo that the Council must act as a majority when making a decision as to whether a proclamation is appropriate or not. He further cautioned that the request for proclamations can put the Council in an untenable position where they can be viewed as taking a side in an issue or commenting on things that are beyond municipal business or embroiled in something that would not otherwise involve the Council; and, although he thinks it is honorable that the Council recognize citizens in the community that do good to advance the public good just as the person they honored tonight he can come up with some hypotheticals that he will not bore the Council with tonight regarding one group over another group not receiving recognition for the good they do in the community. A general discussion ensued relative to the matter.

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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) –**

Ms. Tahirih Smith, 944 Lawrence Road, stated that they have an Alliance of Sustainable Municipalities that they created about five years ago, which consists of the Green Teams and Environmental Commissions from a lot of communities in Mercer County – Ewing, Hopewell, Princeton and Lawrence – who have been meeting on a quarterly basis to discuss ways to collaborate and they have an upcoming meeting on the April 29 and one of the topics on the Agenda is the Energy Aggregate Purchase, which they have a grass-swell of interest in from several of the Green Teams and Environmental Commissions to promote that within Mercer County and their next topic will be on Curbside Organics that they are championing.

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**Resolutions**

Resolution Nos. 142-14 (17-A) thru 150-14 (17-J) with the exception of Resolution (17-H-Closed Session) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

### Councilmember Kownacki's report:

- No Liaison Report.

### Councilmember Maffei's report:

- Advised that he attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Living Local Expo sponsored by the Lawrence, Ewing and Hopewell Sustainable Green Teams along with the Mercer County Sustainability Group and he was pleasantly surprised at the large turnout as there was an estimated amount of 1500 attendees along with 82 vendors who provided local and educational services, public health officials were onsite to do blood pressure screenings as well as answer patients health questions, efficiency vehicles were available and a full farmers market area with meat and dairy product from local farms available to the community and indicated it was the most worthwhile event to participate in and that he was very pleased with the glowing comments he received from many of the attendees at the event.

Also, there will be an event on May 9 and 10 being sponsored in part by Sustainable Lawrence and Sustainable Jersey to continue to make the community aware of how they can participate in the green movement and be more productive in their communities and that the Council is invited to the event on May 9 to learn more about the sustainable green movement with two speakers from Sweden, Sarah James and Torbjorn Tahti, who will be leading a Special Training Session, May 10, at the Community Conversation Meeting from 8:30 am to 3:00 p.m. at Rider University, and advised that he is looking forward to everyone's participation along with other municipalities in this sustainable green movement that will affect the lives of their families for generations to come.

- Advised that the seniors have found a solution to their bus problem that was previous reported; the buses will be running from Slackwood Fire Company.

Councilmember Powers' report:

- Advised that the Human Relations Committee is meeting right next door as they speak and hopefully he can make it there before it concludes and that Diversity Day is scheduled for Sunday, May 4 at Lawrence High School 12-4 pm and Pam Pruitt will be the Keynote Speaker this year.
- Stated as for Shade Tree Advisory Committee Arbor Day is coming up on April 25 at 12 Noon and they want to publicly thank their friends at the Armory for allowing their landscaper to dig the hole for the tree planting, a job that is normally performed by the Public Works Department, and this year they will be honoring those who served in the military.

Mayor Lewis' report:

- Stated she as well attended the Living Local event and it was a wonderful event where her daughter enjoyed getting Sustainable Jersey tattoos all over and she would like to note with regards to the vendors in attendance that Lawrence has another Grand Opening in a couple of weeks on Route 1 at a business that moved, so things are continuing to move forward and up. Also, she just had a meeting with the Growth & Redevelopment Committee at one of the town businesses and they are looking to find new ways for businesses to network with each other and neighbors.
- Advised that she attended the Stony Brook Stream Cleanup at Colonial Lake, which was not only wonderful because they had so many volunteers...but because they had Lawrence Township Officials out their helping with the cleanup on a Saturday and giving away trees that the Township received through the State and she would like to publicly thanked everyone for their participation and for the wonderful job they did in another successful project.

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**Written Communications –**

- A. There was no written communication.

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

8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Cathleen M. Lewis, Mayor