

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Township Council

FROM: Richard S. Krawczun, Municipal Manager

DATE: March 14, 2014

UPCOMING MEETING

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Public Presentations

Three presentations are scheduled.

Students from the Lawrence Intermediate School will share the results from their Walk This Way project.

Eleanor Horne, Co-President of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail Corporation (LHT) will provide an update on the status of the LHT and trail construction.

Geoffrey Acolia, Lawrence Township Tax Assessor will review the results of the recently completed property revaluation.

Awarding and/or Rejecting of Bids

There are no rejections or awarding of bids.

Introduction of Ordinances

There are three ordinances for introduction.

Ordinance 9-A establishes the special assessments for sidewalk/concrete improvements to specific property locations. The aggregate amount of the assessments are \$14,677.50. The property owners participated in the sidewalk improvement program for locations contiguous to Darrah Lane and Glenn Avenue during the road repaving project. Owners could participate for concrete improvements as part of the public bid of the Township for similar work in this project location and the owners pay for their individual work. The previously introduced ordinance for this matter reflected an assessment that needed to be adjusted for one of the participating property locations.

Ordinance 9-B authorizes a reduction in the speed limit on Province Line Road from the Delaware and Raritan Canal to U.S. Route 206. Previously Lawrence Township supported the same reduction of the speed limit on the County portion of Province Line Road from Quakerbridge Road to the Delaware Raritan Canal. Speed surveys did not support a reduction of the speed limit but the recommendation is predicated on the following; there is limited sight distance for motorists exiting Port Mercer Road, there is horizontal curvature of Province Line Road and pedestrians crossing the roadway at Province Line Road and the recreation area of the Yorkshire development and this is an unsafe condition.

Ordinance 9-C authorizes an increase to the amount of the required escrow deposit for land use applications, the fees are not being increased. Often the case, residential land use applicants pay the original escrow and then must fund the balance at the conclusion of an approval. Though aware of the estimated total cost of an approval, they are not fully prepared for the final sum.

Adoption of Ordinances

There is one ordinance for adoption.

Ordinance 10-A authorizes an amendment to the Lawrence Township Land Use Ordinance to provide for definitions for the following; Behavioral Health Care Facilities, Health Care Facilities, Medical Clinics, Office – Medical, Office – Research and Development, Residential Medical Detoxification Centers and Urgent Care Centers. The amendment will rename the “Limited Industrial 1 (I-1) District” to “Mixed Use 2 (MX2) District”. The mixed use district will add as a conditional use residential detoxification centers and behavioral health care facilities.

Resolutions

The agenda includes routine administrative authorizations as well as resolutions providing for refunds, bond releases and acceptances.

Resolutions 17-E, I & J certify eligibility of participation in the Length of Service Awards Program for volunteer firefighters whom are members of the Lawrence Road Fire Company, Slackwood Fire Company and Lawrenceville Fire Company. Eligibility is based upon a point system where firefighters are given credits for participation in specified activities of the respective fire companies. Firefighters that earn one-hundred twenty-five points (125) will be credited \$500 toward a retirement account in their name. The program was approved by voter referendum. The total contribution for 2013 activities to be made in 2014 is \$25,500.

Resolution 17- F & G authorize amendments to the 2013 professional services contract of Arora and Associates, P.C. represented by James Kochenour, P.E. for the providing of traffic consultant services to the Lawrence Township Planning and Zoning Boards. The Planning Board service contract will increase in the amount of \$10,300 for a new contract maximum of \$52,800. The Zoning Board service contract will increase \$10,700 for a new contract maximum of \$37,700. Funding is available from applicant escrow fees.

Resolution 17-H authorizes the transfer between 2013 appropriation reserve balances.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about the agenda.