

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

May 17, 2016

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 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 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, May 17, 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, Powers, and Mayor Maffei.
Absent: Councilmember Lewis.

Also in attendance was Municipal Manager Richard Krawczun, Township Attorney David Roskos, Executive Director of the Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority S. Robert Filler, Timothy Bradley, Vice President of Kleinfelder Engineering, and Christopher Langhart, Esquire, of McManimon Scotland Baumann, LLC.

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Mayor Maffei welcomed the newly appointed Tax Assessor, Ken Pacera to the meeting, and congratulated him on his new position. The Resolution confirming his appointment is scheduled to be passed at this evenings meeting.

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Appointments to Boards and Committees

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD – Jeffrey Johnson, 2 year term ending 12/31/17

Resolution No. 231-16 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      |         |      |        |
| Mr. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         |      | X      |
| Mayor Maffei | X   |     |         |        |         | X    |        |

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Ewing Lawrence Sewage Authority – Municipal Consent Resolution Presentation

Mr. S. Robert Filler of ELSA (Ewing-Lawrence Sewage Authority) came to present information and get consent from the Council to issue bonds through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust 2016-2017 Financing Program for upgrades to the waste water treatment plant. He then introduced the head Engineer of the project to explain the project in greater detail.

Mr. Tim Bradley of Kleinfelder Engineering gave a PowerPoint presentation showing needed upgrades to the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Bradley gave background information of the Plant, and reasons why upgrades are necessary. He discussed the aging infrastructure, and upgrades that have already taken place. The last major upgrade to the treatment plant took place in 1981. He discussed new NJDEP mandates in which the Plant is not in compliance of, as well as the need to eliminate hydraulic bottlenecks. Hydraulic bottlenecking occurs during peak wet weather events, such as during hurricanes and flash floods. Currently, the water treatment Plant has problems during peak flows. The Plant, as of now, is not in permit compliance and is unreliable during storm events.

Mr. Bradley went on to discuss the Plant’s renovations thus far, and how it has been financed. It has been accomplished through grants and low cost loans up to this point. He then went on to discuss the needs and benefits of acquiring a supplemental loan to complete the projects, and gave details as to what the supplemental loan would be used for. Mr. Bradley’s gave details of what will be replaced, and the costs of each component. The total supplemental loan amount being sought is \$4,598,316. Mr. Bradley stated that the requested loan would be subject to terms similar to the original loan, wherein 75% of the loan is at 0% interest, and the remaining 25% would be at market rate.

Mr. Chris Langhart discussed the supplemental loan and had requested that Council approve a bit more than the approximate \$4.6 million dollars to complete the upgrades in anticipation of any cost overages. He also discussed loan interest rates and financing of bonds.

There was then a question and answer period between Mr. Filler, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Langhart and the Council. They discussed loan rates, the age of the structures, permit compliance, and long term goals.

Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

Lois Riskin representing *The League of Women Voters of Lawrence Township* came to ask about the status of an Anti-Corruption Resolution the League had requested of Council at a previous meeting. The League had presented Anti-Corruption Resolutions passed in Ewing and Princeton, and had asked the Council to pass a similar one in Lawrence Township.

Mayor Maffei stated that the requested resolution was given to the Township Attorney David Roskos to look over.

Mr. Roskos is recommending a Resolution with revisions to what was presented to Council from the other Municipalities that had passed the Resolution. He feels that since all of Council is not present at the meeting, it should be handled at the next meeting when all Councilmembers are present.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

There were no reviews or revisions to the Agenda.

Adoption of Minutes

There were no Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings.

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

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

Mr. Krawczun explained that the Resolution authorizes a bid awarding to Earle Asphalt Company for various road work improvements, upgrades to walking paths at various parks within the Township, upgrade to Central Park's parking lot and supplementary work. Funding provided through the Capital Improvement Program and the Open Space Trust Fund.

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

Resolution No. 208-16

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 5, 2016 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as 2016 Road Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, ten (10) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Earle Asphalt Company who submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,041,013.13, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:50-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the accounts to be charged are as follows:

Account No.	Ord. No.	Bid Name	Amount
6-16-56-843-299	n/a	Municipal Open Space - Village Park Path (phase 1)	\$50,000.00
6-16-56-843-299	n/a	Municipal Open Space - Colonial Lake Path (north side)	\$50,000.00
C-04-55-297-241	1933-07 Amended by 2231-16	Province Line Road	\$6,852.21
C-04-55-297-242	1933-07 Amended by 2231-16	Province Line Road	\$93,293.24
C-04-55-419-230	2229-16	Community Center Parking Lots	\$30,000.00
C-04-55-419-240	2229-16	Federal City (Denow to Coach)	\$140,867.68
C-04-55-419-241	2229-16	Shadowstone Road	\$45,000.00
C-04-55-419-242	2229-16	Ridings Dev. (Coach, Paddock, Surrey, Birdie)	\$190,000.00
C-04-55-419-243	2229-16	Pavement Repairs (Van Kirk, Carson, Princeton Pike)	\$75,000.00
C-04-55-419-244	2229-16	Eldridge Park (Arcadia, Alcazar, Manitee, Hazelhurst, etc.)	\$190,000.00
C-04-55-419-245	2229-16	Meadowbrook	\$60,000.00
C-04-55-419-246	2229-16	Vinch	\$20,000.00

C-04-55-419-247	2229-16	Litho, Lakedale & Polk Intersection	\$10,000.00
C-04-55-419-248	2229-16	Valley Forge (portion)	\$10,000.00
C-04-55-419-249	2229-16	Central Park Rear Parking Lot	\$50,000.00
C-04-55-422-243	2229-16	Striping	\$20,000.00

; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendations of the Municipal Engineer, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Earle Asphalt Company, P. O. Drawer 556, Farmingdale NJ 07727 in the amount of \$1,041,013.13; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Manager is hereby authorized to draft the necessary agreement, subject to the approval of the Municipal Attorney as to form and content thereof.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bobbitt, Kownacki, Powers, and Mayor Maffei.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmember Lewis.

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

Mr. Krawczun stated the bid is for a Tennis Court Refurbishment at Colonial Lake Park. Funding is provided through the Open Space Trust Fund.

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

Resolution No 209-16

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 5, 2016 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as 2016 Tennis Court Refurbishment – Colonial Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was American Tennis Courts, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$127,251.00, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:50-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is 6-16-56-843-299 (Municipal Open Space – Colonial Lake Park Tennis Courts) \$127,251.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendations of the Municipal Engineer, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with American Tennis Courts, Inc., 4051 North Point Road, Baltimore Maryland 21222-3699 in the amount of \$127,251.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Manager is hereby authorized to draft the necessary agreement, subject to the approval of the Municipal Attorney as to form and content thereof.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bobbitt, Kownacki, Powers, and Mayor Maffei.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmember Lewis.

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

Mr. Krawczun recommends the bid award to go to Greenscape Landscape Contractors to provide for landscape improvements along Eggert Crossing/Johnson Avenue/Johnson Trolley Line South. Funding for the project is through the Open Space Trust Fund.

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

Resolution No. 210-16

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 5, 2016 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as 2016 Landscape Improvement Project – Eggert Crossing Greenway; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Greenscape Landscape Contractors, LLC who submitted a bid in the amount of \$24,500.00, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:50-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is 6-16-56-843-299 (Municipal Open Space); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendations of the Municipal Engineer, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Greenscape Landscape Contractors, LLC, 115 East Glenside Avenue, Suite 9, Glenside PA 19038 in the amount of \$24,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Manager is hereby authorized to draft the necessary agreement, subject to the approval of the Municipal Attorney as to form and content thereof.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bobbitt, Kownacki, Powers, and Mayor Maffei.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmember Lewis.

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

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Resolution authorizes a Change Order to the original contract increasing costs by \$1,096.00 for Phase 1 of the Emergency Operations Center Project. The purpose is to purchase amplifiers to strengthen internet connections at certain work locations within Police headquarters.

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

Resolution No. 211-16

WHEREAS, the Township Lawrence has contracted with AVS Installations, LLC, 400 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, New Jersey, 08873 for Bid No. 15-14, Lawrence Township Emergency Operations Center Project – Phase 1; and

WHEREAS, an award of bid was authorized on February 2, 2016 by Resolution 73-16; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence desires to authorize change orders to the original contract for an increase of \$1,096.00; and

WHEREAS, the list of changes is detailed by a sales order update and dated April 27, 2016; 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 6-01-25-252-255 (Emergency Management – Other Expenses).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township hereby authorizes this Change Order with AVS Installations, LLC, 400 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, N.J., 08873 in the increased amount of \$1,096.00 and amended contract amount is \$63,543.00.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bobbitt, Kownacki, Powers, and Mayor Maffei.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmember Lewis.

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#### Introduction of Ordinances

There was no introduction of Ordinances.

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#### Adoption 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."

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.

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Ordinance amends the Flood Plain Overlay District and Zoning of the Land Use Ordinance. This amendment makes the Ordinance consistent with FEMA standards. This will allow Lawrence property owners to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Ordinance No. 2236-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE  
§426, FLOOD PLAIN (FP) OVERLAY DISTRICT  
AND §1202, ZONING PERMIT, OF THE  
LAND USE ORDINANCE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence ("Township Council"), a municipal corporation in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, finds that the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community shall be promoted by the revision and amendment of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township to fully ensure the municipality's continued ability to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, these amendments to the Land Use Ordinance and the adoption of new federally compliant regulations as Chapter 8A, Flood Damage Prevention, of the Code of the Township of Lawrence, are necessitated by the final determination of the Federal Emergency Management Agency of new floodways, flood hazard areas and base flood elevations in Lawrence Township and indeed throughout Mercer County; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Township of Lawrence has adopted a Master Plan that comprehensively provides a foundation for the appropriate use, regulation and development of lands in the Township in a manner which will promote the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law at *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62a* requires substantial consistency of the provisions regulating zoning and land use with the adopted Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has determined that the revisions and amendments to the Land Use Ordinance set forth herein are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Master Plan and more specifically the Conservation Element where flood plains are identified as environmentally sensitive lands that are best left in an undeveloped state and therefore favorably recommends to the Township Council that the LUO be so amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence that the Land Use Ordinance be hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. §426, Flood Plain (FP) Overlay District, as modified, shall be entirely amended as follows:

§ 426 Flood Prevention.

7. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Section to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to:

1. Protect human life and health;
2. Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
3. Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
4. Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
5. Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets, bridges located in areas of special flood hazard;
6. Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the second use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to minimize future flood blight areas;
7. Ensure that potential buyers are notified that property is in an area of special flood hazard; and
8. Ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions.

B. Limitations on Development. No storage of materials, structure, building, alteration of the natural contours of the ground, or alteration of any watercourse shall be undertaken in the Township of Lawrence without first complying with the rules and regulations of Chapter 8A of the Code of the Township of Lawrence, as applicable.

Section 2. §1202.C, Specialized Zoning Permits, shall be amended to add a paragraph 3 as follows:

3. Development permit (flood hazard areas). A Development Permit shall be obtained before construction or development begins, including placement of manufactured homes, within any area of special flood hazard as established in Chapter 8A, Flood Damage Prevention, of the Code of the Township of Lawrence. Application for a Development Permit shall be made on forms furnished by the Department of Engineering and shall include at a minimum the following:

- a. Elevation in relation to mean sea level, of the lowest floor (including basement) of all structures;
  - b. Elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any structure has been floodproofed.
  - c. Certification by a registered professional engineer or architect that the floodproofing methods for any nonresidential structure meet the floodproofing criteria in §8A-15.B of the Code of the Township of Lawrence; and,
  - d. Description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development.
  - e. In addition, the following information may be required by the Zoning Officer:
7. Plans in duplicate drawn to scale showing the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the area in question;
- ii. Existing or proposed structures, fill, storage of materials, drainage facilities; and
  - iii. The location of the foregoing.

Section 3. §300, Zoning Districts, shall be modified by removing the designation "Flood Plain Overlay".

Section 4. Continuation. In all other respects, the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence shall remain unchanged.

Section 5. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Land Use Ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof.

Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

Section 7. Enactment. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the filing thereof with the Mercer County Planning Board after final passage, adoption, and publication by the Township Clerk of the Township of Lawrence in the manner prescribed by law.

Ordinance No. 2236-16 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, "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE FOR FLOOD CONTROL AND DAMAGE PREVENTION."

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Ordinance amends Chapter 8A of the Administrative Code for flood control and damage prevention.

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. 2237-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8A
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE
FOR FLOOD CONTROL AND DAMAGE PREVENTION

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence ("Township Council"), a municipal corporation in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, has previously taken action to secure public safety and the prevention of loss of life and of property from flooding by adopting such ordinances and procedures to enroll the community in the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, an instrumentality of the U.S. Government which administers the National Flood Insurance Program, periodically examines and revises the regulatory underpinnings of the Program, the mapping of flood hazard areas and flood elevations, and reviews local ordinances against the new national standards; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has reviewed the local ordinances of Mercer County municipalities and requires certain modifications to local ordinances for continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program by July 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has developed several model ordinances and other source material in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the local adoption of ordinances that address all of the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community shall be promoted by the repeal of outdated provisions for flood control and flood damage prevention and the establishment of current limits, restrictions and procedures in accordance with requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Control; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence that the following amendments to the Code of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey be adopted:

Section 1. Chapter 8A, Flood Control, of the Code of the Township of Lawrence, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Chapter 8A, Flood Damage Prevention, of the Code of the Township of Lawrence, is hereby added as follows:

§8A-1. Title

This ordinance may be referred to and cited as the, "Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence, Mercer County, New Jersey".

§8A-2. Statutory Authorization

The Legislature of the State of New Jersey has in N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, et seq., delegated the responsibility to municipalities to adopt regulations designed to promote public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry through the adoption of local ordinances. In accordance with this statutory authorization, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence of Mercer County, New Jersey does hereby establish measures to prevent or reduce damage from flooding.

§8A-3 Findings of Fact

- A. The flood hazard areas of the Township of Lawrence are subject to periodic inundation which results in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety, and general welfare.
- B. These flood losses are caused by the cumulative effect of obstructions in areas of special flood hazard which increase flood heights and velocities, and when inadequately anchored, causes damage in other areas. Uses that are

inadequately flood proofed, elevated or otherwise protected from flood damage also contribute to the flood loss.

§8A-4 Statement of Purpose

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to:

- A. Protect human life and health;
- B. Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- C. Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- D. Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- E. Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets, bridges located in areas of special flood hazard;
- F. Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the second use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to minimize future flood blight areas;
- G. Ensure that potential buyers are notified that property is in an area of special flood hazard; and
- H. Ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions.

§8A-5 Methods of Reducing Flood Losses

In order to accomplish its purposes, this ordinance includes methods and provisions for:

- A. Restricting or prohibiting uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights or velocities;
- B. Requiring that uses vulnerable to floods including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- C. Controlling the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which help accommodate or channel flood waters;

- D. Controlling filling, grading, dredging, and other development which may increase flood damage; and,
- E. Preventing or regulating the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards in other areas.

§8A-6 Interpretation

In the interpretation and application of this ordinance, all provisions shall be:

- A. Considered the minimum requirements to effectuate its purposes;
- B. Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
- C. Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under State statutes.

§8A-7 Definitions

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this ordinance it's most reasonable application. In interpreting this ordinance words in one tense shall include other tenses or derivative forms; words in the singular shall include the plural and in the plural, the singular; either gender shall include the other; the word "shall" is mandatory; the word "may" is permissive; the word "used" shall include "arranged," "designed," "constructed," "altered," "converted," "rented," "leased," or "intended to be used"

AO Zone – Areas subject to inundation by 1-percent-annual-chance shallow flooding (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain) where average depths are between one and three feet.

AH Zone – Areas subject to inundation by 1-percent-annual-chance shallow flooding (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are between one and three feet. Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) derived from detailed hydraulic analyses are shown in this zone.

Appeal – A request for a review of the Municipal Engineer's and/or Zoning Officer's interpretation of any provision of this ordinance or a request for a variance.

Area of Shallow Flooding – A designated AO or AH zone on a community's Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) with a one percent annual or greater chance of flooding to an average depth of one to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and where velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.

Area of Special Flood Hazard — Land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year and is shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map as Zone V, VE, V1-30, A, AO, A1 A30, AE, A99, or AH.

Base Flood — A flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

Base Flood Elevation (BFE) – The flood elevation shown on a published Flood Insurance Study (FIS) including the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). For zones AE, AH, AO, and A1-30 the elevation represents the water surface elevation resulting from a flood that has a one percent or greater chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

Basement — Any area of the building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides.

Breakaway Wall — A wall that is not part of the structural support of the building and is intended through its design and construction to collapse under specific lateral loading forces without causing damage to the elevated portion of the building or supporting foundation system.

Development — Any man made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials located within the area of special flood hazard.

Development Permit – A form of specialized zoning permit pursuant to §1202 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence, as it may amended or superseded.

Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) — The official map on which the Federal Insurance Administration has delineated both the areas of special flood hazards and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

Elevated Building — A non-basement building (i) built, in the case of a building in an Area of Special Flood Hazard, to have the top of the elevated floor elevated above the base flood elevation plus freeboard by means of piling, columns (posts and piers), or shear walls parallel to the flow of the water, and (ii) adequately anchored so as not to impair the structural integrity of the building during a flood up to the magnitude of the base flood. In an Area of Special Flood Hazard "elevated building" also includes a building elevated by means of fill or solid foundation perimeter walls with openings sufficient to facilitate the unimpeded movement of flood waters.

Erosion — The process of the gradual wearing away of land masses.

Existing Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision — A manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of

utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before the first effective date of the floodplain management regulations adopted by a community.

Flood or Flooding — A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:

- A. The overflow of inland or tidal waters and/or
- B. The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) — The official map on which the Federal Insurance Administration has delineated both the areas of special flood hazards and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

Flood Insurance Study (FIS) — The official report in which the Federal Insurance Administration has provided flood profiles, as well as the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) and the water surface elevation of the base flood.

Floodplain Management Regulations — Zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance and erosion control ordinance) and other applications of police power. The term describes such State or local regulations, in any combination thereof, which provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.

Floodproofing — Any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures and their contents.

Floodway — The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that shall be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without accumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than 0.2 foot.

Freeboard — A factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for purposes of flood plain management. "Freeboard" tends to compensate for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions, such as wave action, bridge openings, and the hydrological effect of urbanization of the watershed.

Highest Adjacent Grade — The highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed or existing walls of a structure.

Historic Structure — Any structure that is:

- A. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the

Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;

- B. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
 - C. Individually listed on a State inventory of historic places in States with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
 - D. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
 - 1. By an approved State program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior; or
 - 2. Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in States without approved programs.
- Lowest Floor — The lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area [including basement]. An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, useable solely for the parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement is not considered a building's lowest floor provided that such enclosure is not built so to render the structure in violation of other applicable non-elevation design requirements of 44 CFR Section 60.3.

Manufactured Home — A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle".

Manufactured Home Park or Manufactured Home Subdivision — A parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two (2) or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

New Construction — Structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain regulation adopted by a community and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.

New Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision — A manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after the effective date of the floodplain management regulations adopted by the municipality.

Recreational Vehicle — A vehicle which is [i] built on a single chassis; [ii] 400 square feet or less when measured at the longest horizontal projections; [iii] designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and [iv] designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

Start of Construction — For other than new construction or substantial improvements under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (P.L. No. 97-348) including substantial improvements, is the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site such as the pouring of a slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation, or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways, nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings or piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms, nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

Structure — A walled and roofed building, a manufactured home, or a gas or liquid storage tank that is principally above ground.

Substantial Damage — Damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its condition before damage would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Substantial Improvement — Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage", regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

- A. Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of State or local health, sanitary or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement officer and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
- B. Any alteration of a "historic structure" provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure".

Variance — A grant of relief from the requirements of this ordinance that permits construction in a manner that would otherwise be prohibited by this ordinance.

Violation — The failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with this ordinance. A new or substantially improved structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in 44 CFR §60.3(b)(5), (c)(4), (c)(10), (e)(2), (e)(4), or (e)(5) is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

§8A-8 Lands to Which this Ordinance Applies

This ordinance shall apply to all areas of special flood hazards within the jurisdiction of the Township of Lawrence, Mercer County, New Jersey.

§8A-9 Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard

The areas of special flood hazard for the Township of Lawrence, Community No. 340250, are identified and defined on the following documents prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- A. A scientific and engineering report “Flood Insurance Study, Mercer County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)” effective date of July 20, 2016.
- B. “Flood Insurance Rate Map for Mercer County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)” as shown on the Index Map and the following DFIRM panels herein below, effective date of July 20, 2016:

34021C0109F, 34021C0117F, 34021C0119F, 34021C0126F, 34021C0127F,
34021C0128F, 34021C0129F, 34021C0136F, 34021C0137F, 34021C0138F,
34021C0139F, 34021C0141F, 34021C0143F, 34021C0207F and
34021C0226F

The above documents are hereby adopted and declared to be a part of this ordinance. The Flood Insurance Study, maps and advisory documents are on file at the Department of Engineering, Lawrence Municipal Building, 2207 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

[The model ordinance sections addressing penalties, abrogation and liability have been reassigned to the end of the document]

§8A-10 Establishment of Development Permit

A Development Permit shall be obtained before construction or development begins, including placement of manufactured homes, within any area of special flood hazard established in §8A.9. Application for a Development Permit shall be made on forms furnished by the Department of Engineering and may include, but not be limited to;

plans in duplicate drawn to scale showing the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the area in question; existing or proposed structures, fill, storage of materials, drainage facilities; and the location of the foregoing. Specifically, the following information is required:

- A. Elevation in relation to mean sea level, of the lowest floor (including basement) of all structures;
- B. Elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any structure has been flood proofed.
- C. Certification by a registered professional engineer or architect that the flood proofing methods for any nonresidential structure meet the flood proofing criteria in §8A-15.B; and,
- D. Description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development.

§8A-11 Designation of the Local Administrator

The Zoning Officer with the assistance of the Municipal Engineer is hereby appointed to administer and implement this ordinance by granting or denying development permit applications in accordance with its provisions.

§8A-12 Duties and Responsibilities of the Administrator

- A. Duties of the Zoning Officer serving as the Administrator of the municipality's flood damage prevention efforts shall include, but not be limited to, the following types of review for flood prevention:
 - 1. Review all development permits to determine that the permit requirements of this ordinance have been satisfied.
 - 2. Review all development permits to determine that all necessary permits have been obtained from those Federal, State or local governmental agencies from which prior approval is required.
 - 3. Review all development permits to determine if the proposed development is located in the floodway. If located in the floodway, assure that the encroachment limitations of §8A-16. are met.
 - 4. Review plans for walls to be used to enclose space below the base flood level.
- B. Use of Other Base Flood and Floodway Data. In the event that base flood elevation and floodway data has not been provided in accordance with §8A-9, Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard, the Zoning Officer shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data

available from a Federal, State or other source, in order to administer §8A-15.A, Specific Standards for Residential Construction, and §8A-15.B, Specific Standards for Nonresidential Construction.

C. Information to be Obtained and Maintained.

1. Obtain and record the actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures, and whether or not the structure contains a basement.
2. For all new or substantially improved flood proofed structures:
 - a. Verify and record the actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level); and
 - b. Maintain the flood proofing certifications required in §8A-10.C.
3. Maintain for public inspection all records pertaining to the provisions of this ordinance.

D. Alteration of Watercourses

1. Notify adjacent communities and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Dam Safety and Flood Control Section and the Land Use Regulation Program prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse, and submit evidence of such notification to the Federal Insurance Administration.
2. Require that maintenance is provided within the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse so the flood carrying capacity is not diminished.

E. Substantial Damage Review.

1. After an event resulting in building damages, assess the damage to structures due to flood and non-flood causes.
2. Record and maintain the flood and non-flood damage of substantial damage structures and provide a letter of Substantial Damage Determination to the owner and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Dam Safety and Flood Control Section.
3. Ensure substantial improvements meet the requirements of §8A-15.A, Specific Standards for Residential Construction, and §8A-15.B, Specific Standards for Nonresidential Construction.

F. Interpretation of FIRM Boundaries. Make interpretations where needed, as to the exact location of the boundaries of the areas of special flood hazards (for example, where there appears to be a conflict between a mapped boundary and actual field conditions). The person contesting the location of the boundary shall

be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation as provided in §8A-13.

§8A-13 Variance Procedure

A. Appeal Board

1. The Zoning Board of Adjustment as established by Township Council shall hear and decide appeals and requests for variances from the requirements of this ordinance and shall use the procedures established for an appeal of an administrative officer's decision in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-72a.
2. The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall hear and decide appeals when it is alleged there is an error in any requirement, decision, or determination made by the Zoning Officer in the enforcement or administration of this ordinance.
3. Those aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, or any taxpayer, may appeal such decision to the NJ Superior Court, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-17.h.
4. In passing upon such applications, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, standards specified in other sections of this ordinance, and:
 - a. The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands to the injury of others;
 - b. The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;
 - c. The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner;
 - d. The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community;
 - e. The necessity to the facility of a waterfront location, where applicable;
 - f. The availability of alternative locations for the proposed use which are not subject to flooding or erosion damage;
 - g. The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development;
 - h. The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program of that area;
 - i. The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles;

- j. The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise, and sediment transport of the flood waters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site; and
 - k. The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions, including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems, and streets and bridges.
- 5. Upon consideration of the factors of §8A-13.A.4 and the purposes of this ordinance, the Zoning Board of Adjustment may attach such conditions to the granting of variances as it deems necessary to further the purposes of this ordinance.
 - 6. The Zoning Officer shall maintain the records of all appeal actions, including technical information, and report any variances to the Federal Insurance Administration upon request.

B. Conditions for Variances

- 1. Generally, variances may be issued for new construction and substantial improvements to be erected on a lot of one-half acre or less in size contiguous to and surrounded by lots with existing structures constructed below the base flood level, providing items §8A-13.A.4.a-k have been fully considered. As the lot size increases beyond the one-half acre, the technical justification required for issuing the variance increases.
- 2. Variances may be issued for the repair or rehabilitation of historic structures upon a determination that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure. In the evaluation of the variance, the Zoning Officer may consult with the Lawrence Historic Preservation Advisory Committee or qualified professional as may be necessary.
- 3. Variances shall not be issued within any designated floodway if any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge would result.
- 4. Variances shall only be issued upon a determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
- 5. Variances shall only be issued upon:
 - a. A showing of good and sufficient cause;
 - b. A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship to the applicant; and,

- c. A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of the public as identified in §8A-14.A.4, or conflict with other existing local laws or ordinances.
- 6. Any applicant to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice that the structure will be permitted to be built with a lowest floor elevation below the base flood elevation and that the cost of flood insurance will be commensurate with the increased risk resulting from the reduced lowest floor elevation.

§8A-14 General Standards for Flood Hazard Reduction

In all areas of special flood hazards, compliance with the applicable requirements of the Uniform Construction Code (N.J.A.C. 5:23) and the following standards, whichever is more restrictive, is required:

A. Anchoring

- 1. All new construction to be placed or substantially improved and substantial improvements shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure.
- 2. All manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved shall be anchored to resist flotation, collapse or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not to be limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable state and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces.

B. Construction Materials and Methods

- 1. All new construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage.
- 2. All new construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed using methods and practices that minimize flood damage.

C. Utilities.

- 1. All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system;
- 2. New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharge from the systems into flood waters;

3. On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding; and
 4. For all new construction and substantial improvements the electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air-conditioning equipment and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.
- D. Subdivision and Site Plan Applications
1. All subdivision and site plan applications and other proposed new development shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage;
 2. All subdivision and site plan proposals and other proposed new development shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage;
 3. All subdivision proposals and other proposed new development shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood damage; and
 4. Base flood elevation data shall be provided for site plan, subdivision and other proposed new development for any property within an area of special flood hazard.
- E. Enclosure Openings. All new construction and substantial improvements having fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement and which are subject to flooding shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Designs for meeting this requirement shall either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or shall meet or exceed the following minimum criteria: A minimum of two (2) openings in at least two exterior walls of each enclosed area, having a total net area of not less than one (1) square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one (1) foot above grade. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other covering or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

§8A-15 Specific Standards for Flood Hazard Reduction

In all areas of special flood hazards where base flood elevation data have been provided as set forth in §8A-9, Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard or in §8A-12.B, Use of Other Base Flood Data, the following standards are required:

- A. Specific Standards for Residential Construction (for Manufactured Housing, see §8A-15.C).

1. New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure located in an A or AE zone shall have the lowest floor, including basement together with the attendant utilities and sanitary facilities, elevated at or above the base flood elevation plus one (1) foot or as required by ASCE/SEI 24-14, Table 2-1, whichever is more restrictive; and
2. Within any AO or AH zone all new construction and/or substantial improvement of any residential structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement together with the attendant utilities and sanitary facilities, elevated above the depth number specified in feet plus one (1) foot, above the highest adjacent grade (at least three feet if no depth number is specified).
3. Adequate drainage paths shall be established around structures on slopes to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

B. Specific Standards for Nonresidential Construction.

1. In an Area of Special Flood Hazard, all new construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial or other nonresidential structure located in an A or AE zone shall have the lowest floor, including basement together with the attendant utilities and sanitary facilities EITHER:
 - a. Elevated to or above the base flood elevation plus one (1) foot or as required by ASCE/SEI 24-14, Table 2-1, whichever is more restrictive; and
 - b. Require within any AO or AH zone on the municipality's DFIRM to elevate above the depth number specified in feet plus one (1) foot, above the highest adjacent grade (at least three [3] feet if no depth number is specified). And, require adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures;

OR

- c. Be flood proofed so that below the base flood level plus one (1) foot or as required by ASCE/SEI 24-14, Table 6-1, whichever is more restrictive, the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;
- d. Have structural components capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy; and
- e. Be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the applicable provisions of this subsection. Such certification shall be provided to the official as set forth in §8A-12.C.2.

C. Manufactured Homes

1. Manufactured homes shall be anchored in accordance with §8A-14.A.
2. All manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved within an area of special flood hazard shall:
 - a. Be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage;
 - b. Be constructed to minimize flood damage;
 - c. Have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood damage; and
 - d. Be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the top of the lowest floor is at or above the base flood elevation plus one (1) foot or as required by ASCE/SEI 24-14, Table 2-1, whichever is more restrictive.

§8A-16 Floodways

Located within areas of special flood hazard established in §8A-9 are areas designated as floodways. Since the floodway is an extremely hazardous area due to the velocity of flood waters which carry debris, potential projectiles, and erosion potential, the following provisions apply:

- A. Prohibit encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development unless a technical evaluation demonstrates that encroachment shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
- B. If sub-section A hereinabove is satisfied, all new construction and substantial improvements shall comply with §8A-14, General Standards for Flood Hazard Reduction and §8A-15, Specific Standards for Flood Hazard Reduction.
- C. In all areas of special flood hazard in which base flood elevation data has been provided and no floodway has been designated, the accumulative effect of any proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, shall not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than two-tenths (0.2) of a foot at any point.

§8A-17 Penalties for Noncompliance

No structure or land shall hereafter be constructed, re-located to, extended, converted, or altered without full compliance with the terms of this ordinance and other applicable regulations. Violation of the provisions of this ordinance by failure to comply with any of its requirements (including violations of conditions and safeguards established in connection with conditions) shall constitute a misdemeanor. Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall upon conviction thereof be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, for each violation, and in addition shall pay all costs and expenses involved in the case. Each day that such violation exists shall constitute a separate and equal offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Township of

Lawrence, from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

§8A-18 Abrogation and Greater Restrictions

This ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing easements, covenants, or deed restrictions. However, where this ordinance and other ordinance, easement, covenant, or deed restriction conflict or overlap, whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail.

§8A-19 Warning and Disclaimer of Liability

- A. The degree of flood protection required by this ordinance is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions. Flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. This ordinance does not imply that land outside the area of special flood hazards or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages.
- B. This ordinance shall not create liability on the part of the Township of Lawrence, any officer or employee thereof or the Federal Insurance Administration, for any flood damages that result from reliance on this ordinance or any administrative decision lawfully made there under.

Section 3. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof. Any invalidation shall be confined in its operation to the section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, term, or provision or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

Section 5. Enactment. This Ordinance shall take effect on July 20, 2016 after final passage, adoption, and publication by the Township Clerk of the Township of Lawrence in the manner prescribed by law.

Ordinance No. 2237-16 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, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND 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 HEREIN – Turn-out-gear."

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.

Mr. Krawczun explained that Bond Ordinances 2238-16, 2239-16, and 2240-16 are amended allows for additional purposes. These amendments allocate funds for purchasing of turn-out gear for Firefighters.

Ordinance No. 2238-16

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 HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1:

- a. Section 3 of Bond Ordinance 1894-06, finally adopted June 7, 2006, amended by Ordinance 1913-06 finally adopted December 19, 2006, amended by Ordinance 2039-09 finally adopted December 1, 2009, amended by 2162-13 finally adopted July 16, 2013 be and are hereby amended to add the following purposes:

Acquisition Fire/Rescue Equipment: "Turn-out Gear"

Section 2:

The capital budget of the Township of Lawrence is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for inspection.

Section 3:

This amending bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Ordinance No. 2238-16 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, “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.”

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. 2239-16

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

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1:

- a. Section 3 (a) of Bond Ordinance 1940-07, finally adopted June 19, 2007, amended by Ordinance 1990-08, finally adopted September 16, 2008, amended by Ordinance 2036-09, finally adopted December 1, 2009, amended by Ordinance 2104-11, finally adopted September 6, 2011 be and are hereby amended to add the following purposes:

Acquisition Fire/Rescue Equipment: “Turn-out Gear”

Section 2:

The capital budget of the Township of Lawrence is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of inconsistency

herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for inspection.

Section 3:

This amending bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Ordinance No. 2239-16 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, "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."

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. 2240-16

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

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1:

Section 3 of Bond Ordinance 2127-12, finally adopted July 17, 2012, be and is hereby amended to add the following purposes:

Acquisition Fire/Rescue Equipment: "Turn-Out Gear"

Section 2:

The capital budget of the Township of Lawrence is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for inspection.

Section 3:

This amending bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Ordinance No. 2240-16 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2223-16 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE-UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2014-2016.”

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.

Mr. Krawczun stated that this amends the Salary Ordinance of Unclassified and Exempt employees by increasing the rate of pay for “Secretary/Board and Committees.” The last time there was an adjustment to compensation was in 2009.

Ordinance No. 2241-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2223-16
SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – UNCLASSIFIED
AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION)
EMPLOYEES FOR 2014-2016

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 - Unclassified and/or Exempt, Seasonal, Emergency (non-union) Employees for 2014-2016."

Section II. Salaried Employees

The attached list of salaried positions and job titles, Schedule A and Schedule B, are hereby authorized and assigned the appropriate salary ranges for 2014-2016 and are determined by date of hire as an employee of Lawrence Township.

This ordinance will continue the Township's consistent policy of providing comparable fringe benefits to exempt employees during their active service as that provided to Supervisors, CWA Local 1032, through their collective bargaining agreement. The Township will still maintain the flexibility of granting retiree benefits to exempt employees hired after January 1, 2011. Accordingly, employees covered by this ordinance that are eligible for health and/or prescription benefits shall contribute to the cost of the said health benefit premium for medical and prescription coverage as required by law, specifically Chapter 78, P.L. 2011. All employees hired on or after January 1, 2014 shall contribute based upon the year four rates specified by said law and to be made an Appendix to a successor Agreement.

Section III. Part-Time or Seasonal Employees

The following part-time or seasonal positions and job titles are hereby authorized and assigned the following pay maximums commencing January 1, 2014, 2015 and 2016:

Position of Job Title	Basis	2014	2015	2016
Armed Court Attendant	Hourly	\$23.16	\$23.61	\$24.14
Emergency Medical Technician	Hourly	\$20.50	\$20.90	\$21.37
Firefighter	Per Diem	\$130.00	\$135.00	
Firefighter	Hourly			\$17.50
Laborer (Seasonal)	Hourly	\$10.53	\$10.74	\$10.98
Life Guard	Hourly	Federal Minimum Wage up to \$15.00	Federal Minimum Wage up to \$15.00	Federal Minimum Wage up to \$15.00

Recreation Aid	Hourly	Federal Minimum Wage up to \$35.75	Federal Minimum Wage up to \$35.75	Federal Minimum Wage up to \$35.75
Recycling Coordinator	Per Annum			\$4,090
School Traffic Guard	Hourly	\$16.10	\$16.41	\$16.78
Secretary/Board & Committee	Per Annum*	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	<u>\$1,800.00</u>
Tax Search Officer	Per Annum	\$10,687.00	\$10,895.00	\$11,141.00
Zoning Officer	Per Annum	\$4,971.00	\$5,068.00	\$5,182.00
Municipal Court Attendee	Hourly	\$20.77	\$21.18	\$21.65
All Others	Hourly	Federal Minimum Wage up to Step 1 in Applicable Job Title	Federal Minimum Wage up to Step 1 in Applicable Job Title	Federal Minimum Wage up to Step 1 in Applicable Job Title

* Denotes title paid monthly. All other titles bi-weekly.

Section IV. Eligibility

The ranges in Section II of this ordinance shall pertain to individuals employed by the Township of Lawrence on or after the effective date of this ordinance.

Section V. Longevity

- A. Each employee hired before January 1, 2013 and covered by this agreement shall in addition to his/her regular wages and benefits, be paid longevity based upon years of service as of December 31, 2013 with the Township in accordance with the following amounts. Said amounts to be paid to an employee shall not be adjusted beyond the longevity amount being received by an eligible employee as of December 31, 2013. Longevity shall be pensionable and included as part of the employee's regular pay. Any employee hired on or after January 1, 2014 shall not be eligible to receive longevity pay at any time in the future.

Length of Service

Beginning in year 8 through year 11	\$ 800
Beginning the 12th year through year 15	\$1,100
Beginning the 16th year through year 19	\$1,400
Beginning the 20th year through year 23	\$1,700
Beginning the 24th year through year 27	\$2,000
Beginning the 28th year and beyond	\$2,300

Section VI. Other Personnel and Working Conditions

All other functions, responsibilities and rights not specifically enumerated in prior sections of this ordinance shall be judged to be within the province of management, subject only to the laws, rules and regulations of the New Jersey Department of Personnel, the provisions contained in applicable agreements (if any) or policy manuals, and by the issuance of Administrative Directives by the Municipal Manager.

Section VII. 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, salaries and benefits listed in this ordinance.

Section VIII. 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 IX. Effective Date

- A. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption thereof.
- B. All salary or compensation provided for and by this ordinance shall be effective the first day of January.

Additions are underlined _____

Ordinance No. 2241-16 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						

Manager's Report –

There was no Manager's report.

Attorney's Report –

Mr. Roskos briefly discussed a memo he had sent to Council citing two recent U.S. Supreme Court cases which explain what Government speech is and how Council can decide what Proclamations to issue.

Clerk's Report –

Ms. Norcia alerted Council to the "State of The Township" meeting taking place at the Chauncey Conference Center on May 24th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. She is requesting of Councilmembers to let her know who would be attending, and she will make reservations.

She also requested of Council that if they have not filed their financial disclosure, to please do so as soon as possible.

Ms. Norcia also asked Council to give consideration about what they would like to do about the December 20th meeting given it is close to the holidays. She is requesting a decision soon, so that Department Heads can plan ahead for year-end responsibilities. Council decided to cancel the December 20, 2016 meeting.

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 No. 212-16(18-A) 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						

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

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Resolution Nos. 213-16(18-B) through 230-16(18-S) were 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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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Mr. Powers discussed events he had attended including Arbor Day festivities and Diversity Day at Lawrence High School. Both events were well attended.

Mr. Bobbitt stated there is nothing to report on Growth & Redevelopment, and the Environmental Resources Committee is going to have bike rides throughout the Township in honor of Ralph Copleman. Sustainable Lawrence will be working on that project as well.

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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 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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David C. Maffei, Mayor