

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

April 18, 2017

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 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, April 18, 2017, 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." Said Notice was forwarded to The Trentonian, The Times and The Princeton Packet on December 22, 2016.

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

Mayor Maffei read the following Letter of Resignation into record:

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Please accept this letter as my notice to you of my resignation of the position of Municipal Judge for the Township of Lawrence effective 6:30 pm today. I submit this to you on anticipation of being appointed as the Municipal Manager. It has been an absolute privilege to serve as the Town's Judge and I look forward to serving as the next Municipal Manager.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin P. Nerwinski, Esq., J.M.C.

Mayor Maffei called for nominations to fill the position of Municipal Court Judge.

Councilman Powers stated that Lew Korngut is a longtime resident of Lawrence Township who has been actively involved in the community and more importantly an experienced litigator. He is also a Certified Criminal Trial Attorney who was head of the homicide unit of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and has been a proud member of the New Jersey Bar Association since 1986 and he is proud to move the nomination for him as Lawrence Township next Municipal Court Judge.

Councilman Kownacki seconded the nomination and stated it is an honor to nominate Lewis Korngut for the Municipal Court Judge position.

Mayor Maffei asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, Mayor Maffei declared the nominations closed and called for the roll call vote of Lewis J. Korngut to fill the unexpired 3-year term ending February 16, 2018, as Municipal Court Judge.

Councilwoman Lewis stated that Lew Korngut is a wonderful addition to the town and she is happy he will be on the bench; unfortunately, she was unable to participate in the interview process because she was out of town and it was scheduled after she had already left so she will be abstaining from this vote.

**RECORD OF VOTE  
(RESOLUTION 192-17)**

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

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Mayor Maffei advised that the Honorable Judge Charles Delehey would be administering the Oath of Office to Mr. Korngut.

Judge Korngut thanked his friends, family (wife, children and mother-in-law) and everyone for coming out and supporting him on this special occasion as well as the following individuals: The Township Council for the great work they have done and the unmeasurable hours of public service they have given with no reward; The Municipal Clerk for all of her guidance and love of his dog Eli; Mr. Zegarski for his longtime friendship and the guidance he has shown him throughout his lifetime; Judge Nerwinski for all of his years of service and his excellence as not only a judge but, as a person; Judge Delehey, who has been a Superior Court Judge for 30-years and who has become a friend and more importantly a role model as a judge throughout his legal career; Mr. Krawczun who he congratulated on his retirement and thanked him for the great job he has done in Lawrence. He then recited the following a Methodist quote often uttered during Hilary Clinton's presidential campaign...do as much as you

can...for as many people as you can... for as long as you can...and that is what you do”.

In closing, Judge Korngut stated that a good friend of his and longtime resident of Lawrence, Steve Goodell, was involved in a horrific bicycling accident last year where he was paralyzed and asked that everyone keep him in their thoughts and prayers as he recovers at home.

Mayor Maffei stated on a sad note tonight the Township Council says goodbye and good luck to their Township Manager, Richard Krawczun, who became the Municipal Manager after taking over the reign of longtime manager, Bill Guhl. During his tenure Mr. Krawczun had to solve some serious economic situations that faced Lawrence Township and with his astute knowledge of finance Lawrence recovered and now prospers, four years with no increase in taxes; a statement not many municipalities in the State can make. He also has a true commitment to the town and its citizens; he listens to the residents’ problems and concerns no matter how insignificant and always has the correct answer to resolve the situation. He is very well respected not only by the citizens of Lawrence but also at Town Hall where he works well with all the Township Directors and staff making sure their needs are met while keeping the taxpayers in mind, and his relationship with public safety made many families decide to relocate to Lawrence Township. Further, he is committed to finishing the Lawrence-Hopewell Trail and the Inclusionary Playground as part of his special vision for Lawrence and today he is very proud to announce that the James Lawrence Playground is being constructed in Central Park and he could go on; but instead it is his honor as Mayor representing the Township Council to present the following plaque which reads:

Presented to Richard S .Krawczun, Municipal Manager/CFO  
With Deep Appreciation for his Many Years of Selfless Dedication  
To the Preservations of Good Government and Financial Management  
For the Residents of Lawrence Township

Dated: April 18, 2017  
Signed by the Township Council

Mayor Maffei also presented Mr. Krawczun with a Lenox Plate and Mug to enjoy during his retirement. He then opened the floor for comments.

Councilwoman Lewis stated that Council appreciates all the hard work Mr. Krawczun has done throughout the years and that he has done a wonderful job at making sure Lawrence was always number one and keeping the fiscal management of the town on the right course even when it was difficult as there were plenty of times that he could have stood before Council and made the easy suggestions; but he did not even when they may have wanted him to. She then thanked him on behalf of the Council and wished him good luck and lots of fun in Margaritaville.

Councilman Powers stated in his years on Council he has had some votes he has regretted but one of the best votes he ever made was nominating Mr. Krawczun to be the Township Manager in 2004 as he has been the consummate professional. He pointed out that Mr. Krawczun announced his retirement a while ago but agreed to stay on and that his successor will have big shoes to fill as he set the bar really high and that they will miss him and wished him well on a well-deserved retirement in Florida.

Councilman Kownacki stated as a member on the Council it has been an honor to serve with Mr. Krawczun. The Council and he have been through some tough times together but he pulled them through to where they are today and proved by his work that Lawrence is the best town in New Jersey. He reiterated again the honor of serving next to Mr. Krawczun and how he will be missed and wished him well in his retirement.

Councilman Bobbitt stated as the newest member of Council he has not served as long as the other members but he has worked with Mr. Krawczun over the years on various committees and he would like to thank him for all the hard work he has done and for setting the bar so high and keeping the Township on a good fiscal track. He then spoke of how surprised he was while taking some League classes as to all the good boxes that were checked off in regards to him keeping the town's finances straight and he really appreciates that and he likes to tell his friends how easy his job is on Council because he has made it easy and thanked him again for that.

Mr. Krawczun thanked everyone for all the kind words and extended best wishes to the newly appointed Judge and Municipal Manager and indicated all the things spoke of this evening he did not do by himself although he often gets credit when things have gone well as there are some people present this evening that are the consummate professionals and have been supportive and tolerant with his sometimes impatience, and advised it is not a job that can be done independently; it has been a team effort with both the past and present Councilmembers that he has had an opportunity to work with. He again thanked the Council and those who have helped him succeed and specified he will look back with a lot of good thoughts, some good times that he will cherish because it is not only an opportunity to serve in such a position but a privilege as it gives you a real sense of community and an opportunity to participate in your community at a level that really brings you closer to it and the people who live in the community which is something that will be important to him for a very long time. He further thanked his family for all of their patience and support during his tenure.

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Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

Mr. Bob Bostock, 31 Springwood Drive, stated upon learning of Mr. Krawczun's plans to retire he marked his calendar so he could be present this evening to thank him for his service to the town and commend him for the way in which he performed a very, very difficult job. He then reiterated previous comments relative to Mr. Krawczun being the consummate professional in the fullest sense of the word something he found out

shortly after joining Council and him being in the minority back when there were two parties on Council and him being warned by Councilmembers from other towns that the Municipal Manager might not communicate things to him given he was in the minority on Council and advised of the first budget recommended by Mr. Krawczun where he proposed a modest increase and he asked him to come back with a list of what they would need to do to cut a penny or two from the proposed rate and explained unlike in Washington, known as the Washington Monument Approach, where you ask them to find cuts and they come back with a proposal of 10 police officers having to be laid off or they need to close town hall for three days or something making it seem like any cut would be unpliable; but, Mr. Krawczun came back with a real list of things that they could actually cut which led to them shaving a penny off the tax rate that year; items that nobody even noticed were cut as they were all good decisions and things they could live without.

Mr. Bostock advised that pattern continued during the years he served on Council and was particularly helpful to the taxpayers when the economy was in real tough shape. So, when he looks back to his time on Council what always comes to mind is what a true professional Mr. Krawczun was. No matter if you were in the majority or the minority on Council you always got a straight and complete answer and his best advice which is frankly kind of rare in this business and indicated there are 565 municipalities in the State of New Jersey which means there are 565 municipal managers and he thinks without fear of contradiction that Lawrence Township has the best municipal manager than any municipality in the State because of the way he conducts himself, his deep knowledge and expertise, and unsurpassed commitment to the community. And they are all better off because of Mr. Krawczun serving as the Municipal Manager of Lawrence Township for the past 13 years and he leaves very, very big shoes to fill and a legacy that will be carried on and remembered for a very long time in this community. He thanked Mr. Krawczun again for his service and congratulated him on leaving the community in the great shape it is and wished him and his family the very best in all the years ahead.

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#### Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Manager advised that an item needs to be added to the Closed Session, Resolution 18-I, to include an update on negotiations with AFSCME, Local 2257, White Collar Union.

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#### Adoption of Minutes

Mr. Roskos inquired about the Closed Session Minutes of January 12, 2017 that were pulled from the March 21<sup>st</sup> Agenda for corrections that would make the minutes more readable and is not included on this Agenda.

The Municipal Clerk advised that Mr. Roskos made a few corrections to the January 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes, nothing major that she feels would prevent the Council from adopting the minutes as is but if they would like to see them she has copies of the revised minutes for them to review.

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Closed Session Meetings of January 12, 2017 were approved as amended 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.

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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of Closed Session Meetings of March 21, 2017 and April 4, 2017 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.

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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 7, 2017 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

There was no award or rejection of bids.

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Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED ‘LICENSES’ -

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance repeals and replaces the previous ordinance regulating the re-sale of precious metals. The new ordinance will include precious metals and various electronic devices. The Ordinance will also allow the police to confiscate the property and be able to return it to the victim instead of the victim buying back their own property from the dealer and seeking restitution from the criminal. The dealer will now need to seek restitution from the criminal.

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2020-09 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN”

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance amends a previously adopted capital ordinance to revise the authorized purposes for which bond proceeds may be applied. The added purpose to be applied is for underground storage tank removal and remediation at Slackwood Fire House.

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2252-16 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2017 - (not included in packet)

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the salary ordinance for unaffiliated and exempt employees. The contents of the amendment will first be discussed in executive session then the subject matter will be introduced and formal action may be taken on the amendment after the closed session.

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2224-16 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6A, 'FEES: THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE CHAPTER' OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – Recreation Fees

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance amends the fee ordinance for recreation fees by adding a new camp at the Nature Center for a weekly rate of \$185.00. This will be the first year that the camp will run to see how successful it is and whether or not it should run for one or more subsequent years.

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

Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 2260-17 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' – Handicapped Parking

Ordinance No. 2260-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE  
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC'

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 13 of The Lawrence Township Administrative Code entitled 'Motor Vehicles and Traffic' be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Article II – Stopping, Standing and Parking

Sec. 13-4 – Parking prohibited – At any time, except by vehicles bearing special identification for handicapped persons.

(5) Special Vehicle Parking (Handicapped)

Restricted parking spaces shall be established as set forth below and only those persons who are handicapped and who possess a special vehicle identification shall park in such designated parking space.

- a. 64 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Pike and Valley Forge Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet on Valley Forge Avenue on the south side of 1894 Brunswick Pike.
- b. 138 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Pike and Pear Street (N/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 766 Pear Street.
- c. 340 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Rt. 206 (Lawrence Road) and Fairfield Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 81 Fairfield Avenue.
- d. 285 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 55 Myrtle Avenue.
- e. 180 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Hopewell Avenue and Slack Avenue (S/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 115 Slack Avenue.
- f. 155 feet southbound from the prolonged curb line of the driveway belonging to West Gate apartments (S/W corner) on Princeton Pike for a distance of 22 feet in front of 2099 Princeton Pike.
- g. 263 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 57 Myrtle Avenue.

- h. 570 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Lanning Avenue and Princeton Avenue for a distance of 22 feet in front of 933 Lanning Avenue.
- i. 335 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Slack Avenue and Princeton Pike (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 135 Slack Avenue.
- j. 370 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Lawrence Road and Titus Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 14 Titus Avenue.
- k. 204 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Ohio Avenue and Puritan Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 716 Puritan Avenue.
- l. 324 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 51 Myrtle Avenue.
- m. 141 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Slack Avenue and Princeton Pike (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 143 Slack Avenue.
- n. 54 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Puritan Avenue and Brunswick Pike, for a distance of 22 feet.
- o. 518 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Lanning Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 944 Lanning Avenue.
- p. 548 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Lanning Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 950 Lanning Avenue.
- q. 70 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Lanning Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet on the side of 1279 Brunswick Avenue.

Section 2. This ordinance supercedes all previous ordinances that relate to the designation of handicapped parking on streets and roadways within the Township of Lawrence.

Section 3. Severability.

If any provisions of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

Section 4. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of same inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. Effective Date.

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

Additions Underlined \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance 2260-17 was approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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**Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2017 Municipal Budget**

Mayor Maffei read by title, "BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the attached document be and hereby is the Adoption of the 2017 Municipal Budget."

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

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Krawczun and his team for their efforts. Council was very happy that the municipal budget has remained flat and there has been no increase in taxes for the last four years.

After the Public Hearing, Resolution No. 189-17 (Budget Resolution A - Budget by Title Only) was adopted 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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

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After the Public Hearing, Resolution No. 190-17 (Budget Resolution B - Adoption of 2017 Municipal Budget) was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

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**Manager’s Report –**

Mr. Krawczun submitted invoice listings for the month of April 2017 in the amount of \$953,710.10.

Mr. Krawczun advised that he and Mr. Roskos have had a couple of conversations with Gary Backinoff an attorney representing Lawrence Plaza located on Princeton Pike and that they have a Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement expiring soon after 30 years. The Plaza is under new ownership and they are asking the Township Council to approve a new Agreement for a period of 30 years. He indicated the current agreement calls for a payment of (6.28%) of the adjusted gross rentals and they have talked to Mr. Backinoff about an increase in that rate up to 8%. Previously, the (6.28%) generated revenue of about \$147,000 to the town but under the new Agreement there would be a requirement that the County would receive a portion of (5%) in lieu payment, as the law has been amended regulating PILOT’s to include the county’s portion. Additionally, he raised some concerns with Mr. Backinoff regarding the Statute that requires municipalities to reimburse multifamily residential units which do not receive trash collection in the same manner as other residential units in town meaning curbside pickup as the Township is required to reimburse those locations for their trash pickup.

Mr. Krawczun advised that there is a formula in the Statute that amounts to \$11,000 reimbursement to Lawrence Plaza and in order to cover that additional cost and the increased contribution the Mercer County the owners of the Plaza have proposed a new rate of 8% of adjusted gross rentals which would increase the town's revenue for the town's share based on last year's rent collected by about \$30,000. So, they would pay the fee to the County, there would be an increase to Lawrence Township and most importantly maintain the affordable rents for the residents of that complex who are elderly residents and Mr. Roskos and he felt it was more of a policy matter than a fiscal matter and they wanted to continue the opportunity for the residents to have an affordable place to reside and indicated if the Council is so inclined they can direct Mr. Roskos to prepare the Agreement with Mr. Backinoff and the Ordinance can be brought forward at the next meeting.

Mr. Krawczun distributed a handout regarding the County Board of Tax Appeals for 2017 and the number of appeals that have been filed each year since 2010 as well as the number of appeals that are pending from those prior years, the assessment ratio, the amount of assessed value under appeal and the actual loss in assessed value based on a (15%) adjustment and advised that there were only nine appeals filed in 2017, the same number as 2016; a significant drop over the previous years with 2011 being the highest for Tax Court Appeals at 55.

Mr. Krawczun proceeded to review Page 2 of the second handout itemizing the 2017 Appeals for nine property locations and explained in order to file a Tax Appeal the assessed value has to be one million or more or an appeal loss at the County Tax Court level and included on the list of Appeals for 2017 are some residential properties with assessments over \$1M and that they are experiencing a bit of a rough time with prices at the higher end of the residential market and he wanted to bring this matter to the Council's attention that some of the adjustments they might see in 2017 and possibly into 2018 will not necessarily be restricted to commercial property because on the Tax Court side more residential properties will be included which is something they might want to keep track of going forward and continued to review some the Appeals filed in 2017 compared to 2016 and advised that the Tax Assessor is prepared to attend the first round of hearings scheduled in May with the Tax Board regarding those appeals.

Mr. Krawczun advised that they received Notice from FEMA, Region II that the Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved which will enable Lawrence Township to identify opportunities for grants and will also assist in the filing of the updated Mitigation Plan that will allow for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program for property owners that may have been impacted by changes in their flood map.

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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 –**

There was no unfinished business.

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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. 175-17 (18-B) through 188-17(18-O) with the exception of Resolution (18-A) and Resolution (18-J) 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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Councilman Powers provided a brief history relative to the Council's nationwide search for a Municipal Manager and the Council's decision to appoint Kevin Nerwinski, Esq., as the next Municipal Manager and indicated Mr. Nerwinski is no stranger to Lawrence Township as his father Frank Nerwinski, who is present this evening, is a former mayor of Lawrence Township, his wife is a graduate of Rider University, and Mr. Nerwinski is a product of the local schools, a Rider University graduate, and more importantly he is no stranger to Town Hall as he served as the Municipal Attorney under the former municipal manager Bill Guhl and as the Department Director Municipal Court Judge for the last several years under the management of Mr. Krawczun and it is his proud honor to move Resolution (18-A) Kevin Nerwinski to be the next Municipal Manager.

Ms. Lewis echoed Mr. Powers comments relative the Municipal Manager's search and what the Township needs to do to move forward with regards the task and many opportunities and advised that the new Municipal Manager not only has to maintain the strong fiscal standing that they have but to capitalize on it by identifying those opportunities and ensure they act quickly to seize upon them and indicated she has not had as much working experience with the new manager but she has been assured by those who have that Mr. Nerwinski has the depth of experience they want from a manager and she is hoping they will continue to see that moving forward so with that in mind she will vote yes on the appoint Kevin Nerwinski as the new Municipal Manager.

Mr. Nerwinski advised that his comments will be brief as this is Mr. Krawczun's last night in the seat as Municipal Manager; a position he worked very hard in for Lawrence Township and that he has had the privilege of working with both Mr. Krawczun and Mr. Guhl as the Municipal Attorney and he knows he has big shoes to fill and he will work diligently to try and fill them. He then thanked the Council for their confidence in him and advised that Lawrence Township is very important to him as he is a lifelong resident of Lawrence and highly invested in the community and will give it his very best efforts.

Resolution No. 174-17 was approved the following roll call vote:

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

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Ms. Lewis stated going back to the search for a Municipal Manager every person who applied for the Manager’s position was blown away by how well ordered the Lawrence Township fiscal house is as well as envious and wanted the job because they would start out in such a good place and the Township Council does give Mr. Krawczun a lot of that credit but he has a lot of staff that help him with that success and they are blessed to have one of those staff members fill that role as the new Certified Finance Officer moving forward and it is her honor to move Resolution (18-J) appointing Peter Kiriakatis as the new CFO.

Mr. Kiriakatis imparted that he learned from the Master, Mr. Krawczun, and he appreciates all that he has taught him and he thanks the Council for their confidence and he will continue to work diligently to keep Lawrence Township fiscally sound.

Resolution No. 183-17 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Ms. Lewis stated from a Recreation standpoint two weekends ago a lot of the children from the community were able to participate in a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt thanks to the Lawrence Township Police Department and thanked them for sponsoring the great event.

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**Written Communications –**

- A. A Grouping of Letters Requesting the Township to Refrain from Using Pesticides in Public Parks (sample included in Agenda Packet – 26 received) – No Discussion

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There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

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Re-opening of the Regular Meeting of Council:

After the Closed Session discussion, the meeting was reconvened to include the following Resolutions:

Resolution 191-17 – Authorizing Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local 2257 for the Period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019, 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   |     |         |        |         | X    |        |
| Mr. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |
| Mayor Maffei | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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Resolution 193-17 – Authorizing Amending Resolution No. 7-17 for Custodian of Accounts to Disburse Funds for Court Bail Account and Collector’s Trust Fund, was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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Resolution 194-17 – Authorizing Acceptance of the Third Round Fair Share Plan Summary Proposed by the Township Planning Consultant on Affordable Housing Matters Presented for Formal Settlement, was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 8.45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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David C. Maffei, Mayor