

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

June 16, 2009

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened with a Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, led by Municipal Clerk.

At the commencement of the meeting Mayor Mount read the following statement of proper notice:

“Adequate notice of this meeting of the Lawrence Township Council being held on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 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: Councilmen Bostock, Miller, Powers, Puliti, Mayor Mount.
Absent: None.

Also, in attendance were Richard S. Krawczun, Municipal Manager, and Kevin Nerwinski, Esq., Municipal Attorney.

Proclamations and Honors

There were no proclamations or honors.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

Mr. Krawczun advised that there is a revision to the Agenda to include a Resolution, Authorizing the Renewal of an ABC License (ETS), and to remove Ordinance 7A, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1937-07 Establishing Permit Parking During Certain Hours and Days on Certain Municipal Streets (Permit Parking on Mayflower Avenue).

The Municipal Clerk asked if there was a need for a Closed Session. There being none, Resolution (8-1) was removed from the Agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Miller the Agenda was revised to remove Ordinance 7A and the Closed Session and add the Resolution for the ABC License.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Bostock, Miller, Powers, Puliti, Mayor Mount.
Nays: None

Public Participation

Greenways Committee Presentation of the
Lawrence Township Trails Booklet

Ms. Anne Demarais greeted the Council and stated both Mr. Dave Mizenko and she are co-Chairs of the Lawrence Township Greenway Committee and the Friends of the Lawrence Greenway and they are pleased to provide them with an advance copy of the long and anticipated Trail Guide. She advised that it would be an insert in the July issue of the Lawrence Gazette which is mailed to all Lawrence residents.

Ms. Demarais proceeded to publicly thank all the individuals and organizations that were involved with the project and who helped to produce the Guide at no expense to the Township and advised that she would be providing a short history of the guide and Mr. Mizenkso would then provide them with a brief glimpse into the future.

Ms. Demarais stated in 1999 Ben Willis approached the Greenway Committee with the idea of producing a Trail Guide for his Eagle Scout project. The Greenway Committee and Elaine Mills, a member on the Committee, proceeded to work closely with him on the trail selection and texts as there were no maps at that time and advised they were not printed until the summer of 2001. She then proceeded to review the first edition of the Trail Guide.

Ms. Demarais indicated two years later, in 2003, Dave Mizenko, their computer and mapping wizard, designed a new version of the Trail Guide, featuring a Township map and aeriels of the parks. A great deal of thanks is owed to the Lawrence Township Community Foundation for awarding them grants to purchase the hardware and software over the years and Lawrence Township for underwriting a GIS course for Mr. Mizenko.

Ms. Demarais stated in 2004 at Community Day, Joyce Copleman urged the Committee to try and provide all of Lawrence residents with a Guide. So, in 2005, the Greenway Committee began to work on the guide with maps, text and photos for each park.

Ms. Demarais advised Mr. Mizenko was the map man and Charles Carmalt, Elaine Mills and herself wrote some of the text and they all participated in editing the guide using their PowerPoint projector that was purchased through another Community Foundation grant. They were also the photographers for the project and had even spoken to Mr. Steve Groeger with regards to mailing the guides through the Recreation Department.

Ms. Demarais stated Mayor Mount has worked steadily with the Committee on the planning and editing of the project since she first became the Liaison for the Committee back in 2001, and that she is a great connector who has been invaluable in helping to realize the Trail Guide, as she connected early on with Eleanor Horne and ETS for the printing.

Ms. Demarais indicated in 2007, Mr. Mizenki and she realized they needed assistance so they reached out to the Open Space Committee for help. They in turn provided writers and researchers to complete the text, editors to review it, and monitors to the walk all of the trails for accuracy and those individuals were Laurie Emde, Diana Raichel, Joyce and Paul Larson. Thereafter, Designer Phil Unetic transformed the Guide into the elegant work you see today.

Ms. Demarais stated due to the recent budget crunch they now have to cover the distribution costs and Mayor Mount suggested the Lawrence Gazette. So, the Lawrence Township Conservation Foundation through another grant from the Community Foundation paid the cost. And... that's the history of the Trail Guide. She then turned the floor over to Mr. Mizenko to discuss the future.

Mr. Mizenko reiterated Ms. Demarais' comments with regards to all the people who participated in making the Trail Guide possible and indicated they forgot to mention one person, his wife, Lisa, who upon reading found a typographical error immediately during her review; so that's her contribution.

Mr. Mizenko stated the document they are previewing this evening is probably going to be the only printed version and it would be widely distributed. All future documents will be posted on the web.

Mr. Mizenko advised that he sometime looks upon Ms. Demarais and himself as co-conspirators because not only are they members of the Lawrence Township Greenway Committee, they are also a non-profit for the Friends of the

Lawrence Greenway which is really a privilege, because as a Township Committee they have access to the Councilmembers, Mr. Krawczun, Township Manager, and Mr. Parvesse, Township Engineer, who have provided them with various resources which they very much appreciate.

Mr. Mizenko also advised because they are non-profit they have access to the Lawrence Township Community Foundation which has been very generous in funding. In addition, they have access to really good pricing on software through companies that donate software to non-profits.

Mr. Mizenko stated with regards to their web posting they have a Web-Master who really likes non-profits, so he allows them to put information on the website (lawrencegreenway.org). They can also find information and updates on the website, as well as, the Trail Guide.

Mr. Mizenko proceeded to discuss in detail the additional information that would be provided on the news page of the website – such as clickable map pages, text, trail locations and photographs which he indicated should be posted on the Internet by November of this year.

Mr. Mizenko discussed additional grant funding that they plan to apply for in the fall from the Community Foundation to purchase the Desktop Publishers Program that would help keep the Trail Guide information updated, as well as, plans to create PDF files for download. Upon completion, he asked the Council if there were any questions.

Mayor Mount stated how proud she was with the completion of the document and feels people will keep and use the Trail Guide for a longtime to come, as they will now know where all the parks are located and feel welcome to explore them.

Mr. Miller commented on how beautiful the Trail Guide turned out.

Mr. Bostock asked Mr. Mizenko to review the distribution plans for the Trail Guide and apologized if the plan was already discussed, as he was engrossed in reading the document.

Mr. Mizenko advised that the original plan was to try and distribute the Trail Guides through the Recreation Department. However, that did not work out. So, Mayor Mount suggested the Trail Guides be distributed through the Lawrence Gazette and Joyce Copleman followed through on the plan; so that is presently the distribution process.

Mayor Mount thanked both Ms. Demarias and Mr. Mizenko for the presentation and coming out to share the information with the Council.

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General Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A. Resolution Authorizing the Budget to be Read by Title Only

B. Adoption of the 2009 Municipal Budget

Resolution Nos. 233-09 (A), Resolution Authorizing the Budget to be read by Title Only was adopted on the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Bostock	X					X	
Mr. Miller	X						
Mr. Powers	X						
Mr. Puliti	X						X
Mayor Mount	X						

Cited Resolution is spread in its entirety in Resolution Book Volume No. 2 of the Township of Lawrence.

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Resolution No. 234-09 (B), Adoption of the 2009 Municipal Budget was adopted on the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Bostock	X						X
Mr. Miller	X						
Mr. Powers	X						
Mr. Puliti	X					X	
Mayor Mount	X						

Cited Resolution is spread in its entirety in Resolution Book Volume No. 2 of the Township of Lawrence.

Mayor Mount commended Mr. Krawczun and his staff on the hard task of preparing this year's budget and the Administration for managing to keep the budget down to a 1-cent increase during these hard economic times.

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Council received an updated copy of the Budget document as they just received the Certification for Adoption late this morning from the Division of Local Government Services and that there are (3)

three changes to the document. The first being the calculation of the Township's "CAP" compliance, the second is an insertion of the calculation on the levy for the "CAP" on the tax levy which was submitted electronically, but needed to be resubmitted because of a new version and the third item being an appropriation for the Public Employees Pension System that was originally included outside the "CAP" on Budget Sheet 20 that had to be moved inside the "CAP" due to a change in Legislation that was adopted regarding pension deferrals.

Mr. Krawczun further advised that all the necessary changes have been made and updated to correspond with the subtotals; but, the overall budget did not change with respect to the total budget nor did the revenues or appropriations. It is just a matter of the appropriations being placed inside of the "CAP" and those calculations reflecting the total.

Council's Budget Comments

Mr. Puliti stated they managed to balance the 2009 Budget, but their work is far from over and when they start negotiations with all the Unions they are going to have to take into consideration all of what they went through with this year's budget, as well as, watch all the expenditures as they move forward into the future.

Mr. Powers echoed Mr. Puliti's comments with regards to the budget and the tough economic times that the Township and the residents of Lawrence are facing due to the loss of employment, as well as, their reaching out to the Town Council to help minimize the financial impact of the economy.

Mr. Powers stated although they will have their work cut out for them with the 2010 budget he feels the Council did a good job this year balancing the budget. Next year, they will just have to scrutinize everything very carefully being they will start out in a deficit situation.

Mr. Bostock echoed Mayor Mount's comments with regards to Mr. Krawczun and his staff doing a good job in finding tax cuts in this year's budget and advised that Mr. Krawczun was asked by the Council to go back and review scenarios that would help reduce the 3-cents tax increase proposed in the budget.

Thereafter, he came back with a list of options that helped the Council make the decision to only increase the budget by 1-cent. That was particularly important this year given the economic situation and the Governor's and Legislature's decision to eliminate property tax rebates; monies that homeowners have become accustomed to receiving each year for property relief.

Mr. Bostock stated by the Council holding the line on the taxes without making deep cuts in the services gave the taxpayers of Lawrence a clear understanding that the Council recognizes the difficulties they are facing in these hard economic times and proceeded to discuss next year's budget as it relates to the budget cuts and the state of the economy. In closing, he thanked Mr. Krawczun and his staff for working very hard and diligently on the budget.

Mr. Miller stated he already knows the diligence that Mr. Krawczun and his staff have always done over the years and they have always scrutinized the budget. So, that is why it was so tough this year making a decision regarding the budget.

Mr. Miller advised although it was still painful to have that one-cent tax increase on top of the cuts in rebates this year, he would like to commend the School Board for coming in flat which is the larger portion of the taxes they all pay. And, indicated as a whole the School Board and the Township worked together as a cohesive group in really trying to lessen the tax burden.

Mr. Miller indicated as previously noted they will be looking at next year's budget and they are going to have to come up with some creative ways to lessen the amount of the tax burden and proceeded to thank everyone on the Council, as well as the Administration, for agreeing to lessen the proposed tax increase from 3-cents to 1-cent which he feels is realistic.

Mr. Miller reiterated again that increases are always painful especially when one or two people in a family are unemployed; but, he thinks what they did with the tax increase is something tolerable to the residents and commended everyone again for their hard work and willingness approve the 1-cent increase.

Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bostock, the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 22, 2009, were approved without corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Bostock, Miller, Powers, Puliti, Mayor Mount.
Nays: None.

Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Mount read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1937-07 ESTABLISHING PERMIT PARKING DURING CERTAIN HOURS AND DAYS ON CERTAIN MUNICIPAL STREETS."

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE WAS TABLED

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Mayor Mount read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ON PILLA AVENUE."

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

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Bostock	X					X	
Mr. Miller	X						X
Mr. Powers	X						
Mr. Puliti	X						
Mayor Mount	X						

Mr. Puliti voiced his concern with regards to some of the conditions proposed in the Letter of Agreement (Contract) regarding the acquisition of the First Aid Squad. He advised that there is a lot across the street that is owned by the Squad and he feels it would be a benefit to the Township if they acquired that piece of property with the transaction.

Mr. Puliti proceeded to question whether or not the Squad has intentions of dissolving or carrying on as the Lawrence Township First Aid Squad, because according to the Affidavit there are only three remaining members that exist in the Company.

Mr. Nerwinski stated based on the conversations that he has had with the First Aid Squad's Attorney, Mr. Costa, they have no anticipation of dissolving and actually have changed the Charter to include and sustain its purpose for educational activities.

Mr. Nerwinski further stated he has not been able to get a copy of the revised Charter although he has put in many requests to Mr. Costa seeking that information, as well as, the reason why Lots 11 & 12 that are owned and located across from the First Aid Squad building were not included as part of the discussions and framework of the deal.

Mr. Nerwinski advised the receipt of the Letter of Agreement (Contract) with the proposed terms is what prompted them to question the story behind the two Lots (11 & 12) that were excluded from previous discussions and advised that he has yet to receive a response or written reply from Mr. Costa on the matter. But, he is expecting to receive something today after receiving an apology from Mr. Costa regarding the delay of requested information that he would certainly share with the Council.

Mayor Mount asked Mr. Nerwinski if a Deed Search was done on the property.

Mr. Nerwinski and Mr. Krawczun both advised that a Deed Search was done for the Lots.

Some discussion followed relative to the purchase date (1961), purchase price (\$1.00), funding and Lawrence Township paying for all the First Aid Squad's legal fees without obtaining those Lots as part of the deal.

Mr. Nerwinski stated it is important for the Council to understand that the Agreement is a conveyance; a transaction between two parties and recommended that they accept the proposed Terms of Agreement for what they are – terms of an agreement, and in his legal opinion, the payment of legal fees is just part of the transaction. But, ultimately, the decision would be up to them to decide what is in the best interest of the Township with respect to trying to negotiate the two Lots as part of the deal.

Mr. Puliti stated if the First Aid Squad is planning to continue their organization then they must have some kind of assets and everyone knows that the Township needs to watch every penny that is spent given the economic situation, and that the Township has personally supported the Squad over the years, as well as, the residents who have also given donations to the Squad and still might according to some of the obituaries he has read. So, he would like to know if the Squad in any possible way could help out monetarily with this transaction, which he feels is not unreasonable to ask given all the support the community has given them over the years.

Mayor Mount suggested that they also talk to the First Aid Squad members concerning their future plans with regards to what they would be called in the future – such as Lawrence Township Rescue Squad or the Lawrence Township Ambulance Service - to help eliminate future misrepresentation and confusion between the Township Emergency Management Squad and their Squad.

A short discussion took place amongst the Council with respect to some of the concerns they have with the details of the Contract such as the future legality

with regards to environmental issues, future record keeping obligations and the possible dissolution of the First Aid Squad.

Mr. Bostock advised of his disappointment with all the questions and situations that were presented this evening with regards to the purchase of the Lawrence Volunteer First Aid Squad, which he indicated is their appropriate name. He further advised that Squad is under no obligation to give the building to the Township; yet, they decided to turn the building over to the Township to help house the 24/7 Emergency Management Services for the sum of \$1.00 and legal fees that total less than \$2,000.

Mr. Bostock indicated according to the information that was reported by Mr. Krawczun, a new Rescue Squad Headquarters would have cost the Township three-quarters of a million dollars to build and that is without the land to build it on. So, he feels their main focus should be on getting the deal done right now.

Mr. Bostock advised that one-half of the land across the street is wetland and the other half is probably in a wetland buffer, and the Squad has owned that property since 1961 and in 48 years they have done not anything with the land. So, it is his suggestion that they get on with the deal. Acquire the building and the land for \$1.00, pay the legal fees for \$1875.00 then later on they can deal with the other issues.

An at length conversation took place relative to Mr. Bostock’s comments with respect to moving forward with the acquisition of the property, some of the terms and conditions specified in the Letter of Agreement (Contract) with regards to the conveyance of the building and how they would like to proceed with negotiations for Lots 11 & 12; the undeveloped property that the Squad would like to maintain ownership of so that they can keep their non-profit status.

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 235-09 (8-A) thru 244-09 (8-J) with the exception of Resolution 243-09 (Award of Bid) and 8-I (Closed Session) were approved by the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Bostock	X					X	
Mr. Miller	X						X
Mr. Powers	X						
Mr. Puliti	X						
Mayor Mount	X						

Cited Resolutions are spread in their entirety in Resolution Book Volume No. 2 of the Township of Lawrence.

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

Mayor Mount asked for comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Mount asked for comments from the Council. There being none, public participation was closed. On motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bostock the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Mr. Krawczun advised that a bid was put out for billing services at the expiration of the contract with Capital Health System, as well as, the previous billing company whose contract also expired. So, they are now proposing a new company for the ambulance billing services and the successful bidder was Ambulance Billing Company, LLC whose bid came in at 7 percent of the amount of revenue collected which is a reduction from the previous contract of 8 percent, which in comparison is a savings.

Mr. Krawczun further advised that they have received favorable responses based on their inquiries from other towns relative to the Company's performance and that their start date was June 1st.

Resolution No. 243-09

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2009, bids were received for Bid No. 09-09, Ambulance billing Service; and

WHEREAS, three bids were received and reviewed by the Township Manager and the lowest responsible bidder is Ambulance billing Company, LLC, 1 Rapp Road, Milford, New Jersey 08848, who submitted a bid of seven (7) percent (bidder's fee of net amount collected from amounts billed to insurance companies);

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 Bid No. 09-09, Ambulance Billing Services, to Ambulance Billing Company, LLC, in the amount of seven (7) percent.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Bostock, Miller, Powers, Puliti, Mayor Mount.
Nays: None.

Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Mount read by title an ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPPROPRIATING \$25,000 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESURFACING AND MILLING OF LOMBARD AVENUE"

Mayor Mount asked for comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Mount asked for comments from Council. There being none, public participation was closed.

Ordinance No. 2022-09

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REAPPROPRIATING \$25,000 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESURFACING AND MILLING OF LOMBARD AVENUE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1.

Pursuant to NJSA 40A:2-39, it is hereby determined that \$25,000 of the proceeds of obligations originally made available pursuant to the following bond ordinances of the Township of Lawrence, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the 'Township') are no longer necessary for the various purposes for which the obligations previously were authorized:

Ordinance No.	Improvement Description And Date of Adoption	Amount to be Reappropriated
1526-98, Amended by 1676-01, Amended by 1695-02	Traffic Calming, finally Adopted April 22, 1998, November 20, 2001, April 17, 2002 respectively	\$25,000.00

Section 2.

The \$25,000 described in Section 1 and made available pursuant to NJSA 40A:2-39 is hereby reappropriated to provide for the resurfacing and milling of Lombard Avenue.

Section 3.

The Township hereby certified that is has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

The Ordinance 2022-09 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Bostock	X						
Mr. Miller	X						X
Mr. Powers	X					X	
Mr. Puliti	X						
Mayor Mount	X						

Manager’s Report –

Mr. Krawczun submitted an invoice listing for the month of June 2009 in the amount of \$1,608,936.95.

Mr. Krawczun reported that Lawrence Township was the recipient of a \$7,000 Grant from ANJEC which will be applied to the development of a Sustainability Element of the Master Plan and that the process was discussed at last night’s Planning Board meeting. They also anticipate entering into a contract for the additional work with the firm, Clarke, Caton and Hintz, who are the Township Planners.

Mr. Krawczun advised additionally there is a match requirement that the Township is responsible for in the amount of \$10,000 and that a provision has been made in the 2009 Municipal Budget for that purpose.

Mr. Krawczun further advised that a subcommittee of the Planning Board along with members of the Environmental Resources Committee and the Green Team for Sustainable Lawrence are going to be doing the work, and to help offset some of the cost for professional services they are going to be providing some of the legwork/homework materials that can be used in the development of this particular element of the Master Plan.

Mr. Bostock stated that the Grant source came from the recommendation of the Environmental Resource Committee and during the process they discussed several different possibilities of applying for the grant and even had discussions with a representative from ANJEC regarding the matter. And, after careful consideration they felt this proposal was the most promising. So, he just wanted to thank all the members of the Committee for their role in helping to obtain this funding.

Mr. Krawczun reminded the Council about the Ribbon Cutting ceremony scheduled to take place on Friday, June 19th at 12:00 at the Brandywine property for the opening of the Lawrence-Hopewell Trail that was postponed from last week due to the rain.

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Administration had their first meeting with Falk Engle relative to the revised Sign Ordinance and that they are going to meet again next Monday, June 22nd. Further, they spent a substantial amount of time discussing some of the changes and work that Mr. Engle had presented to Mr. Nerwinski's office and the Council, in addition to a great deal of time on the definitions. They are now hoping to conclude that section of the Ordinance so they can move on to some of the other sections that need revisions.

Attorney's Report –

There was no Attorney's report.

Clerk's Report –

There was no Clerk's report.

Council Initiatives/ Liaison Reports

Councilman Miller's report:

Mr. Miller stated that everything is in compliance and he has nothing to report.

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Councilman Powers' report:

Mr. Powers stated that the Shade Tree Advisory Committee did an adjournment because of Memorial Day, so there was no meeting.

Mr. Powers advised that the Growth & Redevelopment Committee is working with the Lawrence Division of the Chamber of Commerce on the Annual Business Awards, and that Andy Link would be sending out the application soon specifying the criteria for the ten different categories. So, if anyone has a business in mind that they feel is worthy or deserves recognition then please feel free to submit an application to the Growth & Redevelopment Committee for review.

Mr. Powers commented on the Planning Board discussion with respect to the Sustainability Element that was done on the Affordable Housing, and Lawrence Township meeting its goal by being the first municipality in the State of New Jersey to receive substantive certification under the revised third round regulations when COAH voted unanimously to approve Lawrence Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

Mr. Powers reported that the Human Relations Committee is working hard on getting the message out concerning the 2010 Census and to ensure that everyone is accounted for prior to Decennial Day and indicated if anyone is interested in being on the Census Committee or knows someone of interest to please let him or Mayor Mount know.

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Councilman Puliti's report:

Mr. Puliti had no Liaison report on the Recreation Advisory Committee or Public Safety Committee.

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Councilman Bostock's report:

Mr. Bostock stated that the Cable Telecommunications Advisory Committee has started reviewing the proposed guidelines for the use of the Government Access Channel with Comcast and Verizon, and that a number of good questions were raised at the meeting including what is permitted or not permitted with respect to FCC Requirements/Channels which they have plans to investigate, as well as, what other municipalities are doing with respect to the issue. He also indicated a lot of good recommendations came from the dialogue at the meeting.

Mr. Bostock briefly commented on the Environmental Resource Committee meeting that they had last week where they discussed the Grant from ANJEC regarding the Sustainability Element options that was previously discussed. He also advised that they are in the process of updating their page on the Township's website.

Mr. Bostock stated that he had a quick conversation with a representative from a group that was started about a year ago called The Community which is an assembly of college and high school students from Lawrence Township who became active in various types of community service projects. He then proceeded to discuss some of the possible projects that the organization might be able to assist the Township with – such as mapping, checking conditions of various storm water outfalls, etc., as well as, some of the important individuals that were at the meeting.

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Mayor's Mount report:

Mayor Mount distributed copies of "What's the Mayor Been Up To" flier and commented on a couple of the following events:

- 1) Mayor Mount advised that she as well as a representative from the School Board who maintains their Public Access Channel was present at the Cable Telecommunication Advisory Committee meeting and although the meeting was informational additional dialogue is needed preferably when Trey Keymoore, Management Specialist, is present to evaluate some of the possibilities.
- 2) Mayor Mount stated that the Lawrence Branch and Mercer County Chamber of Commerce are hosting the "Lawrence Day Breakfast" at Rider University on June 23rd, and they will be giving the State of the Town at that event which is open to the general public.
- 3) Mayor Mount advised that the Census Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22nd, and asked that they spread the word to anyone of interest in the County. She then indicated that there was an article in the newspaper so they should have a good turnout and proceeded to stress the importance of the meeting being the Federal Government is giving out an Energy Efficiency Grant to communities with a population of 35,000 + and the communities under 35,000 have to go through a lengthy competitive application process. So, that is why the Complete Count Committee is so important as Lawrence Township was just shy of the cutoff for the grant, as they came in at approximately 32,000 in population.

4) Mayor Mount advised that the Nature Center is working on a deck that they received a grant for a number of years ago, but finally have all the permits and approvals to start the work.

5) Mayor Mount stated that the Bike & Pedestrian Committee met and they reviewed all the grants, programs and layouts they approved for sidewalks, intersections, etc., and they are now in the process of prioritizing the projects.

Written Communications –

There was no written communication.

Old Business –

There was no old business

New Business –

There was no new business.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned.

8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

Pamela H. Mount, Mayor