

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

Office of the Municipal Manager

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Township Council
FROM: Kevin P. Nerwinski, Esq., Municipal Manager/QPA
DATE: July 12, 2018

UPCOMING MEETING

July 17, 2018

Special Presentation

5A. Police Chief Mark Ubry and Community Relations Officer Christopher Moriarity of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement will provide brief presentations and answer questions from council members. These officials were requested to appear to provide council members with information to assist them regarding a “Welcoming Community” resolution.

Awarding, Amending and/or Rejecting of Bids

9A. Rejecting the bid received from US Athletic Fields, Inc. for 2018 Tree Removal because it substantially exceeded the Municipal Engineer’s cost estimate (range of \$80,000 to \$85,000). The bid totaled \$118,900.

Introduction of Ordinances

10A. An Ordinance to repeal and replace Section 901 entitled “Affordable Housing Contribution” for compliance with the agreement of our settled affordable housing litigation.

10B. An Ordinance to amend the township land use ordinance to revise Article X, Affordable Housing Procedural and Eligibility Requirements, to implement the third round of Affordable Housing in compliance with the law.

10C. An Ordinance amending Chapter 9 “Fees, Guarantees, Inspections and Off-Tract Improvements,” of the land use code to conform with recently passed legislation (P.L. 2017 c. 312) of the Municipal Land Use Law.

10D. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2295-18 “Salary” for unclassified and/or exempt, seasonal emergency (non-union) employees for 2018-2019. This amendment relates to the contractual obligations for the contract of the Municipal Manager.

10E. An Ordinance amending, supplementing and clarifying the Township’s “Pay-To-Play” Ordinance regarding political contributions limits for the award of public contracts.

Adoption of Ordinances

11A An ordinance amending Chapter 12 of the Lawrence Township Municipal Code entitled "Licenses." This relates to our "secondhand goods" dealers, and it caps the annual electronic database fee to an amount not greater than the annual dealer license fee. The initial application and license fee is \$250. As a result, a dealer now can be assured the electronic database fee cannot exceed their (separate) licensing fee. The current ordinance based the fee amount on a pro rata basis for participating dealers which has resulted in an unfair increase due to the decrease in dealers doing business in our Town.

11B An ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Administrative Code for Gordon Ave. In an effort to produce more parking opportunities for customers and visitors to the Lawrenceville Main street area and shops, this amendment removes the "no parking" restriction along the southern side of Gordon Ave. (35ft west of the Lawrenceville Fire House parking lot to Bergen Street. This was studied by Lt. Drew of our LTPD Traffic Bureau and our Municipal Engineer, James Parvesse. Both concluded that parking in this area can be done safely.

Resolutions

The agenda includes routine administrative authorizations as well as resolutions providing for refunds, accepting and releasing various bonds and releasing project escrow funds.¹

E 1-6 are various special items of revenue for funding received after the Township budget was adopted. These items will be added to our budget once approved by the State.

H 8. Authorizes the establishment of the convenience fee of 2.99% relating to the new credit card online tax/sewer capability for residents.

¹ Mayor and Council Members please let me know if you have any questions on resolutions not detailed in the report.