

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

November 6, 2014

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

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

At the commencement of the meeting Councilman Kownacki, Acting Mayor, 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, November 6, 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 Kownacki, Maffei and Powers.  
Absent: Councilmembers Brame and Mayor Lewis.

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

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Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

There were no proclamations or presentations.

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Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

There was no public participation.

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### Review and Revisions of Agenda

Councilman Maffei requested that the Agenda be amended to correct Regular Meeting Minutes (8-A) from February 28<sup>th</sup> to February 18<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Krawczun requested the removal of Resolution (18-D) – Authorizing Transfer of 2014 Current Fund Appropriations that requires two-thirds vote of the full membership of the governing body, which they do not have this evening and Resolution (18-H) – Executive Session, not needed.

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

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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### Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Maffei, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 18, 2014 were approved without correction.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Maffei, the Minutes of Special Meeting of February 26, 2014 were approved without correction.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Maffei, the Minutes of Closed Session Meeting of October 21, 2014 were approved without correction.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

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

Resolution No. 324-14

WHEREAS, on Thursday, October 16, 2014 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Roof Renovations and Replacement at Lawrence Municipal Building, Lawrence Police & Courts Building and Slackwood Fire House**; and

WHEREAS, twelve (12) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Northeast Roof Maintenance who submitted a bid in the amount of \$238,250.00 (Total Base Bid, Alternate 1B and Alternate 2), and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:50-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the accounts to be charged are as follows:

Acct.	Ord. No.	Name	Amount
C-04-55-386-232	2186-14	Municipal Bldg. Improvement Limestone Cap. Repair – Town Hall	\$25,000
C-04-55-386-233	2186-14	Police Headquarters Roof Repair	\$23,250
C-04-55-372-244	2156-13	Improvement to Municipal Building Slackwood Roof Repair	\$175,500
C-04-55-360-232	2127-12	Improvement of Municipal Bldg. Roof Repairs Town Hall/Police building	\$6,149.69
C-04-55-286-260	1894-06	Municipal Bldg. Improvements Misc. Bldg. Improvements	\$424.57
C-04-55-271-296	1844-05	Construction/Renovation Municipal Bldg. Capital Improvement	\$113.11
C-04-55-298-265	1940-07	Renovation of Municipal Bldgs./Senior Center	\$7,812.63

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendations of the Municipal Engineer, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Northeast Roof Maintenance, Inc., 649 Catherine Street, Perth Amboy NJ 08861 in the amount of \$238,250.00 which includes \$175,500.00 for the Base Bid; \$23,250.00 for Alternate 1B and \$39,500.00 for Alternate 2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Manager is hereby authorized to draft the necessary agreement, subject to the approval of the Municipal Attorney as to form and content thereof.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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

Resolution No. 332-14

**WHEREAS**, on October 28, 2014, bids were received for Re-Bid No. 14-09, 2014/2015 Snow Plowing Services; and

**WHEREAS**, one bid was received and reviewed by the Municipal Manager and Director of Public Works and the bidder was Marrazzos Manor Lane, 1301 Yardley Road, Yardley, PA 19067 who submitted a bid in the amount of \$150.00 per hour per truck; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is 4-16-56-849-299 (Reserve for Snow Removal);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to award Re-Bid No. 14-09, 2014 Snow Plowing Services, to Marrazzo's Manor Lane for the period of November 15, 2014 through April 15, 2015 with a contract amount not to exceed \$17,000.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Introduction of Ordinances

Acting Mayor Kownacki read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC'"

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Ordinance simply amends the Lawrence Township Administrative Code, specifically "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" in order to delete a designated handicapped parking space at 11 Vermont Street.

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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Acting Mayor Kownacki read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS GOVERNING SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS"

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Ordinance amends the established provisions governing off-duty assignments for police officers as previous discussed. The amendment will increase the hourly rate for off-duty road and/or utility construction traffic enforcement to \$75.00 per hour.

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

There was no adoption of ordinances.

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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Krawczun stated he asked Jim Parvesse, Township Engineer, to appear before the Council at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to update them on what they know about the PennEast Pipeline, as they have been meeting with officials from Transco and surrounding municipalities to try and determine as well as find out information on the pipeline project and how it may impact each municipality. In addition, Mr. Roskos, Township Attorney, has been working from the other side of the aisle dealing with any legal issues that they may have to confront.

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Mr. Krawczun stated for the December 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting he received a request from Eleanor Horne, Co-President Lawrence-Hopewell Trail, to make a year-end presentation to the Council on an update of the Trail activities that have been occurring in Lawrence Township as well as other parts of the Trail.

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Mr. Krawczun advised that the Gregory Whitehead, Director of Public Works, has been speaking with Central Jersey Waste about the possibility of lowering the number of residents that will be required to get the Organic Waste Program started so he has nothing to report on that matter as they are still talking to them about lowering the number and indicated, as they may already know, the facility in Delaware has closed and in speaking with the owner/operator, there may be some interest in lowering that number down from the 300 required residents; but, what that number is he could not speculate.

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**Attorney's Report –**

There was no Attorney's report.

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**Clerk's Report –**

Ms. Norcia advised the Council that they need to set a date for a Special Meeting to adopt the Resolution that they could not adopt this evening because the lack of four votes. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the meeting be held on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall in the Council Conference Room. Thereafter, Ms. Norcia advised that she would confirm the date and time with the other members of Council that are not present.

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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) –**

*Mr. Joseph Mislán, 4 Sunset Road, resident of Lawrence Township for 44 years spoke about Wi-Fi and it being the new frontier with regards to technology and there being a lot to learn as it will be the new way of doing business. And, in terms of what has happened in the world of communication as they now have hand-held devices, it is important for everyone to understand that purchase of goods and payment for most goods will be done by those little hand-held devices and the speed in which this is all occurring is just phenomenal. He further discussed Wi-Fi being fixed frequencies for receiving and transmitting Gigahertz (GHz) and asked that they take notice to the name Hertz, a German Scientist from the 1800's, who was one of first pioneers to find that people could send magnetic waves a short distance and receive it at the other end and turn it back into a current; the wireless spectrum and how it came about and the impact it has made on Lawrence Township and other areas and Major Howard Armstrong who invented the tunable radio – AM then FM; a tunable frequency different from the spark frequency that covers the entire electromagnetic spectrum and asked the Council to consider how Wi-Fi will impact Lawrence as the surrounding communities exceed them with Wi-Fi technology and urged them to appoint a company or technical director to steer the Township towards Wi-Fi and to phase it into the town's commerce and everyday lives.*

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Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 325-14 (18-A) thru 331-14 (18-G) with the exception of Resolution (18-D) were approved by 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			

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

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

There were no Liaison Reports.

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**Written Communications –**

There was no written communication.

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

6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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James S. Kownacki, Acting Mayor