

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

March 15, 2011

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance, led by the Municipal Clerk.

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

STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE: “Adequate notice of this meeting of the Lawrence Township Council being held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 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: Councilmembers Bostock, Kownacki, Powers, Mount and Mayor Puliti.
Absent: None.

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

Proclamations and Honors

There were no proclamations or honors.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Manager advised that the Agenda needs to be amended to include Resolution 8-J, Authorizing a Grant Application with the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission (ANJEC) for a sustainable planning study.

On a motion by Mr. Bostock, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Agenda was amended to include the above revision.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bostock, Kownacki, Mount, Powers and Mayor Puliti.
Nays: None.

Public Participation

Mr. Kenneth Weeks, 14 Belleview Terrace, stated that he resides in the Rosedale Acres community and he is a member of the Board and present to speak on behalf of the Rosedale Acres Homeowners Association, after which he provided a brief background history relative to himself and proceeded to discuss a meeting he attended regarding the Lawrence Hopewell Trail (LHT) and their plans to build a trail through the Rosedale Acres and Carson Road Woods area that is located right across the street from his property. He further discussed the Association's opposition to a Trail being built in their community as they prefer the trail to remain as is... environmentally preserved for wildlife.

Mr. Weeks advised that he did have an opportunity to meet with the Municipal Manager to discuss their opposition to the plan, as well as, alternatives that could help impact the Town Council, Lawrence Hopewell Trail and Mercer County decision of constructing the trail in their community, as they suggested Greenway Meadows as a more appropriate site being it has parking and restrooms, as opposes to the Rosedale Acres/Carson Woods area that has neither.

Mr. Weeks further discussed money that was raised by his Association to keep the land as wooded acreage with no trail, and some public safety concerns they have with regards to maintenance, emergency situations and icy conditions that could lead to possible lawsuits. In closing, he requested that the Council perform an independent study prior to making a final decision.

Mr. Nerwinski asked Mr. Weeks to submit his request in writing to the Township Council for further review and consideration.

Ms. Ramona Schwab, 14 Belleview Terrace, stated that she has lived at her residence for over 5 years and she did not know of any plans to build a trail in her neighborhood until late last year when she received a tiny flier in her mailbox regarding a meeting to discuss plans for the trail and proceeded to voice her anger about the lack of communication and questioned why the residents were not notified sooner about the plans for the LHT.

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the LHT matter has been ongoing for many years and that firm communication was sent out concerning the proposed trail, and they do not know of any correspondence that was lost in transition.

Mr. James Goodman, 4390 Province Line Road, stated that he has been a resident of Lawrence Township for more than 42 years and he is astounded by the comments he is hearing tonight as there have been lots of information published in the local newspapers about the Lawrence Hopewell Trail. And, for those who keep up with what is going on in the community they had to have read at one point or another something relative to the trail. In addition, he lives in the same neighborhood of those who oppose the plan and in speaking with his neighbors they seem to be very happy about the trail being located in their community, as they see the trail as an advantage and not a disadvantage and proceeded to discuss a similar plan that was proposed ten years after he moved into the community that fell through due to the same type of opposition.

Mr. Pritesh Sinha, 14 Benedek Road, stated that he is fairly new to the community and when he moved into the Rosedale Acres community ten years ago he came in hopes that the community would be wonderful and the property values would continue to grow; but he did not realize until moments ago that plans were already in the works to build a trail through their neighborhood. And, indicated although the Township has the privilege of using the land as they choose he feels the plan infringes upon their liberties and freedom and proceeded to discuss some of the intolerable things that he and his wife have witnessed during their frequent walks around the neighborhood – such as people drinking, making out, etc., which is the reason why he and his wife are in opposition of the plan.

Ms. Anne Demarias, Greenway Committee Chair, stated she would like to speak about sharing and how everyone has to share open public space when they reside next to a public park and proceeded to discuss the mission of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail as it relates to everyone being able to use and enjoy the beautiful sites of Rosedale Acres and Carson Woods park area and all it has to offer in terms of wildlife and the variety of plants.

Mr. John Busillo, 20 Benedek Road, stated that he has been a resident of Rosedale Acres community for 7 years and he has listened to all of tonight's comments regarding the Lawrence Hopewell Trail and in his opinion it is not an issue of sharing, it is a public safety and security issue in terms of them living in an enclave (closed community) and a wooded area where there is one entrance and one exit. So, to build a trail right through the middle of the neighborhood poses a real security concern for those who have young children.

Mr. Peter Wood, 66 Lawn Park Avenue, stated he as well resides in an enclave which is the Greater Eldridge Park neighborhood for those who do not know the area, and they have a bike trail that runs through their neighborhood along side Johnson Village, a low income housing development and they have not experienced any of the problems that are being described tonight. So, unless their neighborhood is different from his neighborhood he does not understand the fear that is being expressed about the trail that is being built between Bristol Myers Squibb and ETS.

Mr. Wood further advised that they have a great trail that has been recently expanded and they are looking forward to expanding it some more so that they can connect the Greater Eldridge area to the Farmer's Market, Spruce Street and the 5-mile trail up to Rider University campus; a plan they will be discussing with representatives from Ewing Township on Saturday. In closing, Mr. Wood stated that those in opposition of the trail being built will find, as other households have, that the trail can be offered as an amenity when selling their homes.

Ms. Eleanor Horne, 35 Dix Lane, stated she is a resident of Lawrence Township and Co-President of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail Corporation and indicated how wonderful it was to hear Mr. Wood support the LHT, as she believes they can continue to work together to address the issues that have been raised this evening and that she is looking forward to doing so. She advised that they have been working to make LHT a reality since 2002 and that their main goal was to develop a safe, family-friendly amenity for all to enjoy, as well as, a wonderful gift for the entire Central Jersey area by connecting a trail that would link Lawrence and Hopewell communities together. Further, they have worked very hard over the year to raise money to build the trail and have endowed money for the maintenance of the trail.

Ms. Horne advised that LHT Corporation has had a variety of meetings on several different occasions with the residents of Lawrence to get some input and to address any concerns that the residents might have had concerning the project that would help benefit them in their decision-making process, and that they will continue to have those types of conversations until every inch of the trail is built. In addition, they have had numerous meetings with the residents of Carson Road Woods/Mya Drive area to discuss their concerns so that their perspectives regarding the use, maintenance and safety can be included in the decision-making process as well, as they see the project as an amenity to the community that enriches the entire community not just the people who are fortunate enough to live directly on the Trail and proceeded to discuss the importance of the Carson Road Woods/ Mya Drive segment that will bring them closer to their plan to complete the Trail in Lawrence by 2012.

Ms. Horne stated that they do not take the concerns of the members of the Rosedale Acres Homeowners Association lightly, as LHT Corporation cares very deeply about the community that they are a part of and that the folks who live in the Rosedale Acres community have beautiful homes and have expressed concerns about having a trail in their community, mainly, because they feel it will lower their property values and create unwanted crime in their area, which is simply not the case, as property studies done by the National Association of Realtors and other economic factors have confirmed residential property values increase slight to moderate when homes are close to trails. And, as for crime, there is no evidence in the literature that show trails increase crime, as the crime rate on a trail is the same as the crime rate in any other area.

Ms. Horne proceeded to elaborate on some of the concerns that were expressed by Rosedale Acres Association with respect to signage which the Corporation agreed to minimize where possible, parking which they agreed to post a Notice on their website advising users to use Carson Road Woods or ETS parking lots, volume abuse which they do not foresee a caravan of bike riders going through the Mya Drive area, as many people will be content to ride on the Carson Road Woods or ETS segment of the trail. She also addressed some of the concerns that were expressed by Friends of Carson Road Woods and advised after many years they have worked out an understanding with regards to the nature of the Trail, the width and the rights with respect to the Trail never being paved.

In closing, Ms. Horne stated that the LHT Corporation believes they can address the concerns of the members of the Rosedale Acres Homeowners Association and proceeded to discuss the outcome of alternative sites that were reviewed but not chosen and the many benefits associated with having a trail in the community.

Mr. Wes Brooks, The Lawrenceville School, stated he attended The Lawrenceville School from 1966-1971 and since then two out of three of his children have graduated from the school and indicated when he attended the school it was very closed community with high gates, but under their new Headmaster, Liz Duffy, who started in 2003 she took a view that the school needed to be more opened to the community. So, they opened the school up in many ways to the public and they seem to have a win-win situation with the community.

Mr. Brooks advised that some of the old timers were in opposition due to the possible danger and risk to the 560 children they board from 33 countries and 33 states, but Headmaster Duffy overruled those voices and for approximately 6 or 7 years they have had a trail that runs behind the campus; and, so far, they have had no a problem or incident in the history of the trail being located behind the school. So, he just wanted to confirm that for those who have a concern about safety.

Ms. Becky Taylor, resident of Hopewell Township, stated in addition to being a resident of Hopewell she is also the Co-President of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail and proceeded to discuss the first meeting they had on February 7, 2002, when a number of people from the corporate, private and the governmental sector got together to discuss plans to connect a biking and walking trail between Lawrence and Hopewell Townships; a plan they felt would be safe for families and an alternative to vehicular transportation and would allow people to get out of the cars and enjoy the gorgeous area in which they live.

Ms. Taylor indicated from that moment on they have been working together to build the Trail and although it has not been an easy process the experience has been very rewarding. In addition, they really tried very hard to work with various neighborhoods and members of the community being the whole point of the project was to make the trail a gift to community that would be enjoyed, valued and better the lives of others for generations to come. She advised that the Trail started off as a loop and their organization wanted to make sure that the loop was connected to itself over a 22-mile area through Hopewell and Lawrence Townships and advised that the Trail is now being connected to the D & R Greenway on the Lawrence side and pedestrians will be able to travel to either Maine or Florida.

Ms. Taylor stated they eventually hope to connect the Hopewell side of the trail to the Washington Crossing area so they can take a trips up and down that area and advised how excited they are about having the opportunity to connect their communities and their kids being able to use the Trail to travel back and forth to school being there are no sidewalks in the school area, which was a major safety concern for them. She further advised that an environmental study was done for the Carson Road Woods area and reiterated comments previously made by Ms. Horne with regards to them working with the Rosedale Acres Homeowners Association to address their concerns regarding the impact of the trail in their neighborhood.

In closing, Ms Taylor stated their goal is to try and finish the trail by 2012 which is a bit ambitious but they are working very hard to meet that goal, and once the Trail is completed she thinks everyone will enjoy it. She further discussed plans to recruit friends to help expand the trail and all the appreciation they have received about the parts of the trail that are open for use.

Mr. Bob Hunsicker, 84 Carson Road, stated for clarification purposes Carson Road Woods presently has a 5-mile biking/walking trail and that the Homeowners Association currently has an agreement with LHT with respect to them putting down stone dust through Carson Road Woods and proceeded to discuss a huge rainstorm that came through and caused some damage that led to the hiring of a contractor who installed new culvert pipes on the bridges. He indicated the project turned out to be a mess and had to be redone within one month which turned out beautifully; but they stacked approximately 15 to 18

inches of crushed concrete and stone dust over top of the piping that led to all the stone dust being washed downstream after the next big storm, and they now have another big mess that needs to be cleaned up.

Mr. Hunsicker advised that he has spoken with Mr. Whitehead, Director of Public Works, about the Public Works department removing all the stone dust and taking it down to its beautiful natural state being they do not want a paved trail going through Carson Road Woods and proceeded to elaborate on the agreement their Association has with the LHT regarding the stone dust color and the width of the trail (6 to 8 feet) that was voted upon. In closing, Mr. Hunsicker discussed the Trail not being connected to the parking lot and a few other concerns the Rosedale Acres Association have regarding the construction of the trail.

Ms. Lisa Lavery, Lawrenceville Road, stated that she has been a resident of Lawrence since 2002 and she and her family moved to the Township from Switzerland where bike trails are very well established and traveled on, as her husband commuted 10-miles a day, each way, on his bicycle. So, when they moved to Lawrence she was very thrilled to learn that there was Trail Park in progress and she joined up as a volunteer and she is now a member of the Board. She then proceeded to discuss the importance of kids staying active either by walking or biking instead of driving and the LHT being a wonderful asset to the community, as it is a way to get people out of their cars and moving.

Mr. Richard Rogerson, 6 Belleview Terrace, stated he and his wife are probably the newest residents of the Rosedale Acres community being they moved there in January and prior to moving there they spent a year and half looking for housing in the greater Princeton area. He then proceeded to discuss Rosedale Acres being a closed community and by putting a public pathway right through the neighborhood changes the entire nature of the community, as people chose to live there because of the defining features of seclusion and privacy, and to take an action that destroys the defining characteristics of the community where people live is unconscionable and continued to elaborate on the matter. In closing, he stated the decision shows a lack of serious analysis and a lack of care to the people that live in that community and requested that the Council analysis what's at stake before they take action to destroy the community.

Ms. Linda Dreason, 26 Benedek Road, stated she agrees with Mr. Rogerson's comments and proceeded to discuss the signage in the area being somewhat confusing and people currently driving and circling around their neighborhood and them not wanting a marathon of lost people gawking at their homes.

Mayor Puliti stated he certainly appreciates all the comments tonight and he knows that this particular part of the Trail has been on the conversation table for a very long time and he is going to ask LHT to reach out one more time to the

Rosedale Acres community, after which he requested that the item be placed on the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

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Mr. Bostock advised that various concerns were raised in the past and a lot were legitimate, but since then a lot of give and take and compromise has taken place on both sides, with respect to the plans for the Lawrence Hopewell Trail. In addition, he feels the plans that are in place at the present time are good, the project is publicly funded and the park should be an accessible place for everyone to enjoy. He then thanked everyone for coming out and sharing their comments and concerns and indicated unless the Rosedale Acres Association can present some good data or studies showing concrete proof that the Trail being built in their community is a public safety issue then the Council should move forward with the project, as is. Some discussion took place relative to the Association not having sufficient time to supply the requested information in the two week timeframe, and the LHT project being a longstanding issue and not something new.

There being no one else who wished to address Council, Mayor Puliti closed Public Participation.

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#### Adoption of Minutes

There are no adoptions of minutes.

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#### Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2002-09 ESTABLISHING RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE."

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the current sewer usage rates, as the apportionment of the annual charge from the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority has increased by \$94,762 that was appropriated in the 2011 Municipal Budget and presented to Council. He then proceeded with an in-depth review of the 2010 Sewer Collections and the 2011 Projected Usage and Revenue Calculation. A question and answer period took place relative to the report.

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. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         |       | X      |
| Mayor Puliti | X   |     |         |        |         |       |        |

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Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 100-11 (8A) thru 110-11 (8J) with the exception of Resolution 109-11 (Bid Award) 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. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         |       | X      |
| Mayor Puliti | X   |     |         |        |         |       |        |

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

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Resolution No. 111-11, Resolution Authorizing Appointments to the Growth and Redevelopment Committee was 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. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         |       | X      |
| Mayor Puliti | X   |     |         |        |         |       |        |

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

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Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

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

Resolution No. 109-11

WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 17, 2011 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as the **2010 Road Improvement Program – Bakers Basin Road**; and

WHEREAS, fourteen (14) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was S. Brothers, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$291,446.25; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:50-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is C-04-55-332-230; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendations of the Municipal Engineer, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with S. Brothers, Inc., P. O. Box 317, South River NJ 08882 in the amount of \$291.446.25; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this contract is awarded pursuant to a fair and open process and is subject to New Jersey Department of Transportation approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Manager is hereby authorized to draft the necessary agreement, subject to the approval of the Municipal Attorney as to form and content thereof.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bostock, Kownacki, Mount, Powers and Mayor Puliti.  
Nays: None.

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#### Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2079-11 AMENDING THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE CHAPTER OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE"

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

Ordinance No. 2083-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2079-11 –  
AMENDING THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE  
CHAPTER 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 6A is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1.

Sec. 6a-26 Police Department Fees

|     |                     |           |               |
|-----|---------------------|-----------|---------------|
| (k) | Firearms Purchase   |           |               |
| (1) | Identification Card | [\$10.00] | <u>\$5.00</u> |
| (2) | Pistol Permit       | [\$5.00]  | <u>\$2.00</u> |

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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The Ordinance 2083-11 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. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         |       | X      |
| Mayor Puliti | X   |     |         |        |         |       |        |

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Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1565-99 AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE"

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

Ordinance No. 2084-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1565-99 AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1.

WHEREAS, the Township Council has deemed it beneficial to the residents of the Township of Lawrence to combine the volunteer resources of the Growth and Redevelopment Advisory Committee and the Route 1 Redevelopment Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said action it is necessary to increase the membership of the Growth and Redevelopment Advisory Committee by three (3) at-large members who are residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the total at-large members will now be increased from nine (9) members to twelve (12) at-large members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the Growth and Redevelopment Advisory Committee and the Route 1 Redevelopment Advisory Committee be and are hereby combined and shall be known as the Growth and Redevelopment Advisory Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the members of the Route 1 Redevelopment Advisory Committee being transferred to the Growth and

Redevelopment Advisory Committee shall retain their current membership term expiration date and shall retain their full right to re-apply for membership when said term expires.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Route 1 Redevelopment Advisory Committee shall disband and all formal duties and mandated actions be assumed in their entirety by the Growth and Redevelopment Committee

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 2084-11 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled," AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1617-00 AMENDING THE SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE"

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

Ordinance No. 2085-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1617-00  
AMENDING THE SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 1617-00 be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1.

Section II

[1. One (1) member of the Planning Board to be appointed for a one-year term]

1. Seven (7) citizen members to be appointed.....

[3] 2. One (1) member of the Township Council.....

3. One (1) member of the Planning Board shall act as a liaison to the Committee.

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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The Ordinance 2085-11 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Puliti read by title an ordinance entitled, " BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2052-10 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN"

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

Ordinance No. 2086-11

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2052-10  
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 2052-10, finally adopted May 18, 2010, be and is hereby amended to add the following purposes:

Purchase of various public works equipment consisting of: "...2 Zero Turn Mowers..."

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 2086-11 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. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         | X     |        |
| Mayor Puliti | X   |     |         |        |         |       |        |

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

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

Ordinance No. 2087-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6A,  
"FEES: THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE CHAPTER"  
OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 6A entitled: "Fees: The Consolidated License, Permit and Fee Chapter" of the Lawrence Township Administrative Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 6A-22 Documents, copying and miscellaneous charges

[(p) Pneumococcal Immunization for Individuals who do not meet the following criteria:

Lawrence Township residents 60 years of age and older  
or  
2 to 59 years of age with a chronic illness to be determined  
by the Township Physician \$10.00]



**SECTION 2.** Repealer

All ordinances, resolutions and all sections or provisions thereof pertaining to fees or charges for special services which are inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption thereof, in accordance with law.

The Ordinance 2087-11 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. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         | X     |        |
| Mayor Puliti | X   |     |         |        |         |       |        |

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**Budget Presentations –**

The Municipal Manager stated that the 2011 Recommended Budget has been presented to the Town Council for review and part of the budget process is for the various Department Heads to come before the Council and present their departmental budgets, after which the Council will have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the presentation. He then turned the floor to the following Department Heads.

**A. Health Department – Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer, 2011 Budget Presentation**

Ms. Chamberlain distributed copies of her 2011 Budget and Annual Health Report and advised that she would be reviewing in detail the report which highlights the Health Department’s activities, programs and mandated municipal services that are required by Township Ordinances, State Health Department and Department of Environmental Protection laws. She further advised that the Report is designed to provide the Council with basic knowledge of the various programs and activity levels taking place within the Department and proceeded with an in-depth review relative to her staff and their day-to-day function, shared services, inter-local agreements, cooperative purchases and various health

programs. A question and answer period took place relative to Ms. Chamberlain's budget presentation.

Mayor Puliti and Council thanked Ms. Chamberlain for her report.

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**B. Recreation Department – Steven Groeger, Superintendent of Recreation, 2011 Budget Presentation**

Mr. Groeger distributed copies of his 2011 Budget Report and advised that the Recreation Department consists of three separate divisions; the Recreation Division, Special Events and the Office of Aging and their primary function is to provide recreational leisure activities for all the residents of Lawrence Township through those divisions. He then proceeded with an in-depth review of the departmental function, online registration, program activities for boys and girls, camps, safety town program, social and special events programs, health screening, lectures and activity programs for seniors, grants and sponsorships, as well as, expenditures, anticipated and generated revenue that helps to offset the programmatic cost associated with the three divisions. A question and answer period took place relative to Mr. Groeger's presentation.

Mayor Puliti and Council thanked Mr. Groeger for his presentation.

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**C. Police Department – Chief Daniel Posluszny, 2011 Budget Presentation**

Chief Posluszny distributed copies of his 2011 Budget and Annual Report and advised that he would briefly be reviewing the 2009/2010 Classification of Offenses/Crime Statistics Report which is required by law and is submitted to New Jersey State Police and Federal Government (FBI), where the statistics are maintained and published yearly. He then proceeded with an in-depth review of his staff with respect to hiring, retirements, existing employees and their day-to-day departmental operations, training, ambulance and dispatch services, as well as, an extensive review of his 2011 Budget request for Council's consideration.

A short question and answer session took place relative to Chief Posluszny's presentation, after which Mayor Puliti and the Council all thanked and gave closing remarks regarding him and his staff's diligent service and the great job they do in protecting the community.

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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Krawczun submitted an invoice listing for the month of February 2011 in the amount of \$1,519,537.02.

Mr. Krawczun distributed to the Council a Top 20 Assessment Reviews/Settlements for 2011 and 2010 Tax Year Handout and a Summary Levy Cap Calculation Worksheet which he reviewed at length. Some discussion followed relative to the report.

Mr. Krawczun reported that this past Friday they had their first Pre-con Meeting for the Twin Pines Airport construction and they are anticipating that the project will take approximately 6 months once the contractor entered onto the site. Additionally, they have been informed of a possible Change Order which he stated is a positive as it will produce savings and proceeded to discuss DEP's regulations which requires a certain depth in stone for drainage purposes under the field's natural turf and advised that there is a new product out that will drain more water at a higher rate from the surface of the fields and that the product has been accepted by DEP in other locations

Mr. Krawczun stated that the process will exclude the excavation of a couple feet of earth and the back wall stone which will be a cost savings, and they estimate the savings will enable them to sod the field's verses having to seed every couple of growing seasons. So, as of now, they are waiting for information to be sent to Hopewell so they can review the product to see if it is satisfactory and whether or not they would like to move in that direction.

Mr. Krawczun reported that this past Monday Jim Parvesse, Township Engineer, Andy Link, Township Liaison and he attended a program sponsored by Mercer County through the Office of Sustainability and Economic Development and Mercer County Improvement Authority regarding solar energy and that the program will allow for municipalities to submit sites for consideration. Subsequently, their consultants and engineers will look at the sites for viability of solar energy or some combination of variations of solar products that may be available, and once the sites are determined to be eligible they will be included into a re-bid for purchasing that will be coordinated on a countywide basis. He further reported that they just received the information yesterday; but they will be submitting that list of sites very quickly so they will know all of the sites that are viable for the Grant and proceeded to discuss the intent of the ANJEC grant and why it was changed.

Mr. Krawczun stated that he distributed copies of the proposed Underage Drinking Ordinance for Council's review and if they have any question, comments or concerns to please direct it to him so he can forward it over to the Police Department for modification and get the final draft back to them as soon as possible for approval.

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**Attorney's Report –**

There was no Attorney's report.

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**Clerk's Report –**

There was no Clerk's report.

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Councilmember Mount's report:

- No Liaison Report.

Councilmember Kownacki's report:

- No Liaison Report.

Councilmember Bostock's report:

- No Liaison Report.

Mayor Puliti's report:

- No Liaison Report.

Councilmember Powers' report:

- Stated with regards to the Human Relations Committee - Diversity Day will take place on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 12 - 4:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Lawrence High School.

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**Written Communications –**

A. 2010 Year End Report of the Shade Tree Advisory Committee

Mr. Powers advised that some of the concerns presented in the Report have been addressed and proceeded to discuss some of the changes that were made.

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**Old Business –**

There was no old business.

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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.

10:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Gregory J. Puliti, Mayor