

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

March 17, 2015

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 6:30 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 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, March 17, 2015, 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, Kownacki, Maffei, Powers and Mayor Lewis.
Absent: None.

Also in attendance were Municipal Manager Richard Krawczun, and Township Attorney Roskos.

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

There were no Special Proclamations, Recognitions or Presentations.

Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

There was no public participation.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

Mayor Lewis advised of revised agenda regarding Resolution No. 119-15-(9-B) for reconstruction and repairs of 43 Voscek Court. The contractor withdrew the bid.

Resolution No. 119-15-(9-B) was withdrawn. On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Brame, the Agenda was amended to include the above revisions.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Brame, the Minutes of the Closed Session of March 3, 2015 were approved on the following roll call vote:

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

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

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

Resolution No. 118-15

WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 12, 2015, bids were received and publically opened for the rehabilitation of 355 Eggert Crossing Road; and

WHEREAS, five (5) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Neumann Construction that submitted a bid in the amount of \$13,900.00 to perform the tasks required in the rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:50-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the accounts to be charged are G-02-40-995-299 (2012 2012 Affordable Unit Rehab. Grant); and

WHEREAS, Neumann Construction has performed satisfactorily;

WHEREAS, the owner of 355 Eggert Crossing Road has been deemed eligible to participate in the rehabilitation program;

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 Manager, the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk hereby authorize the acceptance of the bid and the execution of a contract with Neumann Construction, 429 David Street, South Amboy NJ 08879 in the amount of \$13,900.00 for the purpose of rehabilitating 355 Eggert Crossing Road;

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:

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

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

Resolution No. 120-15

WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 12, 2015, bids were received and publically opened for the rehabilitation of 173 Carter Road; and

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Paulsen Remodeling that submitted a bid in the amount of \$19,467.26 to perform the tasks required in the rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:50-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the accounts to be charged are G-02-41-021-299 (2013 Affordable Unit Rehabilitation Grant) \$4,597.27 and G-02-41-048-299 (2014 Housing Rehabilitation Grant) \$14,869.99; and

WHEREAS, Paulsen Remodeling has performed satisfactorily;

WHEREAS, the owner of 173 Carter Road has been deemed eligible to participate in the rehabilitation program;

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 Manager, the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk hereby authorize the acceptance of the bid and the execution of a contract with Paulsen Remodeling, 828 Somerset Drive, Toms River NJ 08753 in the amount of \$19,467.26 for the purpose of rehabilitating 173 Carter Road;

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:

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

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

Resolution No. 121-15

WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 12, 2015, bids were received and publically opened for the rehabilitation of 2218 Brunswick Pike; and

WHEREAS, five (5) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was ANPE Corporation that submitted a bid in the amount of \$24,850.00 to perform the tasks required in the rehabilitation; 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 G-02-41-048-299 (2014 Lawrence Township Affordable Unit Rehabilitation); and

WHEREAS, ANPE Corporation has performed satisfactorily;

WHEREAS, the owner of 2218 Brunswick Pike has been deemed eligible to participate in the rehabilitation program;

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 Manager, the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk hereby authorize the acceptance of the bid and the execution of a contract with ANPE Corporation, 25 Sandra Lane, Wayne NJ 07470 in the amount of \$24,850.00 for the purpose of rehabilitating 2218 Brunswick Pike;

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:

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 asked for comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Lewis asked for comments from Council. Mr. Krawczun stated that the RFP for tennis instruction was for exploring different options. Previously, the Township had been providing tennis instruction. On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Brame, the following resolution was presented for adoption:

Resolution No. 126-15

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2015, RFPs were received for Youth Tennis Lessons Spring and Summer 2015; and

WHEREAS, one (1) proposal was received from Princeton Tennis Program, 92 Washington Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 and was reviewed by the Township Manager and the Director of Recreation; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposal it was determined that the required documents were not submitted with the proposal package and, therefore, the proposal is being rejected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby rejecting the RFP for Youth Tennis Lessons Spring and Summer 2015 to Princeton Tennis Program, 92 Washington Road, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 due to an incomplete proposal package.

Same was carried 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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Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled; "ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER."

Mr. Krawczun stated that this ordinance authorizes the establishment of an appropriation CAP bank. The municipal budget law permits a governing body to adopt a CAP bank ordinance up to 3.5% in order to retain authorization to increase appropriations in the current budget year or either of the two subsequent budget years. The CAP rate for 2015 is 1.5%. The statute of limitations appropriation increases to 2.5% or the Cost of Living Adjustment, whichever is less. The additional authorization does not impact the current tax rate or require actual cash reserve; it is simply retained authority for future use. Mr. Krawczun also said that this was an increase in authority, but there was no money to be deposited.

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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Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Lewis read by title an ordinance entitled: "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,697,325 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,431,325 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

Mr. Krawzcun stated that the local bond law requires the municipality to provide for no less than 5% of the amount of debt to be authorized. In this ordinance there is an excess of 5% with the amount of cash down being \$266,000. The reason for the extra cash is it reduces the amount of money that we would have to borrow, and to hedge against future rate increases while relieving short term debt.

Ordinance No. 2211-15

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,697,325 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,431,325 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Lawrence, New Jersey as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$ 1,697,325 and the aggregate sum of \$266,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,431,325 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefore, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

| Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Appropriation & Estimated Cost | Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes | Period or Average Period of Usefulness |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| A. Purchase of various Public Works equipment consisting of: Single Axle Dump Truck with Plow and Spreader, 45' Telescopic Aerial Truck, Composting Equipment                                                                                                                                          | 370,000                        | 351,500                                    | 5                                      |
| B. Improvements of Municipal Buildings consisting of: Police and Court Building Door Lock System with Software Upgrades, Village Park and Veteran's Park Entry Doors, Senior Center Replace Restroom, Repairs, Flooring and Carpet, Community Center Entrance Improvements, DPW Exhaust Extract System | 275,500                        | 261,725                                    | 15                                     |
| C. Acquisition of fire/rescue equipment consisting of: Slackwood Fire Company SCBA Air Packs and Tanks, Lawrenceville Fire Company SCBAs, Lawrence Road Fire Company SCBA Face Pieces, Lawrence Road Fire Company Turn-out Gear                                                                        | 107,225                        | 101,863.75                                 | 5                                      |
| D. Acquisition of Fire Apparatus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 308,000                        | 292,600                                    | 10                                     |
| E. Acquisition of various communications equipment consisting of: EMS Mobile and Portable Radios, Slackwood                                                                                                                                                                                            | 59,000                         | 40,311.25                                  | 10                                     |



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| and Lawrence Road Fire Company Pagers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |           |       |
| F. Acquisition of various computer and office equipment consisting of: Miscellaneous Computer/Software Upgrades and Replacements, Police Computers/Software, Monitors, Improvements to EOC, EMS Computers/Software, EMS Toughbook Computers and Software and Health Inspector Software | 174,100   | 0         | 5     |
| G. Various park and recreational facility improvements consisting of: Twin Pines Field Lights                                                                                                                                                                                          | 306,500   | 291,175   | 15    |
| H. Acquisition of various public safety equipment consisting of: Police Pick-up Truck, Police Enclosed Box Trailer, Public Health Department SUV, Animal Control Trailer with Emergency Generator                                                                                      | 97,000    | 92,150    | 5     |
| TOTAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,697,325 | 1,431,325 | 10.03 |

All of the improvements listed herein include all work and material necessary therefore or incidental thereto. The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefore, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the

description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements that may be lawfully undertaken as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law is 10.03 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,431,325 obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$25,500 items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purposes of improvements.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from

time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 9. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 10. This 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 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 started by saying he had met with residents of Colonial Lake Park along with the Manager of Engineering, and Manager of Public Works in regards to the planning of upgrades and improvements to the Park. The improvements will take place over the summer including fence replacement. Concerns that the residents raised included maintenance. Mr. Krawczun stated that there will be a second meeting conducted in October to share ideas the residents may have, and any activity that may occur that can be addressed.

Mr. Krawczun imparted that the Greater Eldridge Park Neighborhood Association will be honoring Health Officer Carol Chamberlain on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. She is receiving the “Women of Excellence” Award presented by GEPNA.

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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 –**

Mr. Krawczun imparted that the Open House scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am will now start at 10:00am and end at 2:00pm. Drafting of a Press Release will be created today and will be published shortly. Township Police will be in attendance, along with the Fire Companies. The Public Works Department will have vehicles to display and will be available for touching and climbing, and all Municipal offices will be open to the public.

Mayor Lewis commented that HomeFront's Open House is scheduled for the same day as the Township's Open House. Mayor Lewis stated that fliers will be made available at the Township's Open House to alert the public to the Open House at Homefront. There will also be fliers at Homefront to alert residents of the Open House at the Township.

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

There was no public participation.

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Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 110-15(18-A) thru 129-15(18-O) with the exception of 123-15(18-K) and 123A-15(18-M) was approved by 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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

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Resolution No. 123-15(18-K) was approved 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		
Mayor Lewis	X						

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

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Resolution No. 123A-15(18-M) was approved 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       |      |        |
| Mayor Lewis  | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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

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**Introduction of the 2015 Municipal Budget**

Mayor Lewis announced that the Budget for 2015 provides a stable tax rate with no increases over 2014's budget. With respect to the multiple presentations made by Department Heads, a majority of the requests made are contained within the new budget. The Mayor commented that this is a prudently planned budget without increasing the tax burden of the residents.

Mr. Krawczun commented that all should be commended as the budget allows for surplus to be returned which had been used during the “Great Recession” of previous years.

The Introduction of the 2015 Municipal Budget recommended by the Municipal Manager was approved 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |
| Mayor Lewis  | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Mayor Lewis started by saying she had a great meeting with Growth and Development, they are looking to invite some businesses to address the committee. There are some proposals they would like to present. They will come to the Council and present in May. They were also invited to the Open House in April.

Councilmember Powers stated that the Human Relations Department will be participating in the April 11<sup>th</sup> Open House at the Township. They are also participating in Diversity Day at the High School.

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**Written Communications –**

There were no written communications.

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There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Cathleen M. Lewis, Mayor