

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

April 19, 2016

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

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

At the commencement of the meeting Mayor Maffei 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 19, 2016 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 Bobbitt, Kownacki, Lewis, Powers, and Mayor Maffei.
Absent: None.

Also in attendance were Municipal Manager Richard Krawczun, Township Attorney David Roskos, and students from Lawrence Intermediate School.

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Lawrence Intermediate School – Walk This Way Presentation

A group of 25 students from the Lawrence Intermediate School came to present “Walk This Way” program initiative which brings attention to pedestrian safety issues. This program raises awareness of safety for school age children who walk to and from school. The reports are conducted by the students to raise awareness of impending hazards, and suggested improvements. Utilizing PowerPoint, Students took turns reporting their findings and presenting statistical information. After the presentation there was then a brief question and answer period along with comments from Council.

Mayor Maffei thanked and complimented the students on their hard work, and stated that they provide a great service to the Township. There is no other group that contributes information like it, and Council looks forward to their annual presentation.

Councilmembers applauded the students on their efforts, and stressed the importance of the project to Lawrence Township. In previous years the study had helped to improve pedestrian safety around the schools and adjoining neighborhoods by pointing out areas that should have a crosswalk or may require a Crossing Guard. The Council takes their recommendations seriously, and the Township has acted to make improvements based on them.

Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

Jennifer Pavlik representing *The League of Women Voters of Lawrence Township* and spoke about Anti-corruption Resolutions crafted by South Brunswick, Princeton and Ewing Township asking for financial reforms. The Resolutions endorse limitation on contributions to political candidates from lobbyists, Super PACs and other groups. Ms. Pavlik had emailed the Council asking for a Resolution to be adopted in Lawrence, and came to the meeting in hopes of moving the request forward. She gave out copies of Resolutions from South Brunswick and Ewing Township to Council. Ms. Pavlik then introduced *David Goodman* who is a Team Leader of the Central New Jersey Chapter of The League of Women Voters.

David Goodman of Princeton spoke regarding the Resolution request. He stated the purpose of the Resolutions is to send a message to Representatives at the State House in Trenton and the Congressional Representatives in Washington, D.C. that it is time to take action on a comprehensive End of Corruption Act. He discussed special interest groups, Citizens United Supreme Court decision, increasing the participation of ordinary citizens, and reducing the influence of the rich elite in the political process. He requested of Council a similar Resolution to ones issued by South Brunswick, Princeton and Ewing Townships.

There was a brief question and answer period between Mr. Goodman, Ms. Pavlik and Councilmembers. Mayor Maffei said that they will take a look at it with the Township Attorney to see what legal ramifications there are, and will be in touch.

Ms. Pavlik then shared information about a documentary film being shown at the Lawrence Public Library on Wednesday April 27 at 7:00pm sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Lawrence Township entitled Big Sky, Big Money.

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*Freida Villepontoux of 11 Evans Lane* stated her husband have been Lawrence residents for 33 years are very concerned about excessive speeding that occurs on Federal City Road. The speed limit is 45 miles per hour which Ms. Villepontoux feels is too fast for the road, and stated that drivers exceed the speed limit. She stated that it is

very hard if not impossible to cross Federal City Road at the point where their home is located and it is distressing to them and other families in their residential neighborhood. She had gone to the Police Department earlier in the day and was advised to come to the meeting to speak before Council to voice her concerns.

Mr. Krawczun asked Ms. Villepontoux to whom she had spoken with at the Police station as she should have been directed to a Lieutenant or Police Sargent to voice her concerns. Mr. Krawczun did impart that she is more than welcome to voice her concerns at the Council meeting, but the individual she spoke to at the Police Station should have directed her to an Officer in command.

Mr. Krawczun then stated that a Speed Survey had been done on Federal City Road. Over a 24 hour period, a Speed Survey gauges speed of vehicles at different times of the day, and traffic volume. Mr. Krawczun stated that they can look at the survey in depth, and requested Ms. Villepontoux give her contact information to the Deputy Clerk so that Mr. Krawczun and Police Chief Ubry can follow up with her.

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William B. Holmes Sr., a longtime Lawrence resident voiced a concern regarding the makeup of the Lawrence Township Police Force. He feels there is not enough diversity on the Police Force and is wondering what can be done to recruit more Officers of color and diverse ethnic backgrounds. He also wanted to know if there was any kind of recruitment program in Lawrence Township for young people interested in law enforcement.

Mr. Krawczun stated that Lawrence Township is a Civil Service community. Applicants take a State exam, and are placed on a list of eligible hires based on their test score. When openings occur, individuals from that list are contacted for interviews and a thorough background check. Police Officers at the time of hire are required to have residency in the Township. There is no formal recruitment program as the Township is not the testing agency.

Mr. Holmes then asked if there was a way to change the Residency law in order to hire Officers from outside the Township.

Mr. Krawczun replied that there is a process where the Township can waive the Residency law and open up the testing to residents of Mercer County or the State, but considering the number of applicants for a Public Safety position it would be unlikely that that many positions would ever become available. Mr. Krawczun advised he would work with the Police Chief, and there would be a discussion of policy with Council.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

Councilmember Lewis requested adding Resolution No. 18-W, Authorizing a Change in the LOSAP Plan, to the agenda. On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Agenda was amended to include the above revision.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Adoption of Minutes

There was no Adoption of Minutes.

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

There were no Awarding or Rejecting of Bids.

Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Maffei read by title, an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 426 FLOOD PLAIN (FP) OVERLAY DISTRICT AND 1202, ZONING PERMIT, OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE."

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE FOR FLOOD CONTROL AND DAMAGE PREVENTION."

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an Ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 1894-06 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT THEREIN – Turn-Out Gear."

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an Ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 1940-07 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN – Turn-out Gear."

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title an Ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2127-12 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN – Turn-out Gear."

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1002-85 AND ADOPTING THE NEW JERSEY FIRE CODE."

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINSTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' – 4-ton Trucks."

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

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

Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Maffei read by title, an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2206-15 PROVIDING CERTAIN JOB CLASSIFICATION AND PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – Chief of Police."

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the non-union salary ordinance for the Police Chief applying a Cost of Living Increase for 2016 through 2018.

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

Ordinance No. 2232-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2206-15 PROVIDING CERTAIN JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Section I. Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be recited as "The Salary Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence – Chief of Police for 2016, 2017 and 2018."

Section II. Salaried Employees

The following is the salary range for the Chief of Police for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

	2016	2017	2018
Chief of Police	\$167,909	\$171,015	\$174,179

Section VIII. Repealer

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances adopted prior to the date of this ordinance that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed insofar as they relate to or concern the job classifications listed in this ordinance.

Section XIX. 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 X. Effective Date

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

B. All salary or compensation provided for and by this ordinance shall be effective the first day of January.

Ordinance No. 2232-16 was approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an Ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISRATIVE CODE ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’ – Handicapped Parking.”

Mr. Krawczun said the Ordinance eliminates a handicapped parking spot at 750 Puritan Avenue as it is no longer needed.

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



Ordinance No. 2233-16

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. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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

- h. 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.
- i. 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.
- j. 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.
- [k. 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]
- l. 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
- m. 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
- n. 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
- o. 54 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Puritan Avenue and Brunswick Pike, for a distance of 22 feet
- p. 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
- q. 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 supercedes 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.

Deletions [ ]

Ordinance No. 2233-16 was approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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**Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget**

Mayor Maffei read by title, "BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the attached document be and hereby is the Adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget."

Mayor Maffei then asked for comments from the public; there were none.

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Krawczun and his team for their effort. Council was very happy that there was no increase in taxes for 2016.

After the Public Hearing, Resolution Nos. 186-16 (Budget Resolution A), and 187-16 (Budget Resolution B) were adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

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

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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Krawczun stated that The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has given approval to the Transco Garden State Expansion Project. In Lawrence Township it is a two phase expansion, the first being an upgrade to two existing motor drives and a compressor associated with the motors at Compressor Station #205 on Cold Soil Road. The second phase is a re-motoring at the Compressor station. The projects are to be completed within 2 years. Previously, Council had passed a Resolution asking FERC to take a look at the project comprehensively because there are multiple projects going on that require upgraded compressor needs.

Councilmember Lewis asked if the reason for the changes is that FERC believes there will be a need for increased capacity. Mr. Krawczun stated that in his conversations with Transco it was not mentioned that there is a need for increased capacity as Transco is responsible for moving the product (natural gas), but not supplying it.

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**Attorney's Report –**

Mr. Roskos gave an update to the ongoing Affordable Housing litigation. Judge Troncone in Ocean County had rendered a decision stating that towns would also be responsible for the "gap period" between 1999 and 2015. Essentially, that period of time when the State did not properly address affordable housing, the towns are still responsible. There is an Appeal of that decision filed with the Appellate Division, and the appeal has been granted. Mr. Roskos said as the case develops further, he is unsure where it currently stands. A lot of Judges in the State are pushing for mediation and settlement, but Mr. Roskos stated that he is not sure how towns will do that as the methodology and number of affordable units per town is still undecided. Lawrence Township is scheduled for mediation in early May.

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**Clerk's Report –**

Ms. Carter announced that the Police Awards Ceremony will take place at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. There are 30 awards to be given, and Ms. Carter will email Council to sign the Proclamations once they are completed.

Ms. Carter had given information to the Council about the Eagle Scouts ceremony and a request for issuance of Proclamations in recognition of volunteer work the young men had done throughout the Township. She requested Council to let her know how they would like to proceed.

Mr. Kownacki let Ms. Carter know that he will not be attending the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting as he is having surgery, and will be recovering from it.

Mr. Powers alerted Ms. Carter that he will be in Boston on May 3<sup>rd</sup> for business.

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### **Unfinished Business –**

Mr. Powers discussed a meeting he had in 2015 with residents of Roxboro Road regarding the property at 125 Fieldboro Road. Mr. Powers did meet with the property owner recently regarding the sale price, and had spoken with Mr. Krawczun about it. Mr. Powers discussed a Petition he has with over 100 signatures on it to purchase the property for open space. Mr. Powers did state that the majority of open space in the Township is on the north end of town.

Mr. Powers requested a Resolution at the next meeting to move forward with Appraisal reports of the property.

Councilmember Lewis stated that she continues to be perplexed by this issue as the Planning Board has looked at the issue and did provide the developer an extension of two years. Ms. Lewis stated she is happy to preserve open space where it makes sense, but the property does not connect with any other open space or trails already owned by the Township. The neighborhood already has many parks and recreation areas within a half mile of the property. Ms. Lewis believes there are so many other opportunities and needs that should be addressed. She does not see how acquiring the property fits into the larger plan, or how it benefits the Township overall. She is not apt to spend taxpayer money for something that there is not a lot of support for.

Councilmember Bobbitt stated that he was present during the Recreation Department's budget presentation in which a need for more athletic fields was expressed. Mr. Bobbitt stated that acquiring the property on Roxboro/Fieldboro Roads does not fulfill that need nor does it benefit the entire town. Mr. Bobbitt would like to wait until the extension given by the Planning Board expires before any kind of action or inquiry takes place.

Councilmember Kownacki, who is also on the Planning and Zoning Board stated that at their meeting where the property owner requested an extension there were residents of Roxboro also present and they did voice their concerns. The Board had taken everything into consideration, and did grant the extension to the property owner. Mr. Kownacki feels that the concerns of the residents were met in the design of what is

to be built on the property. The extension is granted until June 2017. If the property owner has not done anything by that time, it is then up for discussion. Until that time, Mr. Kownacki will not consider reversing the decision given to the property owner by the Planning and Zoning Board.

Mayor Maffei believes that the parcel of land up for discussion does not fit in with the open space Master Plan as it stands now. The Mayor has been advised by the attorney and other professional staff not to pursue the land acquisition, yet at the same time the Trails and Open Space and Shade Tree Committees did put forth a formal recommendation to purchase the property. The Mayor also stated that Mr. Powers had given a solution to match funds in order to purchase the property.

The Mayor asked Mr. Powers if he will be looking at getting the land assessed prior to the end of the property owner's extension given by the Planning Board ending June of 2017, and Council needs to come to an agreement of some kind. Mr. Powers and Council agree that the price will probably go down if they wait until the extension expires.

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**New Business –**

There was no New Business.

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**Public Participation (3-minute limitation per speaker) –**

*Paul Larson, Chairman of the Lawrence Township Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee* advised Council that he has been working on corrections to the Township's database and tax maps with James Parvesse the Municipal Engineer.

Mr. Larson then discussed the Roxboro property mention in the Unfinished Business portion of the meeting. Officially, the Committee did recommend purchase of the property; Mr. Larson's personal beliefs are that it would be the most expensive piece of property the Township would acquire. Mr. Larson estimates the cost for the Roxboro property would be \$420,000 per acre.

Mr. Larson also mentioned the Open Space tax where he stated that two-thirds of the budget is going towards park improvements and maintenance this year. The Committee would be highly opposed to any reduction in the tax revenue.

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Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 165-16(18-A) through 189-16(18-W) were approved by the following roll call vote:

| COUNCIL      | AYE | NAY | PRESENT | ABSENT | ABSTAIN | MOVE | SECOND |
|--------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| Mr. Bobbitt  | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |
| Mr. Kownacki | X   |     |         |        |         |      | X      |
| Ms. Lewis    | X   |     |         |        |         | X    |        |
| Mr. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |
| Mayor Maffei | 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 –**

Mr. Powers gave information about Diversity Day at Lawrence High School on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon. He also gave information about the Shield Awards being given out at Leonardo’s on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

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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 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Tonya D. Carter, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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David C. Maffei, Mayor