

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

August 18, 2015

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 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 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, August 18, 2015, 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.”

A moment of silence was observed for Councilmember Brame, who had passed away unexpectedly.

The roll was then called as follows:

Present: Councilmembers Kownacki, Maffei, Powers and Mayor Lewis.  
Absent: None.

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

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**INTERVIEW OF INDIVIDUALS TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY**

Councilman Brame has passed away; the Council is to work under the Municipal Vacancy Law. The Citation is N.J.S.A. 40A16-1SC, under pursuant to Section 16-3, the process in which the Municipality conducts election. This Municipality conducts voting under general elections, as such the Township is guided under 16-5 which has two sections; it is dependent on the time of the election, during the term of the Councilman.

In this case, Mr. Brame passed away before September first, with two years left of his term. Therefore, Subsection B is applicable to this circumstance. The effective Governing body is empowered, in its discretion, to select an interim successor

temporarily between the period intervening between the vacancy and the election of the permanent successor at the appropriate subsequent general election.

Nominees for the vacant Council seat:

Jerell Blakeley  
Christopher Bobbitt  
Ian J. Dember

Each nominee was given three minutes to introduce themselves and provide an argument as to why they are the best candidate. After the presentation, the Council posed questions to the candidates, after which the Council deliberated in a Closed Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Maffei, the selection of the Nominee to fill the Council vacancy was Ian J. Dember - (Resolution 255a-15)

Ayes: Councilmembers Kownacki, Maffei, and Powers.

Nays: None.

Abstained: Mayor Lewis

The Oath of Office was then administered to Mr. Dember.

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#### Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

There were no Special Proclamations, Recognitions or Presentations.

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

*Jo Ann Boyle of Lawrencia Drive* spoke of the world's economic and political situation. She also voiced concerns for the Township in regards to the current political climate. She wants someone who is not involved in politics to help with the problems of the world. Ms. Boyle stated that "if they don't do their job, when they say they will do them - get rid of them."

Ms. Boyle then discussed taxes in Lawrence Township, and stated that since her father built his house in 1972, there has been talk of lower taxes.

Ms. Boyle also discussed how Governor Christie does not come to visit Lawrence Township when he is in the State of New Jersey. Ms. Boyle is concerned about the state of current society, and the problems that do not seem to be addressed, or, in her opinion, addressed by the wrong people.

Mayor Lewis asked if there is anything that the Council can do. Ms. Boyle said “not really.” Ms. Boyle then repeated that politicians who cannot do their job should be thrown out by the people.

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#### Review and Revisions of Agenda

There was no review or revisions to the agenda.

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#### Adoption of Minutes

There was no adoption of minutes from previous meetings.

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#### Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

Mayor Lewis asked for comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Lewis then asked for comments from Council. There being none, public participation was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Maffei, the following resolution was presented for adoption:

#### Resolution No. 276-15

WHEREAS, a bid was awarded to Thor Construction Group, LLC for services for a project known as the Colonial Lake Improvements in the amount of \$43,000.00, as outlined in Resolution No. 178-15; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to amend this contract for an amount not to exceed \$1,740.00, resulting in a new contract amount of \$44,740.00, said increase allowed by statute without re-bid; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 reflects supplemental items and final quantity adjustments required during the construction; 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 for the additional increase is C-04-55-389-221 (Ordinance 2186-14 – Various Park/Recreation Facility (Colonial Lake Fence Replacement));

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an amended agreement with Thor Construction Group, LLC, P. O. Box 518, West Long Branch NJ 07764, represented by Douglas Thorman, for a revised amount not to exceed \$1,740.00, subject to appropriation in the 2015 budget and availability of funds.
2. Notice of this resolution shall be published in The Trentonian as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Kownacki, Maffei, Powers and Mayor Lewis.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Dember.

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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Maffei, the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 277-15

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2015, bids were received for Bid No. 15-09, Aeromaster PT-170 Specifications or Equal; and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received and reviewed by the Township Manager and the Director of Public Works and the bidder Midwest Bio-Systems, Inc., 28933 35 East Street, Tampico, Florida 61283 is being awarded the bid with a total bid proposal price of \$104,030.00; and

WHEREAS, this is a joint purchase with Princeton and the Township of Lawrence shall be designated as the agent responsible for procuring this equipment on behalf of both parties and shall receive as dedicated revenues for said purposes one-half (1/2) of the purchase price from Princeton with a reasonable time prior to the award of the bid; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the accounts to be charged are C-04-55-385-282 (Leaf Turner – *Shared with Princeton*) for \$35,000.00 and C-04-55-403-282 (Composting Equipment) for \$17,015.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to award Bid No. 15-09, Aeromaster PT-170 Specifications or Equal, to Midwest Bio-Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$104,030.00.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR THE IMPOUNDMENT, STORAGE AND PROCESSING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES.”

Mr. Krawczun explained that the Ordinance creates fees to cover administrative costs of impounding, processing and storing motor vehicles that are impounded by the Township Police Department.

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

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Dember					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 submitted invoice listings for the month of August 2015 in the amount of \$1,193,142.92.

There was no Manager's Report.

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**Attorney's Report –**

Mr. Roskos reported that the Affordable Housing litigation in Mercer County is moving forward. All towns in Mercer County are participating. Mr. Roskos said that he is waiting on communications, and will have more details to what is taking place at a later time.

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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. 256-15(18-A) through 279-15(18-V) with the exception Resolutions 276-15 and 277-16 (Bid Awards) were approved by the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Dember					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 was no Council Initiatives or Liaison Reports.

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**Written Communications –**

There were no written communications.

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There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Tonya D. Carter, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Cathleen M. Lewis, Mayor