

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

January 19, 2016

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 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, January 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, and Mayor Maffei.
 Absent: Councilmember Powers.

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

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Appointments to Boards and Committees

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABILITY GREEN COMMITTEE –
 Tahirih Smith, 4 year term ending 12/31/19

Resolution No. 43-16 was 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						

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GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Lovette Love-Stephens, 3 year term ending 12/31/18; Joan Brame, 3 year term ending 12/31/17

Resolution No. 43-16 was 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Ellen Saxon, 4 year term ending 12/31/19

Resolution No. 43-16 was 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						

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MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE – Susan Varga, 2 year term ending 12/31/17

Resolution No. 43-16 was 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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PLANNING BOARD – Marie Connolly, Alternate #1, 2 year term ending 12/31/17

Resolution No. 43-16 was 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						

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RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Marie Tagliaferri, Alyson Fischer, Albert Pitman, 3 year terms ending 12/31/18; Ernest Cerone III, 3 year term ending 12/31/16

Resolution No. 43-16 was 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – Joseph Blaney, 4 year term ending 12/31/19; William Holmes, Alternative #1, term ending 12/31/16

Resolution No. 43-16 was 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						

Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

Mark Lenarski, Fire Chief of Slackwood Firehouse came this evening to apologize. Back in November the Firehouse received a new piece of equipment, and inadvertently forgot to invite Councilmembers and the Mayor to view it. Mr. Lenarski invited all to come to the Firehouse and he will personally give them a tour of the new equipment.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

There was no review or revisions of the agenda.

Adoption of Minutes

There was no Adoption of Minutes.

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

There were no awarding or rejection of bids.

Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Maffei read by title an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2217-15 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2014-2016."

Mr. Krawczun explained that this Ordinance will amend the salary Ordinance for unclassified and exempt employees. It adds an hourly rate for Substitute Firefighters, adds a stipend for Fire Crew Coordinator, and adds a salary schedule for employees hired after January 1, 2016.

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						

Adoption of Ordinances

There was no adoption of Ordinances.

Manager's Report –

Mr. Krawczun submitted invoice listings for the month of January 2016 in the amount of \$1,090,874.79.

Mr. Krawczun distributed copies of the recommended budget for the Council to review and proceeded to discuss the budget in-depth. The 2016 Municipal Budget Recommendation includes no local tax increases for the proposed \$42.8 million municipal budget.

In closing, Mr. Krawczun thanked the Township Department Directors, staff of the Division of Accounts and Control, Payroll Division and the Municipal Manager's office for their contributions in preparing the recommended budget for 2016. Mr. Krawczun stated that the Township's Administration is fully prepared to cooperate fully in the review of the recommended 2016 budget.

Mayor Maffei commented that the 2016 recommended budget is one of the best he has ever seen; it is an example of careful use of taxpayer's money.

Mr. Krawczun stated that Council can schedule Directors of the Departments to come in to discuss their department's activities and their requests for 2016 at the meetings scheduled for February 2nd and February 23rd.

Attorney's Report –

There was no Attorney's report.

Clerk's Report –

Ms. Carter advised the Council that Jane Millner of St. Lawrence Rehabilitation emailed her about the students from the Lawrence Intermediate School (LIS) scheduling their annual "Walk This Way" presentation which the students' present at the Council Meetings each year. The school would like to present in March or April. Ms. Carter gave the dates of the Regular Meetings in March and April and she requested that Council let her know what date is best for the students' presentation.

Unfinished Business –

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business –

There was no New Business.

Public Participation (3-minute limitation per speaker) –

There was no Public Participation.

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 38-16(18-A) thru 52-16(18-E) with the exception of 43-16 (Boards and Committee Appointments) were all 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.

Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –

There were no Council Initiatives or Liaison Reports.

Written Communications –

There were no written communications.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tonya D. Carter, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Attest:

David C. Maffei, Mayor