

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

June 20, 2017

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance, led by Municipal Clerk.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Mayor Maffei asked for a moment of silence for the victims of Alexandria, Virginia.

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, June 20, 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 Kevin Nerwinski, Municipal Manager and Township Attorney David Roskos.

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Presentation by Lawrenceville Main Street - Proposed Sculpture Display in Weeden Park

Mr. Angelo Stio greeted the Township Council and stated he and Phoenix Smith, members of Lawrenceville Main Street, are present this evening to speak about a proposed Sculpture Garden in Weeden Park and thanked the Council for their time to present the idea to them. He then proceeded with a brief background history of Lawrenceville Main Street and Weeden Park, annual events, concept of how the Sculpture Garden originated and the proposal of what they are doing with the artist to make the plan come to fruition.

Mr. Stio turned the floor over to Ms. Smith who spoke about the goals, mission and accomplishments of Lawrenceville Main Street. Thereafter, Mr. Stio and Ms. Smith provided a brief history as how the idea came to fruition and a PowerPoint presentation featuring a diagram of the location and pictures of the proposed sculpture garden. They discussed the installation of the sculptures by the artist and their goals and vision of creating the Sculpture Garden that will drive activity downtown in hopes that people will frequent some of the businesses and create a sense of community and a gathering place for Township residents and students in the community to have various events such as educational seminars, picnics, weddings, etc.

Mr. Stio advised that the grand opening will take place after the installation of the art exhibit, sometime late September in the evening, where they will have heavy hors d'oeuvres, music and the artists speak about their artwork and an exhibit book prepared for viewers promoting the Village. They would also like to install cameras, small signage under the Weeden Park sign referencing the Sculpture Garden. A general comment and question period ensued relative to promoting local artists, lighting around the sculptures for public safety, setbacks and logistics of the project being approved by the Planning Board and soliciting the support of the Council for approval of the project.

Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

Mr. Paul Larson, Chair of the Trails, Open Space and Stewardship Advisory Committee and Trustee for the local Historic Society, stated he would like to update the Council on a couple of things going on with the committees; but, he would first like to commend the Council on Resolution 18-F listed on the Agenda authorizing the endorsement for the completion of 500 Miles of Circuit Trails in the Greater Philadelphia Region by 2025 an important project linking everyone together in a great part of the country and the Lawrence-Hopewell Trail being part of that Circuit.

Mr. Larson stated if no one has had the opportunity to drive down Province Line Road it looks a lot different with the Lawrence-Hopewell Trail in and the paving almost done, as he drove by there the other day from Bannister Drive to Bristol-Myers Squibb and it looks great. He also attended the Mount Rose Preserve dedication on June 3 where Lawrence Township was recognized because of its contribution towards the acquisition and that is was a well-attended event with NJ Conservation Foundation Director, Michele Byers, County Executive Brian Hughes, LHT Co-president Becky Taylor and Professor Jay Watson. For those who have not seen the Preserve it is beautiful with ample parking and there is a sign posted to the left by the second office park as they head up towards Mount Rose for those interested. Lastly, he and a few other individuals walked with folks from the Department of Defense and Veteran Affairs in the Armory woods where they took out a GPS and other things to gather information about getting a Trail Easement through the woods to connect from Route 206 by Willis Greenhouse to the Bossio Salt Preserve and advised after walking the woods and finding an overgrown road he thought it was a good opportunity to discuss making a

Trail Link between Route 206 and the Armory that could possibly be connected over to the school as they have a nice crosswalk there on Eggert Crossing Road. They are now in the process of getting the maps together and once that is done they will set up a meeting with the Municipal Manager to further discuss things that the Armory is looking for from the Township relative to a commitment and liability issues.

Mr. Larson noted that the parking lot across from the Ecological Center where the old tree nurse was located looks like people have been dumping stuff at that site and suggested the Township place a “no dumping” signs there. Additionally, they are less than 10 years away now from the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the County which is going to be a really big deal and Lawrence has a lot of great history so now is the time to start planning events and indicated about a year ago, on a whim, he presented something about creating a historical park outside in front of the Municipal Building utilizing the green space as the highway in front of Town Hall is historical and why Lawrence was founded and it would be a good opportunity to tie people in and use the resources as well.

Mr. Larson stated the final thing he would like to discuss is the Certified Local Government Grant that the Township applied for to do some work at the Princessville Cemetery; a ground penetrating radar project which was not selected; but, the evaluators came back and said the project was very interesting and educational with good background research conducted noting that it addressed the specific statewide preservation goal of identifying the authentic places that tell the stories of New Jersey historically diverse populations which basically means the Township did not ask for enough money and they suggested that they come back again with an increase in the budget by adding a professional archeologist and historian to the project team to develop the interpretative component of the work and advised that they would be more than happy to help them prepare the new application for resubmission. So, they think in the next round they will receive a pretty substantial grant for that project.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Manager requested that Resolution (18-VV) – Authorizing a Closed Session of Council Immediately Following the Regular Meeting, if necessary, be amended to include discussion of land acquisition.

Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 18, 2017, May 2, 2017 and May 16, 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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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Minutes of Closed Session Meeting of May 16, 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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#### 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 Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, Resolution (9-A), Authorizing Renewal of Bid No. 16-10 , Ambulance Billing Service for a One-Year Period, was presented for adoption.

#### Resolution No. 282-17

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 265-16, adopted on July 19, 2016, Bid 16-10, Ambulance Billing Services was awarded to DM Medical Billings for a one-year period with the option to renew for a second year; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Township wishes to renew the contract for the second year from August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018;

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 authorizing the additional one-year renewal for Ambulance Billing Services to DM Medical Billings, in the amount of 5.5% of fees collected for a contract period of August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bobbitt, Kownacki, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Maffei.  
Absent: 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 Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, Resolution (9-B), Authorizing Awarding of Bid for Home Improvement Program – 34 Chamberlain Court, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 283–17

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Home Improvement Program - 34 Chamberlin Court**; and

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Unlimited Builders Construction, LLC. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$63,200.00, 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 7-19-56-853-255 (COAH Trust Fund – Miscellaneous Contractual Services); 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 Principal Planner; the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Unlimited Builders Construction, LLC, P. O. Box 9029, Hamilton NJ 08620 in the amount of \$63,200.00; 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.
Absent: None.

Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED “FOOD AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS”

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Ordinance amends the Administrative Code entitled ‘Food and Food Establishments” by including Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations with foods limited to pre-packaged, non-potentially hazardous foods as exempt from payment of license fees. The change was proposed by the Health Officer who had previous problems with exemptions involving the two organizations and wanted the exemptions memorialized by ordinance.

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, “BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2208-15 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN”

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Ordinance is an amendment of the capital budget as required by Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance 2208-17. The amendment revises the amends the capital budget to re-authorize remaining funds from the 2015 capital budget to be utilized in the 2017 for various local road improvements and the projects in the 2015 capital budget were completed under budget so the remaining funds are being made available for use on other Township roadways in need of repair.

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, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2229-16 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN"

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Ordinance is an amendment of the capital budget as required by Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance 2229-17 similar to the previous ordinance in which the remaining funds in the 2016 capital budget will be used in 2017 for various local road improvements as the projects in the 2016 capital budget were completed under budget and the remaining funds are being made available for use on other Township roadways in need of repair.

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, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2258-17 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN"

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Ordinance is an amendment of the capital budget as required by Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance 2258-17. The amendment revises the description of the purchase of various public safety equipment "Shotgun Sights and steel Forend Supports".

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 NO. 2258-17 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN"

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Ordinance is an amendment of the capital budget as required by Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance 2258-17. The amendment revises the description of the purchase of various computer and office equipment consisting of “Court Attendants/Prosecutor Hallway and Property Room Hallway HD Surveillance Cameras”. The request was generated by the Chief of Police for safety situations and liability issues as there are areas in the building not caught by the surveillance cameras.

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 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE TO ENTER INTO A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT UNDER THE LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW WITH THE SPONSOR OF LAWRENCE PLAZA SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING PROJECT”

Mr. Roskos advised that the matter was previously discussed regarding Senior Housing that has been provided in Lawrence for many years and that the project is going to change hands as there is a new owner who purchased the Lawrence Plaza and is scheduled to close in August 2017. The new financial agreement will increase what is being paid to the Township approximately 6.2 to 8 percent which addressed one of the issues expressed by Mr. Krawczun relative to garbage pickup.

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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### Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13-20 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED ‘NO PARKING AT ANY TIME’ – Darrah Lane

Ordinance No. 2265-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13-20 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED "NO PARKING AT ANY TIME"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that no person shall park a vehicle at any time on the following described streets or parts of streets:

East Darrah Lane, north side, from the easterly side of the Glenn Avenue intersection, for a distance of 100'.

Section 1. Severability

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of the Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 2. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication, posting of proper signage in accordance with law.

New material underscored \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. 2265-17 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, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2263-17 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE-UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2017"

Ordinance No. 2266-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2263-17 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2017

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 2017.”

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 2017 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, 2017:

| Position of Job Title        | Basis  | 2017                               |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Armed Court Attendant        | Hourly | \$24.56                            |
| Emergency Medical Technician | Hourly | \$21.74                            |
| Firefighter                  | Hourly | \$17.81                            |
| Laborer (Seasonal)           | Hourly | \$11.17                            |
| Life Guard                   | Hourly | Federal Minimum Wage up to \$15.26 |
| Recreation Aid               | Hourly | Federal Minimum Wage up to \$35.75 |

| Position of Job Title       | Basis      | 2017                                                           |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Recycling Coordinator       | Per Annum  | \$4,162                                                        |
| Fire Crew Coordinator       | Per Annum  | \$4,162                                                        |
| School Traffic Guard        | Hourly     | \$17.07                                                        |
| Secretary/Board & Committee | Per Annum* | \$1,800.00                                                     |
| Tax Search Officer          | Per Annum  | \$11,336.00                                                    |
| Zoning Officer              | Per Annum  | \$5,273.00                                                     |
| Municipal Court Attendee    | Hourly     | \$22.03                                                        |
| Park Attendant              | Hourly     | 15.26                                                          |
| All Others                  | Hourly     | Federal Minimum<br>Wage up to Step1 In<br>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 12 <sup>th</sup> year through year 15 | \$1,100 |
| Beginning the 16 <sup>th</sup> year through year 19 | \$1,400 |
| Beginning the 20 <sup>th</sup> year through year 23 | \$1,700 |
| Beginning the 24 <sup>th</sup> year through year 27 | \$2,000 |
| Beginning the 28 <sup>th</sup> 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 take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption.
- B. All salary or compensation provided for and by this ordinance shall be effective the first day of January.

Additions are underlined \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. 2266-17 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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**Manager’s Report –**

Mr. Nerwinski submitted invoice listings for the month of June 2017 in the amount of \$1,704,404.78.

Mr. Nerwinski advised that a statistical report came out from the Police Department regarding non-vehicle related burglaries from January 2017 to the present date which is at 10... a record low and breaks their 2016 record and provides them some sense of pride as other surrounding towns whose non-vehicle burglary rates are in the hundreds. The Police Chief is astounded by the numbers and seems to think that the proactive plan they have in place is working as the word is out on the streets. Also, the “U Drive U Text U Pay” campaign to crackdown on distracted drivers that text, the officers issued 255 summonses to distracted drivers and 602 to unbelted motorists so they are doing a real good job with the personnel they have which he is really proud of and wanted to share with Council.

Mr. Nerwinski stated upon his takeover as Municipal Manager he was made aware that there were some issues with the fire companies that Township Council and he would have to deal with that has been ongoing for a while so he met with the presidents, chiefs and paid staff of the fire companies as well as Mr. Oakley, EMO, who oversees the fire departments, to converse on some of the issues. He thinks the conversation needs to start over again as it seems all factions have issues that they need to deal with in some kind of meaningful way and he was told that there was some previous discussion concerning a review by a consultant to come and look at everything that the Township currently has in place and he did speak with members individually and he does feel there are some things that could be changed that would eliminate some of the problems they are having with fire companies. He then asked the consensus of the Council with regard to a commitment of having a consultant come in and do a Fire Study and really break down the issues so the next step is meaningful in terms of trying to fix the problem. After a brief comment period relative to the matter, it was the consensus of the Council to start the process over again.

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**Attorney's Report –**

There was no Attorney's report.

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**Clerk's Report –**

Ms. Norcia reported good news about a poll worker, Laura Wooten of Drift Avenue, who is 96 years old and has worked the polls for eight decades and there was a very nice article on Election Day on the Channel 6 News regarding her longtime service. She further reported that Robert Pluta received 24 write-in votes which makes him eligible to run in the General Election on the Republican ticket and that he submitted his acceptance form to the Mercer County Clerk's Office.

Ms. Norcia stated for the third year in a row the Clerk's Office has experienced problems with Lawrence Road Fire Company being setup for Election Day. And, again this year Joe Sliwinski from the Public Works Department had to get up out of his bed at five o'clock in the morning and setup the room to make it ready for the poll workers and the electorate and specified he goes above and beyond the call of duty. During the last Primary Election he had to come in and setup and go back home to get a few items to fix light switch in the bathroom that was not working and expressed her extreme displeasure with the situation as the Township gives money to the fire company to keep things in order, letters are sent out to the fire companies asking permission for use of the facility for buildings that are township owned and a second letter as a reminder is sent out prior to the election, The only thing she can credit them with is having the doors unlocked for the poll workers and when questioned they plead ignorance and it is unfathomable that they can plea ignorance when the voting machines are delivered a

day or two prior to the election. In addition, the fire companies are paid for the use of the facility by the County so in her opinion there is no excuse as to why they are not prepared other than they refuse to cooperate.

A general discussion ensued relative the Municipal Clerk's multiple attempts to communicate with the president of the fire company and his lack of response and the Municipal Manager meeting with the representative of the fire company to discuss the lack of response, dysfunction and a resolution to the problems as well as how future monies will be provided and/or disbursed to the fire company going forward.

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### **Unfinished Business –**

There was no unfinished business.

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### **New Business –**

#### **Special Meeting with Board of Education**

Mayor Maffei inquired about the Special Meeting with the Board of Education and if a date had been set regarding the meeting. The Municipal Clerk advised that no date has been setup as of yet and asked the wishes of Council as to when they would like to meet with them and she will reach out to Tom Eldridge, Board of Education Administrator, regarding the date. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Council to have the meeting at Town Hall on July 18 prior to the regularly-scheduled meeting of Council with the joint meeting starting at 6.00 pm and the regular meeting starting at 7:00 pm. The Municipal Clerk advised that she would contact Mr. Eldridge with the proposed date to see if they are in available and suggested the meeting take place in the Lower Level Conference Room.

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Mayor Maffei imparted that he saw a sign posted on Fackler Road stating that the road will be closed for paving beginning June 26 and that Province Line Road is still closed and indicated both roads being close in that area at the time would be disastrous.

Councilwoman Lewis stated the Department of Transportation originally scheduled the projects to go one right after the other and they usually put their notice up a least one week prior to roadwork so people can re-route. But he should check with DOT because she does not know the status of the Province Line Road project and whether it will be finished by the 26th.

Councilman Kownacki inquired if a request could be put in to DOT about reducing the speed limit from 50 mph to 35 mph on Route 1 at Whitehead Road where the new circle is constructed because they still have construction going on and motorists are unaware, or not used to, the new circle being in that area so until the work is completed for safety purposes the speed limit should be reduced. Mr. Nerwinski advised that sometime in October DOT will be turning the road over to the Township but a temporary reduced speed limit would be very helpful during the construction period.

Public Participation (3-minute limitation per speaker) –

There was no public participation.

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 234-17 (18-A) through -281-17(18-VV) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –

Councilwoman Lewis noted that the Fourth of July fireworks will take place on Friday, June 30 at Rider University before the long weekend.

Councilman Bobbitt thanked the Kevin Nerwinski, Municipal Manager, for agreeing to be the keynote speaker for the Growth & Redevelopment Award ceremony in October.

Written Communications –

Petition from Residents of Pine Street to Designate Street as One Way

Councilman Bobbitt stated in reviewing the map the direction the residents are requesting to go one-way is opposite to the direction of the street on the Trenton side so he thinks they should have a professional take a more thorough look for public safety reasons.

Mr. Nerwinski stated he could look further into the matter as he would solicit the opinions of the Jim Parvesse, Township Engineer and the Public Safety Committee and the Township's Traffic Consultant if they need to go further.

Mr. Nerwinski distributed copies of the 2017 Annual Audit Report from Mercadien and asked the wishes of the Council with regards to Peter Kiriakatis, CFO, or a representative from Mercadien appearing before them to discuss the findings of the report. It was the consensus of the Council to review report first prior to making a decision on a presentation and for Mr. Nerwinski to request the coversheet with the list of recommendations that was not included in the report.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7.42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

David C. Maffei, Mayor