

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

January 20, 2010

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 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 Powers read the following statement of proper notice:

“Adequate notice of this meeting of the Lawrence Township Council being held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 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, Kownacki, Councilwoman Mount, Puliti,  
Mayor Powers.

Absent: None.

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

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Proclamations and Honors

A. Resolution Presented to Jane Millner

Mayor Powers advised that Ms. Millner could not be present at this evening's meeting, so they will move on to the next presentation.

B. Betty Donahue – Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance

Mayor Powers stated on January 13<sup>th</sup> he and Ms. Donahue attended the Mercer County Alcohol and Drug Alliance meeting and accepted an Award on

behalf of the Lawrence Township Alcohol and Drug Alliance for their service and outstanding tobacco and drug prevention projects.

Mayor Powers proceeded to discuss the statistics with regards to the State budget and the .03% that goes toward the prevention of drug/alcohol abuse and the 11.7% that goes towards corrections and health care cost, as well as, the amazing job that the Alliance does in terms of their mission to focus on prevention of addiction that in turn helps reduce the State's budget cost for drug related issues.

Ms. Donahue stated that she has been doing the job of drug/alcohol prevention for the past fifteen years and after all these years her mind is still opened as to why prevention is very much needed and proceeded to discuss the difficult process of recovering from alcoholism and the troubling statistics surrounding the addiction that shows only 1 out of 32 alcoholics truly recover from the disease, and that most addictions associated with the use of drugs and alcohol are hereditary.

Ms. Donahue proceeded with a brief overview of the prevention process regarding the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco and educational prevention programs which are available to the children and the community and encouraged everyone help in narrowing the problem. She then read into record the Award that was presented to Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance as follows:

*Certificate of Appreciation  
Presented To  
Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance  
For your momentum, strength and results on this year's  
Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug prevention projects*

Mayor Powers advised that the Award will be displayed in the Clerk's Office on the window sill which he indicated is a secure and very appropriate place for the plaque as it vividly displays their support of prevention and the wonderful program that is self-funded by convicted drug dealers pay for the hard work that the Alliance does.

Ms. Donahue discussed at length the misuse of prescription drugs by some of today's youth and the nationwide Safe Homes Parent Network which is a Pledge designed to assist parents and the community with drug/alcohol prevention and other related items of concern. In closing, she advised that their organization will be going to various senior centers to talk about the use of prescription drugs and that their meeting is the last Tuesday of each month for anyone who would like to attend.

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Review and Revisions of Agenda

There were no revisions to the agenda.

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Public Participation

**A. Presentation by the Garden Gate Garden Club to Vadalía Restaurant**

The Garden Gate Club presented an Award to Vidalia’s Restaurant because it was chosen by the Club members as being one of the businesses that has done the most to beautify Lawrence Township. Additionally, during the summer months they use an empty spot next to the restaurant to display beautiful flowers and graciously invite everyone to stop by to enjoy the beauty. She then thanked the Council for its time. The owner of Vidalia Restaurant thanked the Council and the Garden Gate Club for the honor.

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There was no general public participation.

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Adoption of Minutes

There were no minutes for adoption.

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Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Powers read by title an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,837.21 THEREFOR AND DIRECTING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COST THEREOF.”

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

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVED	SECOND
Mr. Bostock	X					X	
Mr. Kownacki	X						
Mrs. Mount	X						
Mr. Puliti	X						X
Mayor Powers	X						

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Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 64-10 (8A) thru 87-10 (8X)) were approved by the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVED	SECOND
Mr. Bostock	X						X
Mr. Kownacki	X						
Mrs. Mount	X						
Mr. Puliti	X					X	
Mayor Powers	X						

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

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Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

There was no award of bids.

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Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Powers read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' – Handicapped Parking"

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

Ordinance No. 2042-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED 'MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC'

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 13 of The Lawrence Township Administrative Code entitled 'Motor Vehicles and Traffic' be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Article II – Stopping, Standing and Parking

Sec. 13-4 – Parking prohibited – At any time, except by vehicles bearing special identification for handicapped persons.

(5) Special Vehicle Parking (Handicapped)

Restricted parking spaces shall be established as set forth below and only those persons who are handicapped and who possess a special vehicle identification shall park in such designated parking space.

- a. 64 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Pike and Valley Forge Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet on Valley Forge Avenue on the south side of 1894 Brunswick Pike.
- b. 138 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Pike and Pear Street (N/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 766 Pear Street.
- c. 340 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Rt. 206 (Lawrence Road) and Fairfield Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 81 Fairfield Avenue.
- d. 165 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Vermont Street (S/W corner) for a distance of 22' in front of 11 Vermont Street.
- e. 285 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 55 Myrtle Avenue.
- f. 180 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Hopewell Avenue and Slack Avenue (S/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 115 Slack Avenue.
- g. 155 feet southbound from the prolonged curb line of the driveway belonging to West Gate apartments (S/W corner) on Princeton Pike for a distance of 22 feet in front of 2099 Princeton Pike.
- h. 263 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 57 Myrtle Avenue.
- i. 358 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Spruce Street (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 860/862\_Spruce Street.

- j. 570 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Lanning Avenue and Princeton Avenue for a distance of 22 feet in front of 933 Lanning Avenue.
- k. 335 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Slack Avenue and Princeton Pike (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 135 Slack Avenue.
- l. 370 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Lawrence Road and Titus Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 14 Titus Avenue.
- m. 297 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Puritan Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 749 Puritan Avenue
- n. 346 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Puritan Avenue (N/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 750 Puritan Avenue
- o. 204 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Ohio Avenue and Puritan Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 716 Puritan Avenue
- p. 463 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 35 Myrtle Avenue
- q. 324 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 51 Myrtle Avenue
- r. 141 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Slack Avenue and Princeton Pike (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 143 Slack Avenue

Section 2. This ordinance supercedes all previous ordinances that relate to the designation of handicapped parking on streets and roadways within the Township of Lawrence.

Section 3. Severability.

If any provisions of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall be deemed severable there from.

Section 4. Repealer.

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

Section 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following the adoption thereof in accordance with law.

Additions are underlined         
 Deletions are bracketed [    ]

The Ordinance 2042-10 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVED	SECOND
Mr. Bostock	X						X
Mr. Kownacki	X						
Mrs. Mount	X						
Mr. Puliti	X					X	
Mayor Powers	X						

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Mayor Powers read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1947-07 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINSTRATIVE CODE"

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

Ordinance No. 2043-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 1947-07 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 Ordinance No. 1947-09 entitled 'AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCVE ENTITLED 'LICENSES' REQUIRING THE LICENSING OF MASSAGE AND/OR SOMATIC THERAPISTS AND THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS' is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1.

Sec. 12-13(f). Fees

(a) .....

[Included as part of the \$100.00 fee for a massage and/or therapist's license shall be \$30.00 made payable by check to the New Jersey State Bureau of Investigation for a fingerprint background.]

Sec. 12-13(g) License Term

(a) All licenses issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire [at the end of the calendar year in which said license was issued] on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

(b) Renewal applications are due by [November 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the effective date (January 1<sup>st</sup>)] February 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the renewal date of April 1<sup>st</sup> of the license.

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.



The Ordinance 2043-10 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVED	SECOND
Mr. Bostock	X						X
Mr. Kownacki	X						
Mrs. Mount	X						
Mr. Puliti	X					X	
Mayor Powers	X						

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Mayor Powers read by title an ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1933-07 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DISCRPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN"

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

Ordinance No. 2044-10

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 1933-07 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:

- a. Section 3 (a) of Bond Ordinance 1933-07, finally adopted May 15, 2007, is hereby amended to add the following purposes:

Various Road Improvements to: "Cold Soil and Carter Road"

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 thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

The Ordinance 2044-10 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVED	SECOND
Mr. Bostock	X						X
Mr. Kownacki	X						
Mrs. Mount					X		
Mr. Puliti	X					X	
Mayor Powers	X						

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**Manager’s Report –**

Mr. Krawczun reported on January 7<sup>th</sup> the Administration received approximately (14) fourteen bids for the remediation of the Dyson Tract and that the engineering estimates were approximately \$4M, and the lowest responsible bid was received from Hutton Construction in the amount of \$1,088,214, and the second lowest responsible bid was from Op-Tech for \$2,181,807.

Mr. Krawczun advised that the successful bidder has to submit additional documents to the Division of Engineering specifying where the dredge spoils will be taken and get destination approval from DEP, and that the low bidder is currently working on that documentation. But, in the event the low bidder is unable to receive DEP approval, they have contacted the second lowest responsible bidder and advised them to submit the additional information as well in the event the low bidder can not meet the necessary requirements, they can still expedite the process. A brief discussion followed relative to economy, competitive contracting and grant funding for various capital projects.

Mr. Krawczun updated the Council on the Twin Pines Airport Athletic Facility project, the joint venture between Hopewell Borough and Township, Pennington Borough and Lawrence Township and advised that the last time he reported on the matter they were exploring the possibility of entering into a Co-op Agreement with Middlesex County for both the purchase of the turf field by Hopewell Township and installation of all the site work and natural grass fields for Lawrence Township and there was a question pending before the Division of Local Government Services with regards to the site work being included under the approved operating agreement with the Middlesex Co-op.

Mr. Krawczun advised that he and Paul Pogorzelski, Administrator of Hopewell Township, met with representatives from the Co-op regarding the issue and they in turn met with Marc Pfeiffer, Deputy Director of the Division of Local

Government Services, to obtain clarification on the matter. And, to date there is still no specific respond as to whether or not the site work will be included as part of Co-op Agreement and indicated it's technically a gray area for right now. But, they will proceed with the specifications that were developed by the engineers and the installation of the artificial turf surface for Hopewell Township that is eligible under the Co-op Agreement and the rest to the work will go out to bid.

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### **Presentation of the 2010 Municipal Budget –**

Mr. Krawczun distributed copies of the recommended budget for Council to review and proceeded with an in-depth review of the budget process in addition to reading the 2010 Municipal Budget Recommendation Report.

A lengthy discussion took place with regards to the economy and how the national recession has impacted the municipal budget, the surplus and regeneration of the funds, reduction in municipal aid, workforce reductions, budgetary cuts and savings, flat State aid, tax rates and the economics of a tax increase, departmental budget presentations and creative ways to offset expenditures and increase revenues prior to adoption of the Municipal Budget.

Mr. Krawczun advised that he received notification that the statutory deadline date for the submission of the Municipal Budget to Council has been extended from January 15<sup>th</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup> which gives the Council additional time to review the budget and the Administration more flexibility with respect to preparing the budget.

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### **Attorney's Report –**

Mr. Nerwinski stated he received a request at the last meeting for him to provide information for discussion on the Lawrence Township form of government and a Charter Study and advised that he has prepared a memorandum for the Council that discusses the Township's present form of government and ways to amend it and/or proceed with the Charter Study process and proceeded to read into record the Memorandum as follows:

#### **I. The Optional Municipal Charter Law (The Faulkner Act) Historical Context:**

*In 1950, the New Jersey Legislature enacted the Optional Municipal Charter Law, commonly referred to as the Faulkner Act. This Act created 4 distinct forms of municipal government "to provide the fullest opportunity for local self government consistent with the interests of the State as a whole."*

*The “new” forms of government provided for the in the Act are as follows:*

1. Mayor-Council Plan;
2. Council- Manager Plan;
3. Small Municipality Plan;
4. Mayor- Council Administrator (added in 1981 Amendment).

*These forms of government contain 136 potential combinations. Each (except for the Mayor-Council Administrator Plan) provides a number of options on which decisions must be made when a municipality adopts the form. These options can be changed at a later date through referendum, without changing the basic form of government. This will be discussed more fully below.*

*The Faulkner Act forms of government provide, in part, significant power to the voters that previously did not exist. Under the Act, the voters can propose an ordinance by petition and then either adopt it or reject it in a referendum election, by-passing the municipal council completely. In addition, voters have the power to recall elected officials before the expiration of his/her term of office.*

*Of, the 566 municipalities in the State of New Jersey, 129 are currently under a Faulkner Act form of government. 67 adopted the Mayor-Council Plan, 41 adopted the Council-Manager Plan, 20 adopted a Small Municipality Plan and 1 adopted a Mayor-Council Administrator Plan.*

#### Council-Manger Plan

*Lawrence Township adopted a Council-Manager Plan form of government in 1970. The major characteristics of this form of government are as follows:*

- There are 5, 7, or 9 members of Council. Lawrence has 5.
- Council members are elected to 4 year terms that are either concurrent or staggered terms. Lawrence has staggered terms.
- Council members may be elected at-large or by dividing the municipality into districts or wards and electing some council members at-large and some from wards. Lawrence elects is members at-large.
- Elections may be on a partisan basis with primaries in the Spring and general elections in November or on a non-partisan basis in May. Lawrence has partisan elections.
- Council members appoint a professional manager to exercise functions of the municipality.

#### The Municipal Manager

*The Municipal Manager is the Chief Executive and Administrative Official of the municipality in the Council-Manager form of government. The Manager holds office for an indefinite term and may be removed by a majority vote of Council. Broadly, the Manager is responsible for carrying out all policies established by it and for the proper administration of all affairs of the municipality under the jurisdiction of the Council.*

Some of the responsibilities of the Manager include:

- Execute all laws and ordinances;
- Appoint and remove all department heads and all other officers, subordinates, and assistants except the municipal tax assessor;
- Negotiate contracts subject to approval of Council, and make recommendations to Council on municipal improvements;
- Attend all Council Meetings with the right to take part in discussions but not vote;
- Keep Council informed of the financial condition of the municipality, and prepare the Municipal Budget.
- Investigate, at any time, the affair of any officer or department heads of the municipality.

Council

Council is responsible for fixing policy and giving broad direction to the Manager. It appoints the Municipal Clerk, the Tax Assessor, and the Municipal Attorney, the Zoning Board of Adjustment’s Attorney and advisory boards and commissions. It is limited to legislative duties and must act as a body. Individual members of Council are prohibited from dealing with the municipal administrative personnel except through the Manager.

Mayor

The Mayor presides over the Council meetings. The Mayor has a voice in all discussions and has one vote without any separate legislative power. The Mayor may be selected from and by the Council members and serve either a one, two, or four-year term. The Plan also provides that a Mayor may be directly elected the voters to a four year term. In Lawrence, the Mayor is selected by and from the members of Council, and serves a one-year term.

**II. Amending Lawrence Township’s Form of Government**

The 1981 Amendments to the Faulkner Act created the ability for the municipalities operating under the Act of amend its options without having to place the entire Charter on the ballot. An amendment may be initiated by the voters or may be submitted to the voters by ordinance adopted by the governing body. The following may be changed by referendum:

- Elections held in May or November (Group A);
- Council members elected at-large or dividing the municipality into wards (Group B);
- Election of Council members to concurrent or staggered terms (Group C);
- Election of a Mayor by Council members or directly by the Voters (Group D);
- Number of Council members to 3, 5, 7 or 9 (Group E).

*Missing from this list is the ability to amend the Mayor's term from one, two, or four years if elected from and by Council members. I will perform additional research, if requested, to determine the impact of the omission and the process upon which the Township may amend the term.*

*Additionally, the adoption of Group D alternative which is an election of a Mayor by Council members or directly by the Voters provides that the amendment take effect at the next election held in the municipality in which municipal officers are elected. Also, any Mayor serving on the date of the election shall complete the term by serving as a council member.*

### **Charter Commission**

*A municipality may review and consider a change of its charter by creating a commission that will allow for public discussion of the issue. A charter study is created only if approved by the voters through a public question which can be placed on the ballot by either petition of the voters or by ordinance passed by the Governing Body. The charter commission is composed of 5 members elected at the same time as the question is submitted for vote. The members serving on the commission must be registered voters of the municipality. A report of its findings and recommendations must be completed and submitted to the Clerk within 9 months from the date of the election. The last charter study done in Lawrence Township occurred in 1990 when the estimated population was \$25,938.*

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Mr. Nerwinski distributed copies of an Article for Council's review entitled "The Faulkner Act and Options for Change" published by Kevin Starkey who was the Municipal Attorney for Jackson Township when they changed their form of government. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to further discuss the matter at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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### **Clerk's Report –**

There was no Clerk's report.

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### **Written Communications –**

There was no written communication.

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Councilmember Kownacki’s report:

Mr. Kownacki had no Liaison report.

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Councilmember Mount’s report:

Mrs. Mount had no Liaison report.

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Councilmember Puliti’s report:

Mr. Puliti reported that the Recreation Advisory Committee is focusing on the budget, to include discussions concerning programs, events and the solicitation of sponsorships that would help offset some of the cost and avoid the elimination of recreational programs.

Mr. Puliti advised that the Public Safety Committee had a very good meeting and that the Municipal Manager was in attendance to discuss the budget and the upcoming replacement of a few apparatuses. They also discussed plans to take a stronger roll in recommending to Council the equipment that should be purchased by the Township which would help standardize some of the equipment purchases and improve cost and service efficiencies.

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Councilmember Bostock’s report:

Mr. Bostock stated he has no Liaison report, but would like to thank and pay tribute to the Township Attorney for preparing the Memorandum he requested so expeditiously and how much he appreciates the bi-partisan leadership and professionalism that the professional employees exercise.

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Mayor Powers’ report:

Mayor Powers reported on the following items:

- 1) Mayor Powers reported on January 16<sup>th</sup> he had the first “Ask the Mayor” event at Michael’s Diner, and that Mr. Krawczun and he were

both prepared to discuss the 2010 Budget which never happened because of other discussions and proceeded to review some of things that were discussed. And further advised that the meeting was only supposed to be from 8 to 9 p.m., but they didn't finish the discussions until almost 10:00 p.m.

- 2) Mayor Powers reported that the 2010 Census Count Committee will be meeting in the Community Room at Town Hall on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 Noon and they will have representatives from the Census Bureau and Rider University present to discuss the importance of the census count. Further, they have good paying jobs available ranging from \$14 to \$19 an hour and asked that everyone spread the word concerning the job opportunities.
- 3) Mayor Powers reported that the County Executive, Brain Hughes, will be giving the State of the County Address tomorrow (January 21<sup>st</sup>) at Angeloni's Cedar Gardens and that they will be hearing a report on the County's budget and other items of concern.
- 4) Mayor Power advised on February 25<sup>th</sup> they will be having a Budget Summit to review and discuss the 2010 Municipal Budget, as well as, answer any questions the residents might have concerning the budget.

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### **Old Business –**

- A. Boards and Committees
  - 1) Deadlines
  - 2) Consolidation

An at length conversation took place amongst the Council relative to the structure, mission and possible consolidation of some of the Boards and Committees, as well as, deadline dates for the receipt of applications to the Municipal Clerk. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to discuss the matter with the appropriate committees and proceed with discussions at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting.

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### **New Business –**

There was no new business.

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

8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Michael S. Powers, Mayor