

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

January 5, 2016

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2015 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 5, 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 Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager, and Township Attorney David Roskos.

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Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

There were no Special Proclamations, Recognitions or Presentations.

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Appointment to Boards and Committee

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

HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD - (Leo S. Brummel, 3 year term ending 12/31/18)

Resolution No. 37-16 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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HISTORIAN – (Dennis Waters, 4 year term ending 12/31/19)

Resolution No. 37-16 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						
Mr. Powers	X						
Mayor Maffei	X					X	

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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE – (Teresita Bastides-Heron and Cindy Hollender, 3 year terms ending 12/31/18)

Resolution No. 37-16 was approved by 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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MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE – (Susan Stahley, 2 year term ending 12/31/17)

Resolution No. 37-16 was approved by 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						
Mayor Maffei	X					X	

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PLANNING BOARD – (Philip Duran, Doris Weisberg, 4 year terms ending 12/31/19; Diego Samuel, 4 year term ending 12/31/17; Edward Witzner, (vacancy) term ending 12/31/16)

Resolution No. 37-16 was approved by 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |
| Mayor Maffei | X   |     |         |        |         | X    |        |

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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – (William Holmes, Michael Oakley, Elissa Shragger, 2 year terms ending 12/31/17)

Resolution No. 37-16 was approved by 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						
Mayor Maffei	X					X	

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SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – (Livia Borkowski, Joan Rowland, 4 year terms ending 12/31/19)

Resolution No. 37-16 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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SHADE TREE COMMITTEE – (Judith Bubar, Doris Weisberg, 3 year terms ending 12/31/18)

Resolution No. 37-16 was approved by 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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TRAILS, OPEN SPACE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – (Joyce Copleman, Paul Larson, David Mizenko, 3 year terms ending 12/31/18; John Emmons, term ending 12/31/16)

Resolution No. 37-16 was approved by 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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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – (Samuel Pangaldi, 4 year term ending 12/31/19; Sheila Grant, term ending 12/31/16; Christina Hulthson, term ending 12/31/17)

Resolution No. 37-16 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						
Mr. Powers	X						
Mayor Maffei	X					X	

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Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

There was no Public Participation.

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Review and Revisions of Agenda

Councilmember Lewis requested that the agenda be amended to add Resolution No. 36-16(18-T) – “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2016 TEMPORARY BUDGET,” to the agenda, and to strike Resolution No. (18-S) as there is no need for a closed session.

On a motion by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Kownacki the Agenda was amended to include the above revisions.

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

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Adoption of Minutes

There were no Adoption of Minutes.

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Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

There were no awarding or rejection of bids.

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Introduction of Ordinances

There were no Introduction of Ordinances.

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Adoption of Ordinances

There were no adoption of Ordinances.

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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Krawczun imparted that the Township has received their notification from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs that local Governments to change the formal dates of action on their budgets for 2016. The dates have been moved, and the recommended 2016 budget will be introduced on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Adoption of the budget has been pushed to April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Krawczun imparted that the Governor is expected to give his budget address at the end of February which affects the Township's budget.

Mr. Krawczun then stated that the Township is actively recruiting for a new Superintendent of Recreation. Advertisements have been posted on the New Jersey State League of Municipalities website, the Township's website, and a private organization called New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association website. The job posting will also be placed in the newspaper to appear over the weekend. Deadline for resume submission is January 20<sup>th</sup>.

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**Attorney's Report –**

There was no Attorney's report.

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**Clerk’s Report –**

Ms. Carter had given the Councilmembers printed copies of the bios that are currently on the Township’s website. She is requesting Council to look them over, and let her know if there are any updates needed to be made. They can submit the changes to her, or email Yvette in the Manager’s office, and they will be updated. If there are no changes, Ms. Carter requests that Councilmembers to please mark that on their printed bios and submit them to her.

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**Unfinished Business –**

There was no Unfinished Business.

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**New Business –**

Councilmember Lewis asked the Mayor about additional interviews for open committee seats on the Committees that are on hold currently. Councilmember Lewis requested that interviews be scheduled before the next meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Maffei agreed. Interviews will be scheduled on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm onward, and the Council’s Regular Meeting will start at 7:00pm.

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

There was no Public Participation.

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**Resolutions**

Resolution Nos. 18-16(18-A) through 23-16(18-F), 25-16(18-H), 26-16(18-I), 28-16(18-K), 29-16(18-L) through 32-16(18-O), 35-16(18-R) and 37-16(18-T) were all approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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Resolution Nos. 24-16(18-G), 27-16(18-J), 33-16(18-P) and 34-16(18-Q) 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

There were no Council Initiatives or Liaison Reports.

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**Written Communications –**

Mayor Maffei discussed a letter received by Archer and Greiner regarding an appeal by Care One Management, LLC. of a demolition permit denial.

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There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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 Tonya D. Carter, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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 David C. Maffei, Mayor