

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

November 5, 2015

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Thursday, November 5, 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 Thursday, November 5, 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 Dember, Kownacki, Maffei, Powers and Mayor Lewis.
Absent: None.

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

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

There were no Special Proclamations, Recognitions or Presentations.

Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

There was no Public Participation.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

Councilmember Dember requested that Resolution No. 386-15 (18-P) be pulled for further discussion in a closed session.

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

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Maffei, the Minutes of the following Regular Meetings were approved without correction:

December 2, 2014
December 17, 2014
January 6, 2015

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 Minutes of the following Closed Session Meetings were approved without correction:

October 6, 2015  
October 20, 2015

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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#### Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

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

Mr. Krawczun stated that this Resolution amends the awarded contract to Diamond Construction resulting in a new maximum of \$84,075.00, an increase of \$5,975.00. The change reflects additional supplemental items required.

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

Resolution No. 392-15

WHEREAS, a bid was awarded to Diamond Construction for services for a project known as the 2015 Miscellaneous Concrete and Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$78,100.00, as outlined in Resolution No. 145-15; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to amend this contract in the amount of \$5,975.00, resulting in a new contract maximum of \$84,075.00, said increase allowed by statute without re-bid; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 reflects supplemental items and final quantity adjustments; 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-04-55-395-243 (Ordinance 2208-15 – Various Road Improvements – Toftrees Court);

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 Diamond Construction, 35 Beaverson Boulevard, Suite 9A, Brick, NJ 08723, represented by John Kovacs, for a revised amount not to exceed \$84,075.00.
2. Notice of this resolution shall be published in the Lawrence Ledger 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 Dember, Kownacki, Maffei, Powers and Mayor Lewis.

Nays: None.

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

Mr. Krawczun said this Resolution is for recycling collection at multi-family housing units where curbside collections are not provided. The contract award is for five years. The contract expires November 30, 2020.

On a motion by Dr. Maffei, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the following Resolution was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 393-15

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2015 bids were received for Bid No. 15-10, Recycling Collection and Disposal; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received and was reviewed by the Municipal Manager and the Director of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Waste Management, 107 Silvia Street, Ewing, New Jersey 08628 was the only bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Township is awarding said bid for a five (5) year period to commence on December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2020; 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 5-01-26-305-252 (Garbage and Trash Removal); and

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 enter into a five (5) year contract from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2020 for recycling collection and disposal with Waste Management.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Powers.

Introduction of Ordinances

There was no introduction of Ordinances.

Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Lewis read by title, an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$8,356.00 THEREFOR AND DIRECTING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COST THEREOF."

Mr. Krawczun explained that the Ordinance provides for improvements at individual properties for concrete work along roadways the Township has been performing road improvements. The bid allows for property owners to participate at the Township's cost for improvements.

Ordinance No. 2220-15

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$8,356.00 THEREFOR AND DIRECTING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COST THEREOF

WHEREAS, at the request of certain owners of properties identified herein, the Township of Lawrence has previously authorized and undertaken certain sidewalk improvements; and

WHEREAS, the understanding between the property owners and the Township was that these improvements would be specially assessed against the properties; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to authorize the special assessment of the cost of such improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 3 of this ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Lawrence, New Jersey as a local improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$8,356.00.

Section 2. (a) The improvement hereby authorized is the improvement of the sidewalks, curbs, and driveway aprons along the streets listed below. The affected properties, listed by name of record owner, street address, block, lot and assessment amounts are as follows:

<u>OWNER OF RECORD</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PROPERTY ADDRESS</u>	<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Evan Holzberg	9	Gedney Road	1904/15	\$ 896.00
Janet Groover	2263	Princeton Pike	1803/27	\$ 896.00
Elisa M. Gan	2398	Princeton Pike	2002/65.66	\$ 112.00
Richard & Jean Janukowicz	2400	Princeton Pike	2003/61	\$ 588.00
Sarah Milburn	2434	Princeton Pike	2006/47, 48	\$ 560.00
Mary, Martin & Michael Olszak	2488	Princeton Pike	2501/31	\$1,832.00
Salom Levin, ux	2615	Princeton Pike	3103/9	\$1,400.00
Rafael & Maria Azria	2621	Princeton Pike	3103/8	\$ 952.00
Christopher & Carol Kmiec	2626	Princeton Pike	3201/23	\$ 840.00
Michael & Renea Rostas	2646	Princeton Pike	3201/26	\$ 280.00
			Total	\$8,356.00

(b) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefore.

Section 3. The improvement described in Section 2 of this ordinance shall be undertaken as a sidewalk improvement and the cost thereof shall be assessed in the following manner. An accurate account of the cost of construction of the sidewalks shall be kept, and such cost shall be assessed upon the several properties fronting on the improvement in proportion to their respective frontage or square yardage thereon pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:65-1 *et seq.*

Section 4. The owner of any land upon which any assessment for the local improvement shall have been made may pay such assessment in the number of equal yearly installments herein determined, with legal interest on the unpaid balance of the assessment. The first of the installments shall be due and payable two months after the confirmation of the assessment, and each subsequent annual installment and interest shall be payable in each successive year thereafter at such time as the governing body shall by resolution determine, provided that any owner of land so assessed shall have the privilege of paying the whole of any assessment or of any balance of installments with accrued interest thereon at any time. Whenever any such installment shall remain unpaid for thirty (30) days from and after the time it shall become due and payable, the whole assessment or balance thereof shall become and be immediately due and payable and shall draw interest at the rate imposed upon the arrearage of taxes in the Township and shall be collected in the same manner as provided by law for other past due assessments. Such assessment shall remain a lien upon the land described herein until the assessment with all installments and accrued interest thereon shall be paid and

satisfied. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Township shall have the right to waive default as may be permitted by law.

Section 5. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a local improvement the cost of which shall be specially assessed in the manner provided herein.

(b) The number of annual installments within which the special assessments are to be levied on the lots and parcels of real estate affected by the improvement is three (3).

(c) The Township will not contribute to the payment of any part of the cost of the improvement.

(d) The estimated maximum aggregate amount of the special assessments is \$8,356.00.

The Ordinance was adopted 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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Mayor Lewis read by title, an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2203-14 ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS GOVERNING SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS."

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Ordinance adds an Administrative fee of \$5.00 an hour for Police Officers assigned to special duty.

Ordinance No. 2221-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2203-14  
ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS GOVERNING SPECIAL DUTY  
ASSIGNMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that Section II entitled "Administration of Government" is hereby amended as follows:

Section I.

Section 2-65 Manual of police discipline, practices, etc.

- (A) Subject to the approval.....
- (B) Special duty assignments for police officers are governed as follows:
  - (1) Purpose

For the convenience of those persons and entities which utilize the services of off-duty police officers and to authorize the outside employment of Township police while off-duty, the Township hereby establishes a policy regarding the use of said officers.

- (a) Sworn officers of the Police Division shall be permitted to accept police related employment for private employers only during off-duty hours and at such times as will not interfere with the efficient performance of regularly scheduled or emergency duty for the Township.
  - (b) Any person or entity wishing to employ an off-duty police officer shall first obtain the approval of the Chief of Police (or designee), which approval shall be granted if in the opinion of the Chief, such employment would not be inconsistent with the efficient functioning and good reputation of the Police Division and would not unreasonably endanger or threaten the safety of the employee or employees who are to perform the work.
- (2) Escrow Accounts
- (a) Any person or entity requesting the services of an off-duty police officer shall estimate the number of hours such services are required, which estimate shall be approved by the Chief of Police, and shall establish an escrow account with the chief Financial Officer of the Township by depositing an amount sufficient to cover the rates of compensation and administrative fees set forth in Subsection 8 for the total estimated hours of service.
  - (b) Prior to posting any request for services of off-duty police officers, the Chief of Police or his designee, shall verify that the balance in the escrow account of the person or entity requesting services is sufficient to cover the compensation and fees for the number of hours specified in the request for services. The Chief of Police shall not post nor offer a request for services from any person or entity unless all fees and

compensation required in the manner described above have been deposited with the Chief Financial Officer. No officer shall provide any services for more hours than are specified in the request for services.

- (c) In the event the funds in said escrow account become depleted, services of off-duty employees shall cease and requests for further or future services shall not be performed or posted until additional funds have been deposited in the escrow account in the manner prescribed above.
- (d) The person or entity requesting such services shall be responsible for ensuring that sufficient funds remain in the escrow account in order to avoid any interruption of services.

(3) Requests for Service

All requests to the Township for the services of off-duty police officers shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police for posting at least ten (10) days prior to the date that such services are required. Any employee assigned and working pursuant to this regulation shall be treated as an on-duty employee of the Township with the exception that wages earned for outside employment shall not be applied toward pension benefits, shall not be considered overtime and shall be paid at a rate of pay as described in Subsection 8.

- (a) The Chief of Police will be responsible for scheduling employees who will be assigned to off-duty work as described herein.
- (b) The Chief of Police may establish a limit on assignments per officer to ensure that off-duty work does not impair an officer's ability to perform during regularly-scheduled tours of duty.
- (c) The Chief of Police shall determine if a Township vehicle is required for the off-duty assignment and shall assign a vehicle in such cases as he deems necessary.

(4) Extra Duty Assignments Voluntary

The work to be performed shall be considered a special duty assignment from independent contractors and will not be considered a direct assignment. The taking of any extra duty assignments shall be on a voluntary basis in accordance with a fair and reasonable system established and administered by the Chief of Police. Any employee of the Township assigned and working pursuant to this regulation shall be treated as an on-duty employee of the Township with the exception that wages earned for outside employment shall not be applied toward pension benefits, shall not be considered overtime and shall be paid at a rate of pay as described in Subsection 8.

The Township reserves the right to assign an on-duty employee to fill a special duty assignment that cannot be filled in such cases where the Chief of Police deems such action to be in the best interest of the Township. In such cases, the Township shall first have posted such assignment without attaining a qualified employee. Should an employee be assigned on-duty, the employee shall receive his/her regular rate of compensation for the assignment. The Township shall retain the right to bill for such an assignment.

(5) Cancellation of Assignment

Any assignment which is canceled on less than four (4) hours notice shall be charged against the party and paid to the employee so assigned. Any other canceled assignment shall not be billable to the party nor payable to the employee.

(6) Chief's Order to Vacate Assignment

The Chief of Police has the authority to order any employee to vacate or terminate any special duty assignment in response to emergency situations or whenever the assignment creates an unacceptable risk to health, safety and/or welfare of the employee and/or the public in the sole determination and discretion of the Chief of Police. The contractor shall not be responsible for any compensation for the time that the employee is away from the special duty assignment and shall have no claim for costs or damages against the Township, the chief or the employee arising from the termination of special duty assignment other than the prorated return of any costs prepaid to the township.

(7) Township to Provide Insurance Coverage

The Township shall be responsible to provide all necessary insurance coverage, as required by law, including, but not limited to, workers compensation, public liability, and claims for damage, for personal injury including death or damage to property which may arise as a result of the Township's performance under the contract. The Township may, however, discipline or remove any employee from eligibility for special duty assignments if, in the opinion of the Chief of Police, his/her job performance or actions place the Township in a position that may result in a claim for liability.

(8) Rates of Compensation; Administrative Fee; Payment for Services

Rate of compensation for contracting the services of off-duty police officers shall be established as described herein:

Rates of Compensation; Administrative Fee; Payment for Services (hourly rates)

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Off-Duty Police Officer Assignment Road/Utility Construction | \$75.00 |
| Off-Duty Sergeant as Supervisor                              | \$50.00 |

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|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Off-Duty Lieutenant as Supervisor           | \$56.00       |
| Off-Duty Police Officer Security Assignment | \$45.00       |
| <u>Administrative Fee</u>                   | <u>\$5.00</u> |

(9) Length of Assignment

The minimum payment for any assignment shall be four (4) hours at the rates described above.

(10) Emergent Circumstances

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit special duty assignments where emergent conditions make compliance with one or more provision of this ordinance infeasible.

(a) Where emergent circumstances result in a request for a special duty assignment, the Chief Financial Officer may waive the requirement of an escrow deposit as provided for in paragraph B. (2) (a) "Escrow Accounts".

(b) In emergent circumstances the Chief of Police may authorize a special assignment with less than the ten (10) day posting requirement provided for in paragraph B (3) "Requests for Service"

Section II. Repealer

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

Section III. Severability

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

Section IV. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption thereof.

The Ordinance was adopted 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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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Krawczun submitted invoice listings for the month of November 2015 in the amount of \$1,196,555.01.

Mr. Krawczun imparted his office received the Local Finance Notice from the Division of Government Services that municipalities operating on a calendar, not the State fiscal year, CAP rate under the local budget law is limited to 2.5% of their cost of living adjustments whichever is less, and the CAP rate for 2016 for those appropriations subject to those limits is zero. So, they will see how they can work that into their planning.

Mr. Krawczun spoke about information received from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture regarding a survey of Gypsy Moths done in the area. The Department of Agriculture does not recommend spraying for the Gypsy Moths.

Mr. Krawczun then informed all that the Lawrence Township Historic Preservation Committee is meeting on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Lower Level Conference Room at the Municipal Building.

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**Attorney's Report –**

Attorney David Roskos imparted that the Township filed a Motion to Intervene on October 28, 2015 in the Penn East Pipeline matter. Mr. Roskos said that the Motion was filed, not so much to take an active role, but as a way to monitor and follow what was taking place. The Township is now on a list, and will receive notice as to what takes place.

Mr. Roskos updated the Council regarding the Mt. Laurel Doctrine litigation. The Judge has reserved decision on virtually all of the arguments. A positive aspect, Mr. Roskos stated, is the court appointed Richard Reading as a Master to help the Judge understand the methodology for the Fair Share Assignment. Mr. Roskos gave background to the case; a report by David Kinsey which provided numbers for Fair Share Housing determined that Lawrence Township should have 1,110 affordable housing units available. The Township is required to submit plans or an outline to the Court of what the Township's plan for affordable housing. This will be submitted to the Court on December 7, 2015. Mr. Roskos will be asking for immunity, and he expects that immunity will be granted into 2016. A question was asked by Council what is the number of affordable housing units required of Townships. Mr. Roskos stated that low and moderate income housing should encompass 20% of total housing units in a Township or Municipality.

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**Clerk’s Report –**

Ms. Norcia stated that there were slight problems on Election Day with Lawrenceville Fire Company. The doors were unlocked, but the room was not set up for the election. Mr. Norcia thanked Joe Sliwinski from the Public Works Department who went to set up the room for the Poll Workers.

Ms. Norcia also said that the Mayor had alerted her that District 20 on the vote tally sheet did not print out. She will check it, get it corrected and have a new copy for the Council first thing in the morning.

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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. 371-15(18-A) through 391-15(18-U) except for 386-15(18-P) 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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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Maffei, Resolution No. 386-15(18-P) was moved for discussion. The Resolution is concerning the new Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey's OMNIA Plan for 2016, which divides hospitals in New Jersey into two separate tiers, with "Tier 1" being within network and "Tier 2" requiring substantial premiums. In Mercer County, only one hospital has been categorized as Tier 1, Robert Wood Johnson of Hamilton, and there is no hospital in Tier 1 that offers maternity care. Approval for the OMNIA plan was required by the Department of New Jersey Banking and Insurance (DOBI), which has received criticism from hospitals and legislators for having approved such plan, particularly without the knowledge or comment from major stakeholders within the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Maffei gave his position that as a Doctor he does not want any kind of tier system at all when it comes to hospitals. He feels the Resolution doesn't fix the situation.

Mayor Lewis stated that the Resolution authorizes support for revamping Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey's OMNIA Plan to include Capital Health and St. Francis Hospital in Mercer County. Mayor Lewis says that the OMNIA Plan was dumped on subscriber's right before open enrollment, and obviously there are a lot of people that are being impacted. Because of the way the system was brought in, there were not the appropriate legislative or regulatory vetting, and prior to them creating the system HBCBS-NJ should have gone through that process. This Resolution resolves that all hospitals in Mercer County should be included if there is to be a tier system put in place.

Mr. Dember feels that the OMNIA Plan is a threat to public safety, health and well-being to the citizens of the Township, and the County. He has seen similar situations during his time at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the State of Maryland. He asserts that this type of plan shuts hospitals and is dangerous to our citizens.

Mr. Kownacki stated that he is greatly affected by this as he is retired, and is stuck with such a plan. He then said that the Catholic Diocese of Trenton has sent correspondence to the Governor concerning St. Francis Hospital's omission from Tier 1 status. Mr. Kownacki does not think the letter sent from the Bishop will change anything. He imparted that many Doctors, healthcare professionals, and State Legislators have been voicing their concerns and all arguments fall on deaf ears. Mr. Kownacki is curious as to what the Attorney General can do about the matter. He feels that the Resolution should be changed as he believes the wording is not clear enough.

Mayor Lewis stated that she had reviewed the Resolution a day before the last meeting. Since there is only one meeting in November, changes would take place and

be presented at the next meeting in December. She agrees with the Councilmembers and does not think that a Resolution from Lawrence Township would change anything, as there are already Resolutions regarding this matter from Princeton and Ewing Townships, but she thinks it is important that the residents of Lawrence know that it is something that the Township is looking at.

Mr. Powers agreed with Mr. Kownacki in that the Resolution needs to be tweaked to encompass all hospitals in Mercer County, but the Resolution should be specifically naming Capital Health in Hopewell, and St. Francis Hospital in Trenton. Mr. Powers also believe that public safety concerns should be referenced in the Resolution.

Mr. Powers asked the Township Manager if Resolution No. 18-P could be changed now, so it could be voted on at the current meeting. Mr. Krawczun did confirm that Council can make a move to include particulars that have been discussed tonight to be included in the Resolution and could then be voted on by Council.

Mr. Powers then stated he will move to amend Resolution No. 386-15(18-P) with a paragraph to include not just Capital Health and St. Francis Hospital, but in fact all hospitals in Mercer County in the OMNIA Tier 1 plan, as this is a public safety issue affecting all residents of Lawrence Township. Mayor Lewis said that she would want to include the wording “To include all Mercer County Hospitals” in order to provide care for Lawrence residents. Mr. Powers concurred, and stated that the wording Mayor Lewis imparted should be included in the title of the Resolution.

It was then argued by members of Council that no Tier Plan should be in place, and if OMNIA Plan is to move forward with the Tier system in place, all hospitals in Mercer County should be included. Mayor Lewis suggested wording the Resolution to include “such a plan would provide all Mercer County residents with all healthcare services within the County.”

Resolution No. 386-15(18-P) with the above mentioned amendments was 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						

The Amended Resolution is spread in its entirety in the Resolution Books of the Township of Lawrence.

Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –

Mayor Lewis mentioned the Lawrence Township Patriot Committee’s Veterans Day Observance on November 11th at 10:00 am. It will take place at the American Legion Post 414 on Berwyn Place.

Written Communications –

Mayor Lewis briefly discussed a letter sent by the Township Manager to all property owners in Lawrence Township regarding the Emerald Ash Borer problem.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

Cathleen M. Lewis, Mayor