

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

May 19, 2009

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened with a Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, led by Deputy 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, May 19, 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: Councilman 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

Mayor Mount stated this evening the Council has the privilege of awarding a number of Honors to civilians and police officers and they would like to begin by honoring a very special citizen of Lawrence Township, *Mary Ann Nester*, who unfortunately could not be present at tonight’s meeting. She then advised that Mr. Krawczun would be accepting the Resolution on her behalf and proceeded to read the following Award into record:

WHEREAS, *Mary Ann Nester was initially hired by the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services as a per diem Emergency Medical Technician on October 13, 1994; and*

WHEREAS, *Mary Ann Nester became a full-time employee of the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services on April 13, 1995, and evolved into an integral part of the development of paid emergency medical services in Lawrence Township with her professionalism and dedication; and*

WHEREAS, *she demonstrated exceptional basic and advanced life support skills in her tenure as a member of the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services by providing keen, timely and appropriate medical care to hundreds if not thousands of patients; and*

WHEREAS, *not only did she provide exceptional medical services to the Lawrence Township community, she also provided the care in a positive and compassionate manner; and*

WHEREAS, *Mary Ann Nester was pivotal in the development of the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services becoming one of the best providers of medical care in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey; and*

WHEREAS, *on September 1, 2008, Mary Ann Nester retired from the Emergency Medical Services after a distinguished career of attentive service.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes Mary Ann Nester for her exceptional service to the community and hereby promotes her to the rank of Honorary Captain of the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services.*

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Chief Posluszny thanked the Mayor and members of Council for allowing him the opportunity to present the awards at tonight's meeting and stated each year during "Police Week" in honor of the officers killed in the line of duty they try to honor police officers and civilians who assisted the police during the year. An event that is "very" special each year and indicated this year is no different then the previous years.

Chief Posluszny proceeded with a brief background history for each of the Police Officers and Civilians being honored. Afterwards, Mayor Mount and he congratulated the honorees and presented the following designated Awards:

Officer Thomas J. Everist:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. Police Officers Thomas J. Everist and Joseph D. Radlinsky were assigned to assist the ambulance at 146 Coolidge Avenue for a woman who had collapsed and was not breathing; and

WHEREAS, Officers Everist and Radlinsky immediately responded and arrived within two minutes of the dispatch and found the victim, unconscious, unresponsive and without a pulse, on the floor inside her residence; and

WHEREAS, Officers Everist and Radlinsky applied a Semi-Automatic External Defibrillator device and began to administer Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation to the victim in an effort to resuscitate her; and

WHEREAS, the SAED recommended an electric shock be delivered to the victim, which Officers Everist and Rawlins proceeded to administer; and

WHEREAS, after administering the shock and CPR for several minutes, a pulse was detected and both officers continued to provide basic life support until the arrival of EMS; and

WHEREAS, the victim was taken to Capital Health Systems by the EMS units where she was treated and released after recovery; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the professionalism, alertness and perseverance of Officer Thomas Everist, this Lawrence resident may not have survived this life-threatening incident.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Officer Thomas J. Everist for his determination, alertness and the professional life saving skills that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

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Officer Joseph D. Radlinsky:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Lawrence Township Council to recognize police officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. Police Officers Joseph Radlinsky and Thomas Everist were assigned to assist the ambulance at 146 Coolidge Avenue for a woman who had collapsed and was not breathing; and

WHEREAS, Officers Radlinsky and Everist immediately responded and arrived within two minutes of the dispatch and found the victim, unconscious, unresponsive and without a pulse, on the floor inside her residence; and

WHEREAS, Officers Radlinsky and Everist applied a Semi-Automatic External Defibrillator device and began to administer Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation to the victim in an effort to resuscitate her; and

WHEREAS, the SAED recommended an electric shock be delivered, which Officers Radlinsky and Everist proceeded to administer; and

WHEREAS, after administering the shock and CPR for several minutes, a pulse was detected and both officers continued to provide basic life support until the arrival of EMS; and

WHEREAS, the victim was taken to Capital Health Systems by the EMS units where she was treated and released after recovery; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the professionalism, alertness and perseverance of Officer Joseph Radlinsky, this Lawrence resident may not have survived this life-threatening incident.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Officer Joseph D. Radlinsky for his determination, alertness and the professional life saving skills that he exhibited as a member of the Lawrence Township Police Department.

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Civilian-Daniel Brown:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2009, Daniel Brown of Sears Loss Prevention at the Quaker Bridge Mall was working and was alerted that possible suspicious activity may be occurring in Parking Lot A; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was aware that on January 10, 2009 an arson occurred in this same area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown, with the assistance of co-worker Barbara Del Vecchio, utilized the store security monitoring system and located a male in the parking lot who was acting in a suspicious manner and then began to damage a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Brown contacted the Lawrence Township Police Department via telephone and reported this activity; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence Township Police QBM Sergeant responded and detained the offender, Mr. Brown arrived and offered his assistance until other police units could arrive; and

WHEREAS, after an investigation the offender was found to have slashed a vehicle's tires, and damaged its body with a screwdriver; and

WHEREAS, further investigation by Lawrence Police resulted in the offender being charged with the January 10, 2009 arson and criminal mischief of another vehicle in addition to the crime committed January 14, 2009; and

WHEREAS, without Mr. Brown's keen observations, identification, professionalism, and courage to become involved, these crimes may have been unsolved and this offender would have remained free to commit further acts of violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Daniel Brown for his alertness, courage and selfless concern that helped apprehend this serial offender.

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Civilian- Barbara Del Vecchio:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2009, Barbara Del Vecchio of Sears Loss Prevention at the Quaker Bridge Mall was working and was alerted that possible suspicious activity may be occurring in Parking Lot A; and; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Del Vecchio was aware that on January 10, 2009 an arson occurred in this same area; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Del Vecchio, with the assistance of co-worker Daniel Brown, utilized the store security monitoring system and located a male in the parking lot who was acting in a suspicious manner and then began to damage a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown contacted the Lawrence Township Police Department via telephone and reported this activity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Del Vecchio continued to monitor the scene via cameras and relay information to responding personnel of the offender's actions until apprehended; and

WHEREAS, after an investigation the offender was found to have slashed a vehicle's tires, and damaged its body with a screwdriver; and

WHEREAS, further investigation by Lawrence Police resulted in the offender being charged with the January 10, 2009 arson and criminal mischief of another vehicle in addition to the crime committed January 14, 2009; and

WHEREAS, without Barbara Del Vecchio's keen observations, identification of the offender, professionalism and diligence, these crimes may have been unsolved and this offender would have remained free to commit further acts of violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Barbara Del Vecchio for her alertness, professionalism and diligence that helped apprehend this serial offender.

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Civilian-Vincent Buonanno:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and

WHEREAS, on Monday September 15, 2008, Vincent Buonanno of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, was traveling southbound on U.S. 1 at 5:35 p.m. at which time he observed a vehicle stopped on the Kelly Viaduct overpass from the Quaker Bridge Mall; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buonanno saw a male subject exit that vehicle and run across the roadway, climb the fencing and then onto the overhead highway sign and subsequently fell into the roadway of U.S. 1 northbound; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buonanno stopped his truck in as safe a manner as possible, exited his vehicle and rushed to assist the subject; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Buonanno scaled the highway barrier into the fast lane of northbound U.S. 1 and diverted traffic to prevent the victim from being struck as well as preventing secondary motor vehicle collisions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buonanno maintained this assistance and aid until Lawrence Township Police units arrived; and

WHEREAS, after providing this exemplary aid, the victim, regrettably, succumbed from his injuries; and

WHEREAS, with Mr. Buonanno's observations, quick action, and courage to become involved, this subject was afforded every possible chance for survival and probable traffic collisions were avoided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Vincent Buonanno for his quick action, courage and selfless concern of his own danger to assist another citizen in need.

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There were two other Civilian Awards prepared but not presented for the following individuals who were unable to be in attendance.

Civilian- Amanda Simermeyer:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 31, 2008, Amanda Simermeyer and Patricia Smith, employees of Lawrenceville Garden Apartments 180 Franklin Corner Road, were working at 12:32 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Simermeyer and Ms. Smith were notified that there was a fire at Building E; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Simermeyer and Ms. Smith went to building E and observed a large amount of smoke and fire coming from Apartment E-1; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Simermeyer and Ms. Smith returned to the office to obtain master keys; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Simermeyer and Ms. Smith then assisted arriving officers and firemen by helping to alert residents in attached apartments to evacuate the smoke and flames; and

WHEREAS, further assistance was given by providing emergency contact and resident information for the purpose of notifications and fire investigation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Simermeyer and Smith continued to assist and remained at the scene to aid both first responders and fire victims with relief after the inferno was extinguished; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the assistance of Amanda Simermeyer, the responding fire and police efforts would have been made more difficult, and the relief effort for the residents of Lawrenceville Garden Apartments fire extended for a considerable amount of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Amanda Simermeyer for her quick action, resourcefulness and selfless concern of her own risk to assist the victims and first responders in this traumatic incident.

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Civilian- Patricia Smith:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Lawrence Township Council to recognize citizens who have demonstrated exceptional service to the public; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 31, 2008, Patricia Smith and Amanda Simermeyer, employees of Lawrenceville Garden Apartments 180 Franklin Corner Road, were working at 12:32 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith and Ms. Simermeyer were notified that there was a fire at Building E; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith and Ms. Simermeyer went to building E and observed a large amount of smoke and fire coming from Apartment E-1; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith and Ms. Simermeyer returned to the office to obtain master keys; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith and Ms. Simermeyer then assisted arriving officers and firemen by helping to alert residents in attached apartments to evacuate the smoke and flames; and

WHEREAS, further assistance was given by providing emergency contact and resident information for the purpose of notifications and fire investigation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith and Ms. Simermeyer continued to assist and remained at the scene to aid both first responders and fire victims with relief after the inferno was extinguished; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the assistance of Patricia Smith, the responding fire and police efforts would have been made more difficult, and the relief effort for the residents of Lawrenceville Garden Apartments fire extended for a considerable amount of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby recognizes and pays tribute to Patricia Smith for her quick action, resourcefulness and selfless concern of her own risk to assist the victims and first responders in this traumatic incident.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

There were no revisions to the agenda.

Presentation on Sewer Service Area by James Parvesse, PE

Mr. Jim Parvesse, Township Engineer gave an in-depth presentation on the new regulations adopted by NJDEP in 2008 that requires a Countywide Waste Water Management Plan in which Mercer County will take the lead role in developing the plan and the Township will participate in the process.

Mr. Parvesse advised that the plan designates areas that can be served by public sewers and any properties located outside the sewer service area would have individual septic systems for sewage.

Mr. Parvesse indicated at the beginning of the process DEP provided the County with a Draft Service Map based on their interpretation of the new rules which created a lot of controversy being a lot of sewer service areas were removed from the map.

Mr. Parvesse proceeded to discuss at length the process relative to the plan and the map as it relates to the removal of sewer service areas with regards to environmental constraints – such as wetlands, stream buffers, protected lands, Greenacres restrictions and the New Jersey Landscape Projects.

After a short question and answer session relative to the plan, Mayor Mount thanked Mr. Parvesse for the presentation.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Puliti, the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 17, 2009, were approved without corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Mr. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Puliti, the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 31, 2009, were approved without corrections.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Mr. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Puliti, the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting on 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 CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' – Handicapped Parking."

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

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

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Mayor Mount read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 16 ENTITLED 'PARKS AND RECREATION'."

Mr. Krawczun stated the amendment to the Ordinance is in response to a "gap" they discovered with the use of the Brearley House that is located in a Township Park where alcohol consumption is prohibited; and, because the house is often used for weddings and other types of receptions they decided to amend the Ordinance to allow users of the Brearley House who file for a Gathering Permit to apply for an ABC Permit that would allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises.

Mr. Powers inquired as to whether or not the applicants would be required to have insurance.

Mr. Krawczun advised that both the Township and Historical Society are going to initiate provision for insurance.

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						
Mr. Powers	X					X	
Mr. Puliti	X						
Mayor Mount	X						

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Mayor Mount read by title an ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$820,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$779,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

Mr. Krawczun stated the Ordinance is a capital ordinance that authorizes the expenditures of public funds on purchases of equipment and improvements to municipal properties which intern allows the Township to implement their 2009 Capital Program for a multitude of projects and proceeded to review the aggregate amount and the debt issuance of bonds and notes to fund the various projects.

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

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

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Mayor Mount read by title an ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING &1,224,000 INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED AS A GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,020,300 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Ordinance gives the same authority as the one he just reviewed with respect authorizing the expenditure of funds and the borrowing of money.

Mr. Krawczun proceeded to discuss the anticipated Transportation Trust Fund Grant and the various types of road projects. A short discussion followed relative to the funding of projects.

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

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

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 201-09 – 216-09 (8A-8M) with the exception of Resolution (8H) were approved by 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 Resolutions are spread in their entirety in Resolution Book Volume No. 2 of the Township of Lawrence.

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Mr. Powers requested that Resolution 8-H, Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refunds be pulled and voted on separately due to a conflict of interest.

Resolution No. 208-09 (8H) was approved by 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.

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

Mr. Krawczun stated the Resolution is for the sealed bid that was received for the purpose of issuing one additional Plenary Distribution License and advised that it there was only one preliminarily qualified bidder that met the pre-qualified background check. They will now move to the next level of the background procedure that will be reviewed by the Lawrence Township Police Department.

Mr. Krawczun further stated that the sole bid amount was for \$305,100 and the anticipated revenue will be used in the 2009 Municipal Budget. Therefore, based on the preliminary qualifications it is the Administration’s recommendation that the bid be accepted and awarded by the Council.

Mayor Mount thanked Mr. Puliti for recommending the idea and indicated how very pleased she was with the outcome particularly because the monies can be used in this year’s budget.

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. Puliti the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 213-09

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2009, Township Council adopted Resolution No. 144-09 authorizing the issuance of an additional Plenary Retail Distribution License increasing the total number of said licenses from two to three; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council approved the issuance of said license through the Public Sale Option; and

WHEREAS, the required Public Notices were published in the March 21, 2009 and March 28, 2009 editions of The Times; and

WHEREAS, the minimum bid for the Plenary Retail Distribution License was set at \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the closing date for acceptance of bids was set at Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. and

WHEREAS, per the requirement of the Public Notice the name of the Preliminarily Qualified Bidder was announced on May 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Investments, LLC, whose mailing address is 524 Maple Avenue, Linwood, New Jersey 08221 was the Preliminarily Qualified bidder; and

WHEREAS, May 12, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. the bid was opened by the Municipal Manager and the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said bid was in the amount of \$305,100.00 and included the required certified check in the amount of 20% of the total bid or \$61,020.00 with the balance of the bid in the amount of \$244,080.00 being due with 72 hours of the approval of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby awards the Plenary Retail Distribution License to Lawrence Investments, LLC subject to the favorable outcome of the required Police investigation of the principals of Lawrence Investments, LLC.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mr. Krawczun advised that the bid award is for motorcoach transportation for participants that sign up for the Township's Summer Travel Camp Program and he knows there will be questions regarding the recommendation being it was awarded to the highest responsible bidder instead of the lowest bidder. The floor was then opened for the questions.

Mr. Bostock questioned why the recommendation was to award the contract to the highest bidder (Stout's) instead of the second highest bidder (A-1 Limousine) whose bid came in \$6,000 lower.

Mr. Krawczun explained that the bid specifications called for a 57 Seat Motor Coach Bus and the only bidder that met that specification was Stout's. All the other bidders' specifications came in one to two passengers short of what the bid specifications called for.

Further, if they were to award the bid to the bidder that submitted a bid for a 56-passenger bus that would force a Camp Counselor to have to drive their own personal vehicle and follow the bus to various destinations.

Mr. Bostock asked if paying an additional \$6,000 to provide for one seat on the bus their idea of resolving the dilemma.

Mr. Krawczun stated that was pretty much their decision to avoid having to reject the bids, as they did not want to cancel the registration for the one person or run the risk of losing the bus service for the summer due to competition throughout the area.

Mr. Bostock indicated that he would be voting against the resolution as he could not justify spending an additional \$6,000 for one seat on a bus and stated someone would have to be eliminated from the program which is regrettable because it's a great program that his son participates in, but \$6,000 for one additional seat is just unreasonable.

Mr. Krawczun stated if the consensus of Council is similar to Mr. Bostock's then he suggests that they reject the resolution outright instead of tabling it so that they can start the process the over and not have to wait until the June 4th meeting.

An at length conversation took place relative to the Travel Camp Program as it relates to the ratios of required counselors and legal liability of the Township, registration and the elimination process for participants, elimination and rescheduling of program, alternate forms of transportation and the re-bid process for motor coach services.

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the motion to reject superseded the original motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Miller to award the bid.

Afterwards, it was the consensus of the Council to reject to the bid awarded to Stout's, in the amount of \$27,963, based on price.

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. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Miller the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 214-09

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2009, bids were received for Bid No. 09-05, Motorcoach Transportation; and

WHEREAS, three bids were received and reviewed by the Township Manager and the lowest responsible bidder is Stout's, 20 Irven Street, Trenton NJ 08638, who submitted a bid in the total amount of \$27,963; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is 9-01-28-370-235 (Recreation OE); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Bid 09-05, Motorcoach Transportation, to Stout's, in the amount of \$27,963 was too high and is hereby rejected.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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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. Miller the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 215-09

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2009, bids were received for Bid No. 09-06, Summer School Bus Transportation; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received and reviewed by the Municipal Manager and the lowest responsible bidder is Rick Bus Co., Inc., 1399 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing NJ 08628, who submitted a bid in the amount of \$7,465; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is 9-01-28-370-235 (Recreation OE);

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. 09-06, Summer School Bus Transportation, to Rick Bus Co., Inc. in the amount of \$9,000 which also includes other trip destinations at the cost of \$49 per hour during inclement weather.

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, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE V, ENTITLED 'CAT LICENSING' OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE."

Mrs. Judith Bubar, 35 Pine Knoll Drive, addressed the Council about an article that was published in the newspaper a few weeks ago regarding the increase in cat licensing fees and proceeded to discuss the fee increase with respect to male and female cats, the number of cats (850) registered in Lawrence Township, the vaccination process required for licensing cats, euthanizing and adopting stray cats, as well as, a trap and neuter program for feral cats.

Mayor Mount and Mr. Krawczun both advised that the Administration is investigating the possibility of a joint animal shelter operation with officials from Ewing, Hopewell and Mercer County that would be operated and controlled by a non-profit organization.

Mr. Krawczun further advised that they are also lobbying State Legislators in order to get donated land for the placement of the shelter, but the difficulty is finding the land at the right price. So, they are diligently working on the issue. A short discussion took place relative to the fees and the purpose of animal licensing.

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. 2015-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE V ENTITLED 'CAT LICENSING' OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 4, Article V of the Lawrence Township Administrative Code entitled 'Cat Licensing' be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1.

Sec. 4-39 Licensing Requirements

(g) License fee schedule. A license... [five] seven for each cat if spayed or neutered, [eight] ten per cat...

Section 2. Repealer

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

Section 3. 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 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect September 1, 2009.

The Ordinance 2015-09 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Mount read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 6A AND ADDING A NEW SECTION TO THE ADMINSTRATIVE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES "

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. 2016-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 6A AND
ADDING A NEW SECTION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING FEES
FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 6A of the Lawrence Township Administrative Code is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION I

The Administrative Code of the Township of Lawrence is hereby amended by adding to Chapter 6A a new section 28, entitled "Fees for Emergency Medical Services."

Schedule of fees.

Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance Transport Services Fees:

- 1) A fee of six hundred seventy-five dollars (\$675) plus ten dollars (\$10) per mile calculated one way will be charged to all persons receiving ambulance transport service by the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services.
 - a) In addition to the above, a fee in the amount of sixty dollars (\$60) will be charged for the use of oxygen when required.
- 2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the payment of the fee by any person receiving such ambulance transport services from the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services will be waived provided such person certifies that he/she has no medical insurance coverage in effect to cover the ambulance transport services.
 - a) The Township will accept the amount paid by an insurance company as payment in full and will not seek further reimbursement for services for any resident of Lawrence Township.
 - b) Any non-residents of Lawrence Township who receives ambulance services shall be billed for any co-payments, co-insurance payment or deductible payment as required.

- c) The recipient of ambulance transport services must facilitate the submittal of the bill for such services if required by the insurance company, and provide all required information necessary for payment
 - d) The Chief Financial Officer and Chief of Police will be responsible for the billing of all services and/or third party administration of billing.
- 3) The Township of Lawrence is authorized to enter into contracts with various hospitals that provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) services to patients that are transported by the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Service allowing the hospitals to bundle bill Medicare for service rendered. The hospital will reimburse the Township of Lawrence its transportation costs within forty-five (45) days of receiving payment.
- 4) This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption thereof.

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The Ordinance 2016-09 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						

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Mayor Mount read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TITLE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERVISING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN"

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. 2017-09

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TITLE AND SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERVISING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of new Jersey that there shall be created the position of Supervising Emergency Medical Technician and such compensation as provided for herein in the classification of the Local 396 Union of the Firefighter’s Mutual Benevolent Association as follows:

Section 1.

Supervising Emergency Medical Technician Salary (2009) Effective May 4, 2009	Grade 3 \$66,173
Supervising Emergency Medical Technician Salary (2009) Effective December 31, 2009	Grade 3 \$70,248

Section 2. Repealer

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

Section 3. 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 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption thereof.

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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						

Manager's Report –

Mr. Krawczun submitted an invoice listing for the month of May 2009 in the amount of \$519,687.48.

Mr. Krawczun stated two meetings ago during the introduction of the 2009 Municipal Budget Councilman Miller asked about the possibility of furloughs for municipal employees and indicated after speaking with the various collective bargaining Unions the feedback from the majority of the Unions was positive with respect to opening furlough negotiations early for next year's contracts.

Mr. Krawczun reported that Mayor Mount and he as well as some of the businesses in the area had a meeting with the staff of NJDOT regarding the roundabout planned for Route 1 and Whitehead Road and advised that the meeting was scheduled prior to the May 27th meeting at the Slackwood Fire Company to accommodate the individual businesses whose properties might be affected by the plan and who might have questions concerning the project.

Mr. Krawczun stated they also attended a meeting being coordinated by NJDOT and Mercer County regarding the State reinstatement strategy plan for the Route 1 Corridor and indicated that the corridor has been broken into various areas by DOT for the purpose of having conversations -- Trenton, Historical Lawrence, Princeton, New Brunswick and the South Brunswick -- that would basically provide the consultants working on the project with feedback and ideas for consideration.

Mr. Krawczun advised that the conversation focused on the corridor being used as a commercial and/or mixed use zone that would largely concentrate on housing, jobs and transportation and indicated that the meeting was quite engaging with both negative and positive reactions from all the municipalities located along the corridor.

Mr. Krawczun advised that he has been working with Mr. Groeger, Superintendent of Recreation, and Mr. Whitehead, Public Works Director, on a possible date for the rededication ceremony of the First Aid Squad building. And, because they are awaiting the completion of the plaque that is going to be attached to the side of the building, they have decided on a tentative date of Sunday, June 14th at approximately 1:00 p.m. and asked that the Council mark their calendars accordingly.

Mr. Krawczun stated at the last Council meeting he distributed information regarding the proposed Public Access Channel policy and asked if

there were any questions regarding that policy? (There were no questions or discussion regarding the policy.)

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Cable Advisory Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, May 26th wherein they will be reviewing the policy and indicated so far he has only received one response from a member addressing the number specification for the access channel.

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 reported that both the Health Advisory Board and the Lawrence Neighborhood Center reports are coming up later in the month. The Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m., which will start on Princeton Pike across from the Ben Franklin School.

Mayor Mount commented on the great job the Health Advisory Board did with their annual plan of events.

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Councilman Powers’ report:

Mr. Powers stated that the Shade Tree Advisory Committee met and discussed the Tree Planting Program and the Community Forestry Management Plan that the Township plans to adopt to help promote the goal of sustainability which would include working with non-profit organizations to replace dead trees, promote tree plantings and other related projects with an emphasis on native species.

Mr. Krawczun advised that a resolution would be ready for approval at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Powers advised that the Shade Tree Advisory Committee along with the Mayor planted a tree at The Lawrenceville Elementary School near the ball fields for Arbor Day.

Mr. Powers indicated on May 3rd the Human Relations Committee had Diversity Day and it was a great event with approximately 150 people in attendance with lots of good food and entertainment.

Mr. Powers further discussed the handout provided by The Sikhs regarding their beliefs and practices, as well as, some of the new acts that took place at the event.

Mr. Powers reported that the meeting of the Latin American Legal Defense Education Fund between him, Councilman Bostock, Chief of Police, Mr. Krawczun and Mr. Nerwinski went very well. In addition, they provided them with the Traffic Log Reports from the traffic stops that took place at the Brunswick Circle as well as some of the Chief's initiatives with which they seemed to be very pleased.

Mr. Powers stated that the Growth and Redevelopment Committee met at the Nature Center and for some of members it was their very first time visiting and learning about the facility. So, hopefully, the visit will spark more interest in the Nature Center. He also stated that Anne Demarais was present and spoke, as did some of representatives from GEPNA.

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Councilman Puliti's report:

Mr. Puliti advised that the Recreation Advisory Committee is working on the Memorial Day parade that is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd and they already received the details regarding the event from Councilman Miller.

Mr. Puliti stated the Committee is actively seeking large sponsorships for some of the larger Township programs such as the Fireworks and Community Day, as well as, some smaller sponsorships. But, they do not want to target the mom and pop businesses that already sponsor baseball and soccer programs.

Mr. Puliti reported that the summer registration in the Recreation Department is down much to Mr. Groeger's surprise as he thought people would be staying home and registering for more programs given the economic situation.

Mr. Puliti stated with respect to Public Safety, the Fire Chiefs and Presidents were presented a draft of the Long Range Facility Plan that was prepared by the Municipal Manager and his staff that included various

improvements needed to be reviewed by the membership of each of the firehouses and advised that the plan was received quite well.

Mr. Puliti reported they are also looking into how to collect accurate data with respect to fire calls. For example: With the current system, if they received three reports of a fire from the Quakerbridge Mall it is recorded as three fire calls – not one individual call.

Mr. Puliti further reported that they have been discussing the possibility of purchasing some software that would address the problem and if everything works with regards to the price they would be presenting the proposal to the Council. Some discussion followed relative to the use of the software.

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Councilman Bostock's report:

Mr. Bostock stated that the Environmental Resources Committee met earlier in the month, which he was unable to attend, but he received a report from Andy Link on the members participating in the stream cleanup. They are also awaiting a response as to whether or not they will receive the Grant from ANJEC and indicated he is starting to develop language that will encourage developers to construct their buildings in a way that they are sustainable and eligible for the Green Certification.

Mr. Bostock stated they are looking for ways to work with the schools to try to encourage better recycling techniques and advised that they have had some conversations with representatives from the schools, but they are still searching for a way to have a greater level of recycling take place in the cafeterias than what currently exists and which he feels is long overdue.

Mr. Bostock echoed Mr. Krawczun's comments with regards to the Cable Telecommunication Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 26th to consider the guidelines for the use of the Public Access Channel.

Mr. Bostock advised that the Construction Board of Appeals meeting was postponed until further notice and the Affordable Housing Board meeting was cancelled for the month of May.

Mr. Bostock stated he would like to add on to Mr. Powers' comments with regards to the Latin American Legal Defense Education Fund meeting and indicated it was good to have Mr. Powers join the meeting as it was their first meeting since Mr. Holmes was on the Committee last year.

Mr. Bostock proceeded to discuss the data that was provided to LALDEF as well as the meeting Chief Posluszny had with Dr. Bruce Stout, a Professor at

the College of New Jersey and a former policy advisor to Governor Whitman on criminal justice matters.

Mr. Bostock stated Mr. Stout was a former colleague and the former Executive Director of the State's Juvenile Justice Committee and is nationally recognized as a criminal justice expert. So, he thinks it is great that he and some of his students are going to be reviewing the data as well.

Mr. Bostock reported on the wonderful event that took place at Central Park to pay respect to Alvin McNair who was a very active volunteer in the softball programs and passed away suddenly at the age of 46 leaving behind a wife and 4 children. He indicated some of the people that were active in the program got together and organized a grassroots benefit that had an amazing turnout to raise money for the family.

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Mayor's Mount report:

Mayor Mount reported on the following items listed on "What's the Mayor Been Up To" flier and a few upcoming events:

1. The meeting Mr. Krawczun and she attended on April 27th with representative from American Water.
2. The Press Conference at St. Lawrence to launch the helmet program titled "Wheels Under Your Feet, Helmet on Your Head" that would be coordinated with the Township Police Department giving out positive Tickets that can be redeemed for pizza and snacks at local participating establishments.
3. The meeting Andy Link, Township Liaison, and she had on May 6th with Jennifer Jones, Census Representative from Philadelphia, to coordinate the Mayor's "Complete Count Committee" for the 2010 Census Count.
4. The meeting Mr. Krawczun, Mr. Parvesse, Township Engineer, and she attended in Princeton on May 8th with the DVPPC and NJ Transit for the DRT plans and DOT's plans for local bus routes.
5. The Awards ceremony given by the Lawrence Township Community Foundation this week at Weeden Park to present Grants totaling almost \$30,000 to non-profit organizations that exist in the Township. She advised they are also working on summarizing the information that was received from the "Community Conversation" meeting that is not quite ready, but she would update them as soon as all the information is complete.

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.

9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

Pamela H. Mount, Mayor