

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

September 15, 2009

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened with a Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, led by a member of the Boy Scouts.

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, September 15, 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

Mayor Mount presented the following Proclamation proclaiming that “Lawrence Township Will Go Pink This October” to Ms. Ruth Hawthorne from Radiology Affiliates Imaging for her affiliation in empowering women to practice the 3 steps to early breast cancer detection.

Ms. Ruth Hawthorne gave a brief presentation on some of the doctors and resources that are available in Lawrence Township for cancer treatments, as well as, her organization’s long-term initiatives regarding healthcare.

A representative from Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure of Central & South Jersey presented a beautiful plaque to Lawrence Township thanking the Township for partnering in the promise to cure breast cancer forever.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Because 6,500 women in New Jersey will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and;

WHEREAS, Because 1,600 women will die, and;

WHEREAS, Because one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and;

WHEREAS, Because the two greatest risk factors are being a women and getting older, and;

WHEREAS, Because this is a disease that impacts us all – mothers, daughters, spouses, aunts, friends, and community members, and;

WHEREAS, Because until there is a cure, early detection is the best protection, and

WHEREAS, Because breast cancer is a community issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pamela H. Mount, Mayor, on behalf of the Lawrence Township Council, do hereby proclaim

Lawrence Township Will Go Pink This October!

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, Pink bows will line the streets to empower women to practice the 3 steps to early breast cancer detection – self breast examination, annual clinical examination, and annual mammograms beginning at age 40. Citizens of Lawrence Township are urged to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to aid in kicking off a year-long cancer prevention initiative. Lawrence Township Goes Pink hopes to promote a healthier lifestyle and save lives and will benefit the Central and South Jersey Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Based on a promise between two sisters, the organization works to save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all, and energizing science to find the cures.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Attorney advised that there is a need to amend Resolution 8J (Closed Session) on the Agenda to include discussions concerning the negotiations for the acquisition of the Lawrence Township First Aid Squad and litigation - Carter Road Homeowner Association vs. Lawrence Township Planning Board.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Puliti, the Agenda was amended to include the discussion.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Adoption of Minutes

There were no Minutes for adoption.

Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Mount read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6A OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINSTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED 'FEES: THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE CHAPTER"

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance establishes the cost for the republished "A Guide to Lawrenceville's Historic Landmarks" book which was funded by two grants. The first being from The Lawrenceville School and the second being from the New Jersey Historic Preservation Trust and proceeded to elaborate on the publication of the book and grant monies set aside for future reprints of the book. Some discussion followed relative to the book.

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						

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 349-09 (8A) thru 359-09 (8K) 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.

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:

Resolution No. 360-09

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2009, bids were received for Bid No. 09-12, 2009 GMC Sierra 4WD with Accessories or Equivalent; and

WHEREAS, three bids were received and reviewed by the Municipal Manager and Director of Public Works and the lowest responsible bidder is Mall Chevrolet, Cherry Hill NJ who submitted a bid in the amount of \$42,125; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the accounts to be charged are C-04-55-327-283 (Park Maintenance Equipment) and C-04-55-323-283 (Purchase of Public Works Equipment);

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 09-12, 2009 GMC Sierra 4WD with Accessories or Equivalent, to Mall Chevrolet in the amount of \$42,125.

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. Puliti the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 361- 09

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2009, bids were received for Bid No. 09-14, 2009 or Newer Demo Unit Ford F-550 4X4 or Equal Chassis, Dump Body, Belt Drive Hydraulic System, Snowplow & Tailgate Sander; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received and reviewed by the Township Manager and Director of Public Works and the lowest responsible bidder is Hondru Ford, Inc., 300 S. Main Street, Box 68, Manheim PA 17545, who submitted a bid in the amount of \$73,438 (including Option #1, Spreader); 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 C-04-55-323-283 (Purchase of Public Works Equipment);

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 09-14, 2009 or Newer Demo Unit Ford F-550 4X4 or Equal Chassis, Dump Body, Belt Drive Hydraulic System, Snowplow & Tailgate Sander, to Hondru Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$73,438.

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. Bostock the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 362-09

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2009, bids were received for Re-Bid #1 of Bid No. 09-10, Road Striping; and

WHEREAS, three bids were received and reviewed by the Municipal Manager and the lowest responsible bidder is Traffic Lines Inc., 5100 Asbury Road, Farmingdale NJ 07727, who submitted a bid in the amount of \$38,037.50±; 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 C-04-55-329-238 (Various Road Improvements);

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 09-10, Road Striping, to Traffic Lines Inc. in the amount of \$27,500 (amount budgeted).

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, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO, 2020-09 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN."

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. 2031-09

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09
 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER,
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION
 OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN

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.

Section 3 of Bond Ordinance 2020-09, finally adopted on June 4, 2009, be and is hereby amended to add the following purpose:

Purchase of various public works equipment consisting of: "...pick-up truck with plow and electric lift gate..."

Section 2.

The capital budget of the Township of Lawrence is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for inspection.

Section 3.

This amending bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication there of after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Adopted: September 15, 2009

The Ordinance 2031-09 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					X	
Mr. Puliti	X						
Mayor Mount	X						

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Mr. Krawczun advised that the following two Ordinances (10B & 10C) need to be postponed for a future meeting because the consistency review was incomplete due to the cancellation of the Planning Board meeting. Therefore, they could not make a recommendation to the Council prior to the adoption of the ordinances.

On motion by Mr. Puliti, seconded by Mr. Bostock the following two ordinances were **tabled** to a future meeting date:

Mayor Mount read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF LAWRENC TOWNSHIP – PVD3

ORDINANCE POSTPONED TO FUTURE MEETING DATE

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Mayor Mount read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – Riparian Zones

ORDINANCE POSTPONED TO FUTURE MEETING DATE

Manager's Report –

Mr. Krawczun submitted the Monthly Investment Report for June and July 2009.

Mr. Krawczun stated a couple of meetings ago he inquired about Council's interest in having turn openings at President, Bunker Hill and Mayflower Avenues, as well as, Lake Drive, located north of Business Route 1 at the intersection of Whitehead Road and the new roundabout and indicated that the information was presented at the Public Informational Center held by the Department of Transportation at the Slackwood Fire House and at that time the residents showed interest in the medians being opened north and southbound, as well as, the side streets.

Mr. Krawczun advised that he and Jim Parvesse, Township Engineer, had an opportunity to speak with representatives from DOT and their recommendation is for the medians to remain closed primarily for public safety concerns. Some discussion followed relative to the issue.

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 all is quiet with the Committees, so he has no Liaison report.

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Councilman Powers’ report:

Mr. Powers reported that the Growth & Redevelopment Committee Annual Business Awards Breakfast with the Lawrence Division of the Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to take place at Greenacres Country Club on Tuesday, October 13th at 8:00 a.m., and advised that Tom Wilfrid will be the recipient of the Mayor’s Award for Economic Development.

Mr. Powers further reported that the Human Relations Committee is scheduled to meet next week, and the Shade Tree Advisory Committee will meet the week after. Further, the Planning Board is scheduled to meet again after having a few cancellations.

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Councilman Puliti's report:

Mr. Puliti reported that the Public Safety Committee was uneventful being they did not have a meeting, and the Recreation Advisory Committee is preparing for Community Day.

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Councilman Bostock's report:

Mr. Bostock reported that the Environmental Resources Committee met and they are planning to have a table at Community Day to distribute information on sustainable practices. Also, the Sustainability Element of the Master Plan Subcommittee is working on usages for the Grant that the Environmental Resources Committee received from ANJEC. They also discussed some of the parameters with regards to integrating sustainability into the Master Plan.

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Mayor's Mount report:

Mayor Mount reported on the following items:

- 1) Mayor Mount reported that the Census Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, October 16th to discuss the 2010 Census that is going to take place next spring, and advised that anyone who would like to join the committee is welcomed.
- 2) Mayor Mount reported that they are still working on the Sustainable Element of the Master Plan as Mr. Bostock reported earlier and that the Township has finished and submitted the applications for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program and the Sustainable Certification Program. So, hopefully, they will have good results on both applications.
- 3) Mayor Mount reported that the Nature Center has had a great summer with lots of volunteers helping them with their family programs. They are also continuing to upgrade their facility.
- 4) Mayor Mount stated she presented a Proclamation at Morris Hall on Monday recognizing the senior citizens that reside at the facility and it was a nice event.
- 5) Mayor Mount reported that the Truck & Traffic and Bike Committees are regrouping and they will be meeting soon, but no date has been set as yet.

Written Communications –

There was no written communication.

Old Business –

There was no old business

New Business –

Mr. Puliti stated after speaking with some residents he came to the conclusion that some of the citizens of Lawrence have a lack of understanding with respect to the adopting of ordinances and resolutions. So, he spoke with Mr. Krawczun about his Manager’s Report being posted on the Township website as is the Agenda and copies being made available for the public to view as his report provides a detailed review of some of the ordinances and resolutions. Mr. Krawczun and Council were in consensus with the idea.

Ms. Patricia Connelly, 3 Irwin Place, asked for guidance with regards to the major flooding that takes place in her neighborhood usually after a big rainstorm and indicated she was uncertain to whom she should direct her complaint and suggested that the Council put on the website what can be discussed at the open public meetings.

Mayor Mount advised Ms. Connelly that she can discuss any concern at the open meetings during public participation or contact one of the Councilmembers, but for her particular problem she should contact Mr. Krawczun, the Municipal Manager, so that he can forward the information to the Engineering Department for review.

Mr. Krawczun gave Ms. Connelly his business card and requested that she make an appointment to discuss the matter. A short discussion followed relative to the issue.

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

7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

Pamela H. Mount, Mayor