

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

November 1, 2016

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance, led by 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, November 1, 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 proclamations or presentations.

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Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

*Mr. Peter W. Radice, Jr., 6 Dennick Court*, spoke about the constant battle with the Municipality trying to get the non-taxpaying entities in Lawrence Township to pay their fair share of taxes and the taxpayers of Lawrence bearing the burden. In particular, The Lawrenceville School who has been gauging the Township for 200 years, and advised of a recent case brought to his attention involving Princeton University; a case Princeton University just settled with Princeton for \$18.2 million over a six year period and indicated The Lawrenceville School can afford to give a couple of million dollars to

the Township not the slight fee they have negotiated in the past which did nothing to relieve the tax burden for the taxpayers in Lawrence.

Mr. Radice discussed a handout that was distributed to the Council with a list of properties owned by The Lawrenceville School resulting in millions of dollars of tax-exempt properties that serves no use for school purposes and indicated that The Prep School sends more than 30 of their children to the public school system at a per diem of \$16,000 per year totaling another half of a million dollars in addition to receiving municipal services and suggested the Council use hardball strategies to force the school into paying their fair share of taxes and lessen the burden of the taxpayers. In closing, he spoke of a plaque he has in his office lettered "persistent" and it being part of the reason he is speaking on this issue to urge the Council to be persistent in pursuing this matter of making The Lawrenceville School pay their fair share as it is unacceptable for the school to have the use of municipal services at the expense of the taxpayers and not pay taxes. An exchange of dialogue took place relative to tax exempt entities being exempted from paying taxes while still making income on non-educational pieces and it becoming a significant problem. Ms. Lewis indicated they need a long-term solution enacted by legislation that would create permanent laws governing tax exempt institutions to eliminate the problem altogether something they are working on.

*Mr. John Rounds, 156 Eldridge Avenue*, spoke about an article he read in the newspaper concerning the new Peddlers/Solicitors Ordinance adopted by the Township Council and asked for clarification regarding groups (religious, non-profit, political speech, etc.) that are exempt in the ordinance as it relates to the "no solicitation" sign posted on his property as his understanding that no group should be allowed to enter onto private property. The Municipal Attorney advised Mr. Rounds what he is speaking of is "freedom of speech" and the Township have limitations over what they can control. They can control commercial speech to a much higher degree than they can control political speech. So, while he may not want political speech, religious groups, etc. on his property it is part of the American process and the Township is really hand strung in terms of their ability to limit that so the Ordinance was prepared to recognize the rights that are granted by United States Constitution to allow residents to enjoy the privacy of their homestead without trampling over the constitutional barrier. Mr. Rounds in turn voiced his difference of opinion on matter and stated his clear impression is "no solicitation" meaning "no solicitation" regardless of the group and cited a case heard before the Courts and in the aftermath was decided that "no solicitation" means just that even for non-profit, political and religious groups. After an exchange of dialogue between Mr. Roskos and Mr. Rounds the consensus was the groups are exempt from the application process, not solicitation on private property.

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Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Manager asked that Resolution (9-F) – Authorizing Award of Re-Bid #16-21 for 2016 Snow Plowing Services and Resolution (18-T) - Authorizing Professional Services Contract to Primepoint for Payroll Service be added to the agenda and Resolution (18-J) Closed Session be amended to include discussion on Delutis v Lawrence Township and ongoing litigation.

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Agenda was amended to include the above revision.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, the Minutes of Closed Session Meetings of May 3, 2016 were approved with corrections on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of Closed Session Meetings of July 19, 2016 were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, the Minutes of Closed Session Meetings of **October 18, 2016** were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of **September 20, 2016** were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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#### 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.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, Resolution (9-A), Authorizing Amending the Contract with TC Landscape Construction Group, Inc. for Colonial Lake Park Improvements – Phase 2, was presented for adoption.

#### Resolution No. 393-16

WHEREAS, a bid was awarded to TC Landscape Construction Group, Inc. for a project known as the **Colonial Lake Park Improvements Phase II** in the amount of \$35,100.00, as outlined in Resolution No. 205-16 and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to amend this contract in the amount of \$5,000.00, resulting in a new contract amount of \$40,100.00, said increase allowed by statute without re-bid; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 reflects supplemental items required during construction; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged for the additional increase is 6-16-56-843-299 (Municipal Open Space);

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an amended agreement with TC Landscape Construction Group, Inc., P. O. Box 70, Lavallette NJ 08735 for a revised amount not to exceed \$40,100.00 and availability of funds has been certified for said amount.
2. Notice of this resolution shall be published in The Trentonian as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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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.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, Resolution (9-B), Authorizing the Rejection of Bid for Central Park Maintenance Facility Awarded to Dutchman Contracting LLC and Repealing Resolution No. 342-16 in its Entirety, was presented for adoption.

#### Resolution No. 394 –16

WHEREAS, a bid was awarded to Dutchman Contracting, LLC for the project known as Central Park Maintenance Facility as outlined in Resolution No. 342-16; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the award, another bidder challenged Dutchman's bid and raised an issue concerning Dutchman's failure to identify a plumbing sub-contractor to perform certain portions of the work involving plumbing, and that although Dutchman responded that it intended to perform such plumbing work "in-house", upon repeated requests from the Township, Dutchman failed to produce evidence that it employed a New Jersey licensed master plumber at the time it submitted its bid; and

WHEREAS, Due to such failure, Dutchman has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Township and its attorneys that Dutchman had the legal capacity to

perform all of the work covered by the solicitation when it submitted its bid and therefore was not a qualified or responsive bidder and its bid must be rejected; and

WHEREAS, the remaining bids are being rejected because they substantially exceed the engineer's cost estimate and the budgeted amount for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer has recommended that all bids be rejected;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid submitted by Dutchman Contracting, LLC be hereby rejected for the reasons as outlined above;

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that all bids received for the Central Park Maintenance Facility be hereby rejected pursuant to N.J. S.A. 40A:11-13.2a, b and d, due to the fact that the bids substantially exceeds the engineer's cost estimate and the budget amount for the project.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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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.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, Resolution (9-C), Authorizing Awarding Contract to Francen Contracting for Rehabilitation of 307 Talon Court, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 395-16

WHEREAS, a health and safety issue was discovered at 301 Talon Court an affordable housing unit owned by Lawrence Township; and

WHEREAS, two (2) quotes were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Francen Contracting that submitted a bid in the amount of \$2,000.00 to perform the tasks required in the rehabilitation; 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 G-02-40-995-299 (2012 Lawrence Township Rehabilitation Grant); and

WHEREAS, Francen Contracting has performed satisfactorily;

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 Manager, the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk hereby authorize the acceptance of the bid and the execution of a contract with Francen Contracting, 698 Old York Road, Branchburg NJ 08876 for the purposes of rehabilitating 301 Talon Court;

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, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Maffei.  
Nays: None.

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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.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, Resolution (9-D), Authorizing the Rejection of All Bids for the 2016 Tree Removal Program, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 398-16

WHEREAS, on Thursday, October 27, 2016 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **2016 Tree Removal**; and

WHEREAS, two (2) bid were received, opened and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was M & A Tree Service who submitted a bid in the amount of \$30,300.00, and

WHEREAS, the bid amount substantially exceeds the engineer's cost estimate and the budgeted amount for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer has recommended that all bids be rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that all bids received for the 2016 Tree Removal is hereby rejected pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2a, b and d, due to the fact that the bid substantially exceeds the engineer's cost estimate and the budget amount for the project.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

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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.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, Resolution (9-E), Authorizing the Awarding of Contract to Whirl Corporation for the Central Park Playground, was presented for adoption.

#### Resolution No. 399-16

WHEREAS, on Thursday, October 6, 2016 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Central Park Playground**; and

WHEREAS, five (5) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Whirl Corporation, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$133,250.00, 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 C-04-55-425-223 (Ordinance 2245-16 Inclusionary Playground \$100,000.00) and 6-16-56-843-299 (Municipal Open Space \$33,250.00); 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 Whirl Corporation, Inc., 194 Main Street, P. O. Box 110, Port Monmouth NJ 07758 in the amount of \$133,250.00; 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, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Maffei.  
Nays: None.

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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.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, Resolution (9-F), Authorizing the Awarding of Re-bid No. 16-21, 2016 Snow plowing Services, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 403-16

**WHEREAS**, on November 1, 2016, bids were received for Re-Bid No. 16-21, 2016 Snow Plowing Services; and

**WHEREAS**, one bid was received and reviewed by the Municipal Manager and Director of Public Works and the bidder was Marrazzos Manor Lane, 1301 Yardley Road, Yardley, PA 19067 who submitted a bid in the amount of \$170.00 per hour per truck; 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 6-16-56-849-299 (Reserve for Snow Removal);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to award Re-Bid No. 16-21, 2016 Snow Plowing Services, to Marrazzos Manor Lane for the period of November 15, 2016 through April 15, 2017 with a contract amount not to exceed \$17,000.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED ‘MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC – HANDICAPPED PARKING’”

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance amends the Motor Vehicles and Traffic” section of the Lawrence Township Administrative Code to remove handicapped parking spaces at the following locations: 2099 Princeton Pike, 933 Lanning Avenue, 135 Slack Avenue, 14 Titus Avenue and 950 Lanning Avenue.

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE TO RENUMBER SECTIONS 423, ADD A NEW SECTION 423, REVISE SECTION 520 AND THE ZONING MAP”

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the Lawrence Township Land Use Ordinance that will change the Limited Industrial (L1) district along Princess Road to a Mixed Use 3 (MX-3) that will expand the permitted uses and clarify inclusion of medical offices. The new uses will permit call centers, printing establishments, indoor and outdoor recreation, leisure activities, flex space, construction supply houses and beverage manufacturing. The use will also include bottling operations, brewery, winery and distilleries to offer tastings and retail sale of the products. This Ordinance will go to the Planning Board for a consistency review then returned back to the Township Council for further consideration.

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE TO REVISE SECTIONS 201, 400 AND 428 TO ADD HOME AGRICULTURE"

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the Lawrence Township Land Use Ordinance to provide standards for raising and keeping chicken on residential lots. It will allow homeowners to obtain a permit to house chickens on their properties and the number of chickens will be based on the minimum lot size of the residential property. The Ordinance will also prohibit roosters from being kept at a residence and establish setbacks and chicken coup sizes for housing chickens. This Ordinance will also go to the Planning Board for a consistency review then returned back to the Township Council for further consideration.

Ms. Lewis thanked Mr. Krawczun and all the professional staff who did a lot of work to craft this ordinance on chickens and indicated how much she appreciates their efforts and she thinks there will be a number of residents in the town that appreciates it as well.

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, "SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – UNCLASSIFIED AND/EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2017"

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance authorizes salaries for unclassified and exempt employees for 2017, and indicated it has been municipal policy to provide salary adjustment for unclassified and exempt employees at the same rate of adjustment that the CWA, Supervisors Union receives and that union's contract goes through 2017 and the current salary ordinance only goes through 2016. The ordinance is being brought before the Council at this time so it will be effective for 2017 at the same union increase of 1.75 percent and the idea is to put the ordinance in place for January 2017 that would eliminate the need to retro salaries, etc. administratively in 2017. This Ordinance will need to be amended once again when the CWA's contract is re-negotiated going forward.

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

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

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Adoption of Ordinances

There was no adoption of ordinances.

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**Manager’s Report –**

Mr. Krawczun submitted invoice listings for the month of November 2016 in the amount of \$2,145,421.54.

Mr. Krawczun advised that he distributed a four page proposal at the last meeting outlining Philip Caton’s, Planning Consultant to the Planning Board, proposal regarding the feasibility of a Redevelopment Zone at the Lawrence Shopping Center and asked if the Council had any questions or concerns regarding the proposal. If not, he can begin preparing the Professional Services Agreement for the next meeting. It was the consensus of the Council for Mr. Krawczun to move forward with the preparation of the agreement.

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**Attorney’s Report –**

There was no Attorney’s report.

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**Clerk’s Report –**

There was no Clerk’s report.

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**Unfinished Business –**

Ms. Lewis advised that the Council has received (3) three proposals from three different firms to help in their search for a Municipal Manager and asked Mr. Krawczun to explain the proposals they have before them.

Mr. Krawczun explained that the Council received proposals from (3) three firms to conduct an Executive Search for a Municipal Manager. A proposal from Government Management Advisors, LLC, for \$13,500, The Canning Group LLC for \$12,500 and Jersey Professional Management for \$12,500, each outlining the process the firm will employ to find suitable candidates. The proposals also provide an opportunity for the Council to participate in describing what their interest is in a candidate. The proposals further outline the steps the firms will take to advertise, receive applications, the interview process and whether or not they use a questionnaire and the length of time to complete the entire process. All of the proposals include the firms administering and coordinating the process along with the advertising cost. Each firm has submitted a list of towns they have worked for and the various types of services they have performed for those towns rather it was in the capacity of manager, administrator, and department director or have produce studies of various types for the different municipalities. He then requested that the Council review each of the proposals some more detailed than others and if they have any questions he would be more than happy to answer them.

A general discussion ensued amongst the Council relative to the three proposals and which of the firms would be most suited to adhere to the strict timeline and expedite the selection process as well as the Council moving swiftly on their end in making the appointment. After the discussion, it was consensus that Government Management Advisors, LLC (GMA) was most suitable for their wishes. Additional dialogue took place relative to each member of Council meeting with Gregory Fehrenbach, Principal for GMA, and the Municipal Manager assisting in the selection process.

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, Resolution (18-O), Authorizing a Request Quote for Executive Search for Municipal Manager, was approved by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 404-16

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2016, proposals were received for Municipal Manager – Executive Search – Request for Quotes; and

WHEREAS, three (3) proposals were received and reviewed by the Township Council and the responsible proposer is Government Management Advisors, LLC, who submitted a proposal in the amount of \$13,500; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJAC 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is 6-01-20-100-255 (Manager OE) in the amount of \$13,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to award the Request for Quote for the Executive Search to Government Management Advisors, LLC in the total amount of \$13,500.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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**New Business –**

There was no new business.

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

There was no public participation.

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**Resolutions**

Resolution Nos. 379-16(18-A) through 402-16(18-T) with the exception of Resolution Nos. 393-16, 394-16, 395-16, 398-16, 399-16 and 403-16 (Bids) 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					X	
Mr. Powers	X						
Mayor Maffei	X						

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

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Ms. Lewis thanked the Lawrence Township Police Department, Township Departments and community volunteers who put together a wonderful event with the Trunk or Treat despite the raining weather. She further noted that the Township Council dedicated a Memorial Tree honoring Councilman Steve Brame.

Mr. Bobbitt reported that the Environmental Resources and Sustainability Green Advisory Committee received a report by a Professor at Rider University who has been helping Sustainable Jersey and Lawrence Township has been certified for silver which is the new highest level as they do not have gold, as of yet. And, in the final report they not only noted what they have done to get to silver but also a road map for the next three years reporting which he thinks will be very helpful going forward and advised that he has spoken to the Mayor about the group coming to speak before the Council at the December meeting. He then urged the Council to attend the Sustainable Jersey luncheon in Atlantic City where the Township will be presented the Silver Certification plaque.

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**Written Communications –**

There was no written communication.

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There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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David C. Maffei, Mayor