

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

January 6, 2015

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, January, 6, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance, led by the Fire Chiefs of the Lawrence Road Fire Company, Slackwood Volunteer Fire Company and Lawrenceville Fire Company.

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, January 6, 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.”

The roll was then called as follows:

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

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

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Mayor Lewis administered the Oaths of Office to the Fire Chiefs for 2015 as follows:

Chief Mike Byrd	Lawrence Road Fire Company
Chief Mark Lenarski	Slackwood Volunteer Fire Company
Chief Gary Wasko	Lawrenceville Fire Company

Appointment to Boards and Committee

Mayor Lewis advised that the Liaisons will be casting their nominations for the nominees appointed to the following Boards and Committees:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD – (Peter Ferrone and Kevin Van Hise – 3-year term ending 12/31/17)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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CABLE TELECOMMUNICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – (Abe Abramovich– 4-year term ending 12/31/18)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABILITY GREEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – (Anna Bosted – 4-year term ending 12/31/17)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – (Ryan Kennedy-Class III, Howard Nelson-Class III, John Conroy-Class IV and Danielle DelPrato-Class IV – 3-year term ending 12/31/17)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD – (Anthony Brickman, Darlene Hanley and Kevin McGuigan – 3-year term ending 12/31/17)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE– (Edward McDonald, Billy O’Neal and Alfredo Trevino – 4-year term ending 12/31/18)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE on DRUG and ALCOHOL ABUSE – (Kelly Nitti – 2-year term ending 12/31/16)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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PLANNING BOARD – Kim Taylor – Class IV - 4-year term ending 12/31/18 and Diego Samuel – Alternate #2 - 2-year term ending 12/31/16)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – (Michael Burzachiello, Roseanne Manghisi and Jitesh Patel – 2-year term ending 12/31/16)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – (Robert Dalle Pазze, George Ferenchick and Sigmund Zegarski – 3-year term ending 12/31/17)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – (Sarah Downing, Bertha Hirsch, Helen Knoble and David Majofsky – 4-year term ending 12/31/18)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – (David Bosted and Edward Sproles - 3-year term ending 12/31/17)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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TRAILS, OPEN SPACE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – (Daniel Druckenbrod and Nicholas Bosted - 3-year term ending 12/31/17)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – (Bruce Kmosko and Charles Lavine – 4-year term ending 12/31/18 and Melissa Saunders - 2-year term ending 12/31/16)

Resolution No. 33A-15 was 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						

Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

There was no public participation.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

Mr. Krawczun requested that the Agenda be amended to replace Resolution (18-M) - Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Special Counsel for Labor Relations for 2015 with a new Resolution due to a name change in referral for labor attorney, and add Resolution (18-GG) - Authorizing Approval of Stipulation of Settlement with Lawrence Associates (Quaker Bridge Mall) for Tax Appeal matter; Resolution (18-HH) - Authorizing Award for the RFP for Electronic Ticketing System to GTBM to be operated by the Lawrence Township Police Department.

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

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Adoption of Minutes

There was no adoption of minutes.

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

There was no award of bids.

Introduction of Ordinances

There was no introduction of ordinances.

Adoption of Ordinances

There was no adoption of ordinances.

Manager's Report –

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Administration received an email that the Franchise Renewal with Comcast was approved by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

Attorney's Report –

Mr. Roskos discussed the Tax Appeal settlement with Lawrence Associates (Quaker Bridge Mall) that has been ongoing for many years and the global settlement that was struck to settle all prior tax years and establish the value of the Mall that was recently refurbished which he indicated is fair and equitable and going forward should prevent tax appeals for the next few years. Mayor Lewis thanked Mr. Roskos and Mr. Krawczun for all of their work on the matter.

Clerk's Report –

There was no Clerk's report.

Old Business –

There was no old business.

New Business –

There was no new business.

Public Participation (3-minute limitation per speaker) –

There was no public participation.

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 2-15 (18-B) thru 33-15 (18-HH) with the exception of Resolution (18-A) 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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Resolution No. 1-15 (18-A) was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Mayor Lewis stated that the Township had a packed house for the Colonel Hand March and it was a wonderful day for the community with great participation. They got a little bit of snow that eventually cleared up and there were long lines of people behind her who took turns firing the cannon...so all good things to report in 2015.

There were no additional 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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Cathleen M. Lewis, Mayor