

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

June 6, 2012

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 6:30 P.M.

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

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

STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE: “Adequate notice of this meeting of the Lawrence Township Council being held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 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 Lewis, Maffei, Puliti and Mayor Kownacki.
Absent: Councilman Powers. (The Municipal Clerk advised that Mr. Powers is out of town on business.)

Also, in attendance were Richard S. Krawczun, Municipal Manager, and David M. Roskos, Municipal Attorney.

Proclamation and Honors

There were no proclamations or honors.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Manager advised that the Agenda needs to be revised to remove Ordinance (6-A), Ordinance Amending the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence to Revise Article XII, Administration, Enforcement, Violations and Penalties, due to language that needs to be added, and to add discussion of personnel matters, potential litigation and labor negotiations to the Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Puliti, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Agenda was amended to include the above revisions.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Lewis, Maffei, Puliti and Mayor Kownacki.
Nays: None.
Absent: Councilman Powers.

Public Participation

Mr. David Daniluk, 35 North Oakland Avenue, Runnemede, New Jersey, stated that he works across the street from the Municipal Building at Greenacres Country Club as the General Manager, and he would like to make a donation on behalf of Greenacres to the Lawrence Township Fireworks fund to help get the fundraising efforts off the ground and enable the Township to have the fireworks this year.

Mayor Kownacki extended a special thank you to Mr. Daniluk on behalf of the Council for the generous donation of \$1,000, and indicated that the donation would be of great assistance in helping them achieve the goal of having the fireworks this year.

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

Adoption of Minutes

There were no Minutes for adoption.

Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Kownacki read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6A: 'FEES: THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT, AND FEE CHAPTR' OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINSTRATIVE CODE – Peddler Permits."

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Ordinance will amend the Administrative Code, Chapter 6A –“Fees” that pertains to peddler permits, as it clarifies that the current fee of \$75.00 is applicable for a single individual for a background check and issuance of badge and that a fee of \$8.00 will be for each additional background check and badge for individuals that are affiliates of the same organization.

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

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Ms. Lewis	X						X
Dr. Maffei	X						
Mr. Powers				X			
Mr. Puliti	X					X	
Mayor Kownacki	X						

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 180-12 (7-A) thru 193-12 (7-N) were approved by the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Ms. Lewis	X						X
Dr. Maffei	X						
Mr. Powers				X			
Mr. Puliti	X					X	
Mayor Kownacki	X						

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

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

There were no bid awards.

Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Kownacki read by title an ordinance entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 1977-08 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN”

Ordinance No. 2124-12

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 1977-08
 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER,
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION

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 1977-08, finally adopted April 1, 2008, be and is hereby amended to add the following purposes:

General Concrete Improvements consisting of: "...accessibility improvements"

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 2124-12 was approved on the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Ms. Lewis	X						
Dr. Maffei	X					X	
Mr. Powers				X			
Mr. Puliti	X						X
Mayor Kownacki	X						

Manager's Report –

Mr. Krawczun stated during the 2013 budget discussions with the three volunteers on the Budget Committee the issue related to the lack of tax dollars from non-profits and/or tax exempted organizations was a great part of the conversation with a primary focus upon the two larger non-profits, Rider University and The Lawrenceville School, and after some consideration he would like to send out letters soliciting funds from all non-profits in Lawrence Township, not just the two largest organizations, asking for "contributions" in lieu of taxes. He then provided the Council with a list of non-profits by location and a draft copy of the letter that would be signed by them and sent out to each of the organizations and based upon the consensus of Council he would prepare the letter for distribution. A short question and comment period took place relative to Mr. Krawczun's proposal.

Mr. Krawczun reported that a Resolution was circulated by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities in opposition to Senate Bill 1914, which was the application of "user fees" being included within the 2-percent cap. He indicated that the Bill has since been adopted; however, there is an Initiative in opposition of the Bill, so if the Council is interested in doing a letter urging State Legislators to oppose "user fees" being included within the 2% Tax Levy Cap he will prepare a Resolution for the next meeting, after which he distributed copies for the Council's review and consideration.

Mr. Krawczun stated the last item of discussion is related to the 2013 budget and they are preparing for discussion at the next meeting (June 19) a list of Township owned properties that can be sold; an idea that was reviewed with three volunteers on the Budget Committee. He indicated that they have taken that list of Township owned properties and divided it into two sets; properties that can be sold to contiguous owners and parcels that can be developed. When compiled it will be forwarded to the Zoning Office for review/approval then forwarded to the Council for approval.

Attorney's Report –

There was no Attorney's report.

Clerk's Report –

There was no Clerk's report.

Written Communications –

There was no written communication.

Old Business –

There was no old business.

New Business –

A brief discussion took place relative to the merger of some of the Boards and Committees, after which it was the consensus of Council to further review the matter and bring forth at the next meeting.

A brief discussion took place relative to the Council's meeting schedule for the summer, after which it was the consensus of the Council to cancel the July 3rd and August 7th meetings, and all regularly-scheduled matters would take place on July 17th and August 21st.

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

6.48 p.m.

OPEN SESSION, re-convened

7:35 p.m.

After the Closed Session of Council in the matter of John Glenn v Lawrence Township Police Department the following resolution was presented and adopted by the vote recorded herein:

Resolution No. 194–12

Authorization for the Township of Lawrence Staff
to Process an Involuntary Disability Retirement Application

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence has employed John Glenn as a Police Officer in the Lawrence Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, John Glenn is an active member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS); and

WHEREAS, John Glenn will have accumulated nineteen years and eight months of PFRS Service Credit as of August 31, 2012, meeting the minimum service credit requirement of at least 4 years for PFRS and State Police Retirement System members; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence staff is of the opinion that John Glenn is totally and permanently disabled and no longer can perform his or her assigned duties based on the documentation supplied by the professional retained by the Township of Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence is unable to provide an alternative to the PFRS covered position with the duties capable of being performed by John Glenn; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence Mayor and Council has consented to the process of the Involuntary Disability Retirement application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the Municipal Manager of the Township of Lawrence process an Involuntary Disability Retirement application for John Glenn from the Lawrence Township Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all parties involved in the administration of this action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Involuntary Disability Retirement is subject to execution of a settlement agreement between John Glenn and the Township of Lawrence.

Resolution No. 194-12 (7-N) was approved by the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Ms. Lewis	X					X	
Dr. Maffei	X						X
Mr. Powers				X			
Mr. Puliti	X						
Mayor Kownacki	X						

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

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

7.38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

James S. Kownacki, Mayor