

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

February 18, 2014

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 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 Lewis 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, February 18, 2014, 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 Brame, Powers and Mayor Lewis.
Absent: Councilmembers Kownacki and Maffei.

Also, in attendance was Richard Krawczun, Municipal Manager and David Roskos, Municipal Attorney.

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

There were no proclamations or presentations.

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**Department Budget Presentations**

Mayor Lewis advised that this part of the Agenda will consist of Lawrence Township Municipal Court 2014 Budget presentation, after which the Council will have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the presentation. She then turned the floor to Judge Nerwinski.

**Municipal Court - Judge Kevin Nerwinski, 2014 Budget Presentation**

Judge Nerwinski greeted the Council and thanked them for the opportunity to appear before them to address the Municipal Court's budget, and advised that a copy of his proposed budget has already been submitted to the Council along with his 2014 Budget Narrative that is fairly consistent with his 2013 Budget Report. He indicated as always he is proud to serve in this community in the capacity as a judge; having been raised in Lawrence it is an honor for him to serve as a judge, and he takes the role very seriously and proceeded to discuss his main function as the Judge, which is to dispense with justice, fairness and protect the rights and the process and procedure; but, the other aspect and reality is the Court is a revenue producing department for the town so he is always conscience of that so that his decision-making does not affect his judicial decisions in any way.

Judge Nerwinski proceeded to discuss his department being understaffed and them tightening their belts like everyone else in the Township due to the economic situation and doing the best they can do with the staff they have and he can tell the Council that he is immensely proud of the staff as they do an excellent job. He then went on to explain how last week his building had no power, no heat and most of the Courts in Mercer County were closed and his staff came in to find 50 people waiting to be helped, as it was the day the Spanish interpreter was in, and his staff stayed open and served the public and he could not be more proud of the amazing work his staff does; but, the reality of the matter is they are severely understaffed and based on their caseload they should be at 7.23 employees and they only have 4.5 current employees...but as always they will plow through it.

Judge Nerwinski continued to discuss some of the ramifications his office is experiencing due to the staff shortage - such as shorter lunches, no lunches or breaks, cases taking longer than usual to process, his staff working on the weekends to keep up with the heavy workload but not being compensated overtime and him wanting in the near future to discuss a resolution to the problem. He then provided a brief synopsis of his 2014 Budget Report for Council's review and consideration regarding his Department's function, staff shortage, increase in revenue and their workload mainly due to the substantial increase in summonses issued by the Police Department and his highly qualified staff commitment to providing the best services possible without sacrifice for criminal, domestic and motor vehicle violations offenses for those who visit the Court, despite the staff shortage.

A short discussion and comment period took place relative to Judge Nerwinski's presentation, the status of the Red-Light camera and whether or not the new Ordinance regarding first time offenders has been a helpful tool to the Court, after which Mayor Lewis and the Council thanked Judge Nerwinski for the wonderful job he and his staff do for Lawrence Township with less employees.

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Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

There was no public participation.

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Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Manager requested that the Agenda be amended to table Resolution (17-D) – Authorizing Transfer of Unexpended 2013 Snow Removal Appropriation to the Snow Removal Trust Account; Resolution (17-E) – Authorizing Transfer of 2013 Current Fund Appropriations and Resolution (17-G) – Authorizing Amending the 2014 Temporary Budget due to the lack of required voting membership and remove Resolution (17-K) - Closed Session of Council, not needed.

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

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Brame, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 18, 2013 were approved without correction.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brame, Powers and Mayor Lewis.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Councilmembers Kownacki and Maffei.

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Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

There was no award of bids.

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Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled, "SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2014-2016."

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Ordinance authorizes salaries and associated employee benefits for the period 2014-2016 for Lawrence Township Unclassified/Non-Union employees and discussed some of the terms ratified in the contracts which were reviewed in detail at the February 4, 2014 Council Meeting.

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

| COUNCIL      | AYE | NAY | PRESENT | ABSENT | ABSTAIN | MOVE | SECOND |
|--------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| Mr. Brame    | X   |     |         |        |         |      | X      |
| Mr. Kownacki |     |     |         | X      |         |      |        |
| Dr. Maffei   |     |     |         | X      |         |      |        |
| Mr. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         | X    |        |
| Mayor Lewis  | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE TO ADDRESS SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CENTERS."

Mr. Krawczun stated that the Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the Lawrence Township Land Use Ordinance to create definitions for the following: Behavioral Health Care Facilities, Health Care Facilities, Medical Clinics, Office – Medical and Research and Development, Residential Medical Detoxification Centers and Urgent Care Centers. In addition, the amendment will rename the "Limited Industrial 1 (I-1) District" to "Mixed Use 2 (MX2) District", and the "mixed district" will add as a conditional use residential detoxification centers and behavioral health care facilities; a matter that has been very controversial but is necessary to meet the changes in needs in the community and reflect the differences in society as time evolves. For example: the amendment that was previously adopted to permit the combination of convenience stores and gas stations that had not been seen before but is a regular occurrence.

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

| COUNCIL | AYE | NAY | PRESENT | ABSENT | ABSTAIN | MOVE | SECOND |
|--------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| Mr. Brame | X | | | | | | X |
| Mr. Kownacki | | | | X | | | |
| Dr. Maffei | | | | X | | | |
| Mr. Powers | X | | | | | X | |
| Mayor Lewis | X | | | | | | |

Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ON MERCER MALL PROPERTY AND CONNECTING TO MORRELL ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY."

Ordinance No. 2171-14

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ON MERCER MALL PROPERTY AND CONNECTING TO MORRELL ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, by Agreement of Right-of-way, dated September 11, 1980 (the "ROW Agreement"), recorded in Deed Block 2176, Page 569, Mercer Mall Property Group, LP granted to Yorkshire Village, LLC (as successor to Lawrence Windsor Associates), the right to construct a roadway across the portion of the Mercer Mall property described in a legal description included as part of the ROW Agreement and identified as the First Easement Area in the ROW Agreement (the "First Easement Area"); and

WHEREAS, by Amendment to Drainage Agreement and Supplemental Access Agreement, dated November 1, 1995, recorded in Deed Book 3033, Page 235 (the "First Amendment"), by and between Yorkshire Village, LLC and Mercer Mall Property Group, LP, the parties amended the ROW Agreement by, among things, limiting vehicular access through the Frist Easement Area to emergency access only; and

WHEREAS, the emergency access was contemplated to run across a designated area on the Mercer Mall property between Morrell Road and an area identified in the ROW Agreement as the "Second Easement Area", then across Block 5201, Lot 35, out to Route 1; and

WHEREAS, Morrell Road has since been dedicated by Yorkshire Village, LLC to Lawrence Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a request to amend the First Easement Area, as defined in the ROW Agreement, to a blanket easement across portions of the Mercer Mall property in lieu of the metes and bounds description referenced in the ROW Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township notified Yorkshire Village, LLC and Yorkshire Village Master Association, Inc., as to this proposed Second Amendment to the ROW Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence has determined that the public interest will be best served by amending this portion of said easement area and amending the public rights in and to such easement area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT OBTAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that:

- I. That the Township, as successor to Yorkshire Village, LLC, as to the ownership of Morrell Road, desires to amend the First Easement Area to provide a blanket emergency access easement across paved portions of Block 5201, Lots 32 and 45 (as such areas may be modified from time to time by owner(s) of such lots), between Morrell Road and the Second Easement Area (which is located on Block 5201, Lot 35), in lieu of a metes and bounds description referenced in the ROW Agreement.
- II. Any and all public rights the ROW Agreement are hereby amended, released and extinguished as particularly described in that certain Second Amendment to right of Way Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Second Amendment").
- III. To effectuate such amendment, the Township of Lawrence is hereby authorized to execute the Second Amendment and deliver it to Federal Realty Investment Trust to record with the Mercer County Clerk.

Repealer

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

Severability

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Notification

Immediately upon adoption of this ordinance, the Municipal Clerk shall file a copy of this ordinance with the Mercer County Clerk as required by law.

Effective Date

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

Ordinance 2171-14 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

| COUNCIL | AYE | NAY | PRESENT | ABSENT | ABSTAIN | MOVE | SECOND |
|--------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| Mr. Brame | X | | | | | | X |
| Mr. Kownacki | | | | X | | | |
| Dr. Maffei | | | | X | | | |
| Mr. Powers | X | | | | | X | |
| Mayor Lewis | X | | | | | | |

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Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE, RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH ANY OR ALL DEDICATION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS IN OR TO CERTAIN PORTIONS OF BAYLESS DRIVE BETWEEN MILLERICK AVENUE AND PILLA AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Ordinance No. 2172-14

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE, RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL DEDICATION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS IN OR TO CERTAIN PORTIONS OF BAYLESS DRIVE BETWEEN MILLERICK AVENUE AND PILLA AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, there exists a certain tax map page number 24, whereon is shown a paper street named Bayless Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a request to vacate this right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Township notified all abutting property owners of the intention of said vacation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer notified all utility companies and Township departments of the intention of said vacation and received no comments; and

WHEREAS, the Township, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b), expressly reserves and excepts from vacation all rights and privileges which may be possessed by a public utility or any cable television company in the right-of-way to be vacated; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence has determined that the public interest will be best served by vacating this portion of said roadway releasing and extinguishing the public rights in and to such vacation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that:

- I. Any and all public rights be and the same are hereby vacated, released and extinguished in and to all or any portion of Bayless Drive between Millerick Avenue and Pilla Avenue, particularly described in Section II of this Ordinance.
  - II. The tract of land within the rights of the public in and to the aforesaid are hereby vacated, released and extinguished, is more particularly described in "Metes and Bounds Description for Bayless Drive Vacation between Millerick Avenue and Pilla Avenue to be vacated by Lawrence Township Mercer County, New Jersey". Description prepared by Van Cleef Engineering Associates, Daniel A. Nagy, PLS, #27513, dated December 30, 2013 and attached hereto as Schedule "A".
- III. The tract of land to be conveyed to Lot 8 in Block 2404 is more particularly described in "Metes and Bounds Description of Vacated Portion of Bayless Drive to be vacated by Lawrence Township, Mercer County, New Jersey and conveyed to Lot 8 in Block 2404". Description prepared by Van Cleef Engineering Associates, Daniel A. Nagy, PLS, #27513, dated December 30, 2013 and attached hereto as Schedule "B".
- IV. The tract of land to be conveyed to Lot 9 in Block 2402 is more particularly described in "Metes and Bounds Description of Vacated Portion of Bayless Drive to be vacated by Lawrence Township, Mercer County, New Jersey and conveyed to Lot 9 in Block 2402". Description prepared by Van Cleef Engineering Associates, Daniel A. Nagy, PLS, #27513, dated December 30, 2013 and attached hereto as Schedule "C".
- V. The tract of land to be conveyed to Lot 8 in Block 2402 is more particularly described in "Metes and Bounds Description of Vacated Portion of Bayless Drive to be vacated by Lawrence Township, Mercer County, New Jersey and conveyed to Lot 8 in Block 2402". Description prepared by Van Cleef Engineering Associates, Daniel A. Nagy, PLS, #27513, dated December 30, 2013 and attached hereto as Schedule "D".



- VI. The tract of land to be conveyed to Lot 9 in Block 2404 is more particularly described in "Metes and Bounds Description of Vacated Portion of Bayless Drive to be vacated by Lawrence Township, Mercer County, New Jersey and conveyed to Lot 9 in Block 2404". Description prepared by Van Cleef Engineering Associates, Daniel A. Nagy, PLS, #27513, dated December 30, 2013 and attached hereto as Schedule "E".

**Repealer**

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

Severability

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Notification

Immediately upon adoption of this ordinance, the Municipal Clerk shall file a copy of this ordinance with the Mercer County Clerk as required by law.

Effective Date

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

Ordinance 2172-14 was adopted on the following roll call vote:

| COUNCIL      | AYE | NAY | PRESENT | ABSENT | ABSTAIN | MOVE | SECOND |
|--------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| Mr. Brame    | X   |     |         |        |         |      | X      |
| Mr. Kownacki |     |     |         | X      |         |      |        |
| Dr. Maffei   |     |     |         | X      |         |      |        |
| Mr. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         | X    |        |
| Mayor Lewis  | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Krawczun submitted invoice listings for the month of February 2014 in the amount of \$1,328,415.26.

Mr. Krawczun stated one of the questions asked is does Lawrence Township have enough salt to sustain them after all the storms? So, he directed the question to Mr. Whitehead, Director of Public Works, and was advised that they have enough salt for one more storm, mainly, because of the Public Works Department approach over the last three storms has been to salt the main and/or emergency access roads and the parking lots of the firehouses, police station and the municipal building because of the 24-hour a day operation of the police department and first aid emergency medical services; an approach that has allowed the department to maintain an inventory of salt. He further reported that they have about 700-tons of salt on order and they were promised by the company that supplies the salt that they would get some level of delivery as they have an ample supply; nonetheless, they do have some problems in getting the trucks to deliver the supply because of the docks being backed up and slowing everything down, limitations on when the salt can be delivered to a facility because of closures and the number of drivers and how many hours the drivers can actually perform.

Mr. Krawczun proceeded to discuss the 26-hundred tons used over the winter of 2013/2014, the cost totaling \$143,000 not including the 700-tons on order, the Township doubling their average usage of 12-hundred tons per year and Mr. Whitehead being confident that they have enough salt and can survive another storm. He stated Mr. Whitehead further advised that his crew is now concentrating on cleaning out the drains due to the warming, quick thaw and rain forecast for this week to ensure safe drainage and starting next week they will reinstitute brush collection as they understand there is a lot of brush and the frustration amongst residents...so as long as the weather permits and it is proper and safe they will pick up every zone, two zones at a time depending on the weather conditions.

Mr. Krawczun updated the Council on the Pit Stop Gas Station located on Route 206 in the Eldridge Park area. He indicated the Remedial Investigation Report is going through some final revisions and the review is going through Berger Engineering, the Environmental Contactor doing the work on behalf of NJDEP, and they expect a final report by March and once that Remediation Report is finalized it will then allow DEP to make determinations as to what courses of action may be necessary, as there may be no courses of actions required or there may be something extensive but there is no way of predicting that until the report is completed.

Mayor Lewis and Council commended the Public Works Department on the great job they have done maintaining the roadways during the snowstorms. Thereafter, some dialogue ensued relative to the Pit Stop and a suggestion that was made about doing a mural on the outside of the building. (Mr. Krawczun advised that the matter is being taken care of by a family member of the owner.)

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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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**Old Business –**

There was no old business.

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**New Business –**

Mayor Lewis stated because there is a need to adopt some Resolutions prior to the next meeting and there may be a scheduling conflict amongst the Council would it be legal to approve the Resolutions telephonically and was advised by Mr. Roskos that the Township has to comply with the Open Public Meetings Act, therefore, it is his recommendation that they have an emergent meeting to adopt the resolutions.

The Municipal Clerk further advised that it has to be done by speaker phone and Mr. Roskos clarified the Clerk's response by stating "yes" people can participate telephonically but the Council must still hold an open public meeting so that people from the public can listen to what is taking place. After a brief discussion, Mayor Lewis asked Ms. Norcia to check with the other members of Council not present to see the earliest date they are available to meet so that they can Notice the meeting date as quickly as possible. Further dialogue took place relative to the matter and the existing members decided that February 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. would be a suitable date for their schedules with the 27<sup>th</sup> as an alternate date.

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**Public Participation (3-minute limitation per speaker) –**

Mr. Richard Martinetti, 15 Abelia Court, Society Hill of Lawrenceville, wants to add a statement to the Administrative Code Ordinance 1534-98, which concerns dogs and stated he is not requesting any change to Article II- Section 4-3, as it exists, he is just asking that a statement be added to the Ordinance and the statement would read as follow:

*“Pet owners walking their pets on sidewalks and walkways must control their pets to ensure the animal does not come into physical contact with pedestrians on the sidewalks and walkways”.*

Mr. Martinetti stated he does not know how to go about the process of getting the statement included in the Ordinance other than coming before Council, after which Mayor Lewis asked if he had copies of the language he would like to be included in the ordinance and if any incident precipitated the proposal and he advised that he and his wife are retired and they walk around the neighborhood a lot, especially, in the afternoons and virtually every week he has to yield to somebody on the sidewalk because they cannot control their dog, and he not interested in stopping people from walking on the sidewalk with their dog he just wants to make sure that when they are both walking on the sidewalk together he does not want the animal to come into physical contact with him.

After some discussion relative to the matter being referred the Health Advisory Board for review and consideration, Mayor Lewis asked Mr. Martinetti to leave a copy of the language along with his contact information with the Municipal Clerk.

There being no further comments, Mayor Lewis closed Public Participation.

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**Resolutions**

Resolution Nos. 95-14 (17-A) thru 104-14 (17-K) were approved with the exception of Resolutions (17-D), (17-E), (17-G) and (17-K) by the following roll call vote:

| COUNCIL      | AYE | NAY | PRESENT | ABSENT | ABSTAIN | MOVE | SECOND |
|--------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| Mr. Brame    | X   |     |         |        |         | X    |        |
| Mr. Kownacki | X   |     |         | X      |         |      |        |
| Dr. Maffei   |     |     |         | X      |         |      |        |
| Mr. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         |      | X      |
| Mayor Lewis  | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

Cited Resolutions are spread in their entirety in the Resolution Books of the Township of Lawrence.

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Councilmember Brame’s report:

- Stated he attended the Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting last week and expanded into Steve Groeger’s, Superintendent of

Recreation, presentation to Council as he discussed in more detail some options for reducing cost and expenditures and expanding participation in revenues and he came up with some clever ideas for the committee to consider and at their next meeting they will be getting into more specificity about the proposed programs. Furthermore, he would like to add a couple of new programs and enhance existing programs in a way that could maximize great efficiency; so, he thinks he is on the right track and it is really encouraging to see that this department is not only managing with less but is proposing ways to maximize with less.

Councilmember Maffei's report:

- No Report - Absent.

Councilmember Powers' report:

- Stated that he knows one of the Mayor's January initiatives was to hear from the Advisory Committees and they do have a copy of the Shade Tree Advisory Committee Report; a very active group that is very involved in the Planning Board Review Process in terms of writing input to the Planning Board. So, he thinks it is good reading for the Council to know what the Committee is doing and Carmen has provided a good report on that.
- Advised that Pam Pruitt will be the keynote speaker for the Diversity Day event this year, and each year they pick a different keynote speaker at the event. Unfortunately, there is a conflict with the Main Street Jubilee as both of their events are scheduled for May 4; and, because Ms. Pruitt is not available the week before and the week after is Mother's Day so they are not able to change the date. So, for the record the Human Relations Committee did make an attempt to reschedule the event, but unfortunately the keynote speaker is only available the 4<sup>th</sup> to do Diversity Day.

Councilman Kownacki's report:

- No Report - Absent.

Mayor Lewis' report:

- Reported that they had a very good presentation from the Princeton Chamber of Commerce at their last Growth & Redevelopment Committee meeting. They also discussed when they would like to appear before Council to make a report on their initiatives for the year and they would like to do that at that the second meeting in

September before the Growth & Redevelopment Awards so they can talk a little bit about the ceremony. She further announced how pleased the Growth & Redevelopment Committee members are to see all the new businesses coming to town, particularly, in the Mercer Mall and reminded the Council to ask their Boards about a what event or time they would like to appear before Council to discuss their initiatives for the year.

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**Written Communications –**

A. 2013 Annual Report from the Shade Tree Advisory Committee –

Mayor Lewis discussed the Shade Tree Report as it relates to the need to look at street trees and the impact it has when they have to take down the trees, and she knows they do not necessarily have control over the clearing of the trees being PSE&G often cut and trim trees to clear the lines, which is equally important; but, she thinks it is great that the Committee pointed the matter out to the Council so that they can attempt to look at the issue and she knows that they talked a lot about the efforts they have made with the Planning Board to make sure they are taking those things into consideration; so, she thanks them for their work and the report. And, they may have a desire at some point to come before the Council to continue their discussion or to make a more in-depth report later in the year as there might be more storms.

A short discussion followed relative to the Shade Tree Planting Program being accomplished with grant money and the Council extended kudos to Mr. Krawczun and a big thank you to Andy Link, Township Planner, for his work in writing the grant proposal and their joint effort in acquiring the monies to get the trees planted. Mr. Powers further advised that the Human Relations Committee will try to schedule their presentation to Council sometime in April before Diversity Day, which is May 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Cathleen M. Lewis, Mayor