

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

December 6, 2016

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

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

At the commencement of the meeting Mayor Maffei 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, December 6, 2016 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 Kownacki, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Maffei.  
Absent: Councilman Bobbitt.

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

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Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

There were no proclamations or presentations.

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Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

*Mr. David Boggs, 23 Lawrencia Drive*, greeted the Council and thanked them for their diligent service to the Township and advised that he is the Director of the Boggs Barrett Soccer Camp which has been active in Lawrence for the past 17 years and that he would like to read a letter addressed to members of Council regarding a decision that was made by the Township Council that has affected the Camp and their use of the Village Park. Further, his business partner, P.J. Barrett, could not be present this evening due to a family commitment. He then read the following letter into record:

Boggs Barrett Soccer Camp  
23 Lawrencia Drive  
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

November 17, 2016

Dear Council,

*We are writing to ask town council to reconsider a decision made in regards to the use of Village Park township fields for summer of 2017. As teachers in Lawrence Township and former coaches, we have a vested interest in the growth and development of the Lawrence children. For this reason, we have been running the Boggs-Barrett Soccer Camp for the last 17 years at Village Park Fields, in Lawrence. Since inception 17 years ago, we have had over 2,300 campers attend the camp; the majority has been Lawrence Township children. In addition, Boggs-Barrett camp has donated free weeks of camp to Lawrence Township Education Foundation to help raise money in support of Lawrence Township Schools. Boggs-Barrett camp also donated free weeks of camp to the Parent Teacher Organizations of 5 township schools to help them fundraise for students' needs. Outside of the school arena, Boggs-Barrett has supported the Lawrence Township Recreational Department sponsoring teams in the recreation soccer program as well.*

*Boggs-Barret camp staff is all educators and experiences coaches, many of whom work for Lawrence Township Public Schools, The camp provides opportunities for Lawrence High School students to work as Junior counselors to gain valuable experience working with youth and give back to their community. Several have come back to work as senior counselors and have gone on to become teachers and coaches themselves. Many of these students were Boggs-Barrett campers.*

*The mission at Boggs-Barrett Soccer Camp is to provide quality soccer instruction for children in a safe and fun filled environment. We strive to meet the individual needs of each camper and instill a love for the game. Our knowledgeable and friendly staff share passion of the sport and are devoted to providing a competitive, but positive learning experience for children 5-15 years of age. The staff encourages a lifetime of physical activity through the wonderful game of soccer. Throughout the past 17 years, the Boggs-Barrett Soccer Camp has strived to keep costs down to maintain an affordable rate for all residents of Lawrence Township's community. Using the Village Park fields has helped keep those rates affordable, while also allowing residents the convenience of participating in a camp that is close in proximity to their homes.*

*We at the Boggs Barrett Soccer Camp are asking that you allow us to continue to provide an amazing experience for Lawrence Township residents next summer of 2017 by allowing us to rent the Village Park Soccer fields to run our camp.*

*Sincerely,*

*David Boggs & P.J. Barrett  
Boggs Barrett Soccer Camp Directors  
boggsbarrett@comcast.net*

After reading of the letter, Mr. Boggs advised that a Petition was put online at 1:00 p.m. today and since then they have received 248 signatures with many wonderful comments. He then proceeded to read a few of the comments and indicated if the Council so desires he could share the link as the list of comments goes on and on.

Mayor Maffei stated that the Council has been very liberal with the use of the fields as they have granted the use of the fields to many organizations over the years and asked Mr. Boggs who rejected his organization's use of the fields. Mr. Boggs replied that he spoke with Nancy Bergen, Superintendent of Recreation, who advised that they are no longer allowing his organization the use of the fields in the summer. Mayor Maffei advised that Ms. Bergen is a new employee with the Township and he knows there has been some discussion relative to the damage to the fields and many of the fields have been made feral in order to take care of the damage and asked if they were a non-profit organization. Mr. Boggs replied that they are a for-profit organization and was advised by Mayor Maffei that organizations for-profit must get approval from Council for the use of the fields and that is the reason Ms. Bergen rejected their request as the Council does not normally approve the use to for-profit organizations given the trouble they are presently having with worn fields.

Mr. Boggs advised that they have been renting the fields from Lawrence Township for 17 years so he is trying to understand what has changed since then. Mayor Maffei explained 17 years ago there were plenty of fields to play on and they have added some new fields but a lot of the existing fields are worn and in need of repair and during construction the Lawrence Township educational system had the use of Township fields in lieu of their own fields. Mr. Boggs questioned which fields as he was a coach at Lawrence High School for 15 years and the High School has had the use of Zimmer Field since 1994 and proceeded to discuss additional fields that have been added for use such as the ones at the Twin Pines Airport and the fields at the Armory that the Township has had the use of for the past six or seven years.

Councilwoman Lewis stated the matter related to the use of the fields was discussed last year and asked Mr. Boggs when he was notified of the change. Mr. Boggs advised that he was notified of the change last year. Ms. Lewis explained that the change stemmed from extensive conversations amongst the Council regarding complaints they received about the over usage and damage to the fields which led to the decision to make the change to put Lawrence residents' programs first. She further advised that she has seen the Petition he spoke of online and one of the things that concerns her is what percentage of the participants are Lawrence residents and stated the Council would love to have the fields opened to everyone. But, they have to make sure that the fields are in good working order for the Township's recreation programs and the school programs before they approve other organizations.

Mr. Boggs advised that he has been working with children in Lawrence Township for 24 years and he has coached four or five travel teams, four recreation teams so when he was informed by the Recreation Department no outside vendors are going to be able to use the fields he put outsider in "quotes" because he has certainly been an insider in Lawrence Township for the past 24 years of his life. Ms. Lewis stated that he has a wonderful program and no one is arguing that point but at the present time they have a lot of Township needs regarding the use of the fields and that was the deciding factor. Mr. Boggs thanked the Council for their time and asked that they reconsider the matter and take into account the points he presented this evening.

*Mr. Brian Moog, Winthrop Road*, inquired if there were other organizations wanting to rent the fields because if the Boggs-Barrett organization is paying money to rent the fields it is a good thing as the money could be used to enhance the fields. Mr. Krawczun advised that there are no other for-profit entities looking to use the fields at the present time and in fairness the Boggs-Barrett Soccer Program has paid rent for the use of the fields as a commercial entity; but, the difficulty is the Soccer Program in Lawrence Recreation Department has drawn a lot of participants and there has been new programming with Lacrosse so there is more of a demand on fields, and a lot of the sports programming such as baseball and football are no longer seasonal and continued to discuss the high demands for field usage and field conditions raised by other sport organizations who provide athletic opportunity for recreation and competitive programming as well as balancing the usage and maintenance of the fields. Additional

dialogue took place relative to generated revenue versus the cost of maintaining the fields.

*Ms. Daisy Ponting, 709 Bunker Hill Avenue,* advised that she is present in support of Dave Boggs and the Boggs-Barrett Camp and asked if there were any forms or something the organization could do to get approval from Council to continue the use of the fields. Mr. Krawczun replied that there are forms but the policy that was discussed last year was to eliminate commercial activity. Ms. Ponting asked if this decision excludes all for profit groups from using the fields. Mr. Krawczun replied yes...but it would not preclude organizations that might be from out of town to apply for a Field Use Permit and pay the fees. The intent is to limit the use of the fields as much as possible. Ms. Ponting continued to discuss the benefits of the camp with respect to the involvement of teachers as coaches, creation of summer jobs, the program being a great feeder for middle and high school students' growth and the overall program being great for the community and questioned if an exception could be made for the Boggs-Barrett Camp or is the decision final and they need to look elsewhere for a summer camp.

*Ms. Cecelia Carey, 35 Lawrenceville-Pennington Road,* advised that she is present this evening in support of the Boggs-Barrett Camp and that the Camp is for two weeks, five days a week in mid-July for one half day.

*Ms. Rebecca Carey, 35 Lawrenceville-Pennington Road,* asked if the decision concerning the nonuse of the fields for for-profits organizations is permanent or a temporary arrangement to allow time for the grass to grow on the fields and suggested maybe they could work in shifts by letting organizations use part of the fields while working to repair other parts of the fields that are not in use, switching up the athletic use of the fields between soccer and lacrosse camps and some of the paying organizations possibly helping with the maintenance of the fields.

Mr. Boggs indicated that the Township has established four new soccer fields at Twin Pines Airport over the last several years, a brand new turf field and an Athletic Director who is on the Recreation Advisory Committee and is very willing to work with Township Council and the residents of the community to allow use and they do not have to worry about grass use whatsoever on that end. They also have at least one field at Village Park that is always rested every year and suggested that the Recreation Department consider not resting it and allowing play to go on then there will be less play and wear and tear on those existing fields and proceeded to discuss their program not starting until April and Lawrence Hamnetts doing a great job in using The Lawrenceville Prep School fields when the fields are too wet as well as their do diligence in protecting the fields. He reiterated their cause and asked again if the Council would reconsider its decision with regards to prohibiting the field usages for for-profit organizations. Additional discussion took place relative to the Boggs-Barrett Camp asking Lawrence School District or other organizations about the rental of their fields and Village Park being the ideal site to serve the needs of the program.

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### Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Manager asked that Resolution (18GG) – Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Econsult Solutions for Consultant Services for Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, be added to agenda.

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

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Kownacki, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Maffei.  
Nays: Councilmember Bobbitt.

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### Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Minutes of Closed Session Meetings of **November 1, 2016** were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of **October 4, 2016** and **November 1, 2016** were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bobbitt, Kownacki, Lewis, Power and Mayor Maffei.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Bobbitt.

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of **October 28, 2016** were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Kownacki, Lewis and Mayor Maffei.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Bobbitt.  
Abstain: Councilmember Powers.

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#### Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

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

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-A), Authorizing Awarding Construction Contract to Rich Tree Services for Removal of Ash Trees and Stumps/Roots, was presented for adoption.

#### Resolution No. 418-16

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Ash Tree Hazard Mitigation Project – Phase 2**; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the tree are being removed from the following roads: Province Line Road and Dix Lane; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Rich Tree Service, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$15,300.00, 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 6-01-20-190-299 (Ash Tree Hazard Mitigation/Replacement Program); 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 Principal Planner, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Rich Tree Service, Inc., 325 Bergen Street, South Plainfield NJ 07080 in the amount of \$15,300.00; and

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 Kownacki, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Maffei.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Bobbitt.

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

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-B), Authorizing Awarding Contract to Golden Crown Contractors, Inc. for the Rehabilitation of 1319 Colts Circle, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 419-16

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Home Improvement Program – 1319 Colts Circle**; and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Golden Crown Contractors, Inc., who submitted a bid in the amount of \$4,565.00, 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 Housing Rehabilitation Grant); 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 Principal Planner, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Golden Crown Contractors, Inc. 1099 South Broad Street, Yardville NJ 08620 in the amount of \$4,565.00; and

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 Kownacki, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Maffei.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Bobbitt.

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

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-C), Authorizing Amending Construction Contract for Roof Replacement & Masonry Repairs at the Department of Public Works – Change Order #1, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 422-16

WHEREAS, a bid was awarded to Strober-Wright Roofing, Inc. for a project known as the **Roof Replacement & Masonry Repairs at Public Works** in the amount of \$384,900.00, as outlined in Resolution No. 336-16 and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to amend this contract in the amount of \$533.19, resulting in a new contract amount of \$385,433.19, said increase allowed by statute without re-bid; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 reflects a supplemental item required during construction; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged for the additional increase is C-04-55-410-230 (Ordinance 2228-16 – Various Capital Improvements/Improvements Municipal Building);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an amended agreement with Strober-Wright Roofing, Inc., 1483 Route 179, Lambertville NJ 08530 for a revised amount not to exceed \$385,433.19 and availability of funds has been certified for said amount.
2. Notice of this resolution shall be published in The Trentonian as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-D), Authorizing the Awarding of Bid for the Ash Tree Hazard Mitigation Project – Phase 3 to Mazza Mulch, Inc., was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 435–16

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 21, 2016 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Ash Tree Hazard Mitigation Project – Phase 3**; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the trees are being removed from the following roads: Morrell Road, Canal View Drive, Flannigan Street, Vacarro Road, Baker Street, Tamar Court, Mink Court, Anthony Lane, Dayna Lane, Bergen Street and Province Line Road; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Mazza Mulch, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$11,764.00, 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 6-01-20-190-299 (Ash Tree Hazard Mitigation/Replacement Program); 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 Principal Planner, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Mazza Mulch, Inc., 3230A Shafto Road, Tinton Falls NJ 07753 in the amount of \$11,764.00; and

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 Kownacki, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Maffei.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Bobbitt.

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

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-E), Authorizing the Awarding of Bid for Ash Tree Replacement Planting – Phase I to Sussman Enterprises, Inc., was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 436–16

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Ash Tree Replacement Planting – Phase 1**; and

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

WHEREAS, the trees are being planted on the following roads: Morrell Road, Canal View Drive, Flannigan Street, Baker Street, Tamar Court, Mink Court, Anthony Lane and Dayna Lane, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Sussman Enterprises, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$16,430.00, 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 6-01-20-190-299 (Ash Tree Hazard Mitigation/Replacement Program); 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 Principal Planner, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Sussman Enterprises, Inc., 29 Sailfish Drive, Brigantine NJ 08203 in the amount of \$16,430.00; and

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 Kownacki, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Maffei.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Bobbitt.

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

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-F), Authorizing the Awarding of Bid No. 16-26 On-Line Data Processing to Vital Communications, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 437 -16

**WHEREAS**, on November 29, 2016, bids were received for Bid No. 16-15, On-Line Data Processing Assessor/Collector; and

**WHEREAS**, one bid was received and reviewed by the Township Manager and the responsible bidder is Vital Communications, 900 South Broad Street, Trenton NJ 08611 who submitted a bid in the total amount of \$133,104.00 for a three year period, including sewer billing, (\$43,929 for 2017, \$43,929 for 2018 and \$45,246 for 2019); with the option to renew for a second and third year. Additional extra billing options include: Assessment Post Cards \$.20 each plus postage/Tax Bill Forms \$.46 each/Post Tax Year Forms \$.30 each; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the accounts to be charged are 7-01-20-150-207 and 7-01-20-145-207 for 2017 (Tax Assessor & Collector OE), 8-01-20-150-207 and 8-01-20-145-207 for 2018 (Tax Assessor & Collector OE), and 9-01-20-150-207 and 9-01-20-145-207 for 2019 (Tax Assessor & Collector OE); and

**WHEREAS**, the award of said contract is contingent upon the appropriation of funds in the municipal budgets for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019;

**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 authorized to award Bid 16-26, On-Line Data Processing Assessor/Collector to Vital Communications, Trenton New Jersey for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 with the option to renew for two additional one year periods and said award is contingent upon the appropriation of funds in the municipal budget for said years.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-G), Authorizing the Awarding of Bid No. 16-28 – Leasing Carson Roads Woods for Farming to Cherry Grove Farm, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 443-16

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2016, bids were received for Bid No. 16-28, Leasing Carson Road Woods for Farming; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received and reviewed by the Municipal Manager and the responsible bidder is Cherry Grove Farm, 3200 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey who submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,000 for a five year period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the lease is to be paid by Cherry Grove Farm to the Township Manager's Office in five equal installments due not later than these dates:

- January 15, 2017
- January 15, 2018
- January 15, 2019
- January 15, 2020
- January 15, 2021

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 authorized to award Bid No. 16-28, Leasing Carson Road Woods for Farming in the amount of \$1,000 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-H), Authorizing the Awarding of Bid for 2016 Tree Removal to Mazza Mulch, Inc., was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 444-16

WHEREAS, on Thursday, December 1, 2016 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as the **2016 Tree Removal**; and

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

WHEREAS, the trees to be removed from the following roads: Van Kirk Road; Cold Soil Road; Eggert Crossing Road; Darrah Lane; Whitmarsh Drive; Hoover Avenue; Pine Street and Lake Drive; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Mazza Mulch, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$14,852.00, 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 6-01-26-290-299 (Streets and Roads); 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 Mazza Mulch, Inc., 3230A Shafto Road, Tinton Falls NJ 07753 in the amount of \$14,852.00; and

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 Kownacki, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Maffei.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Bobbitt.

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Introduction of Ordinances

There was no introduction of ordinances.

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Adoption of Ordinances

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

Ordinance No. 2249-16

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

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

Section 1. Article II – Stopping, Standing and Parking

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

(5) Special Vehicle Parking (Handicapped)

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

- a. 64 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Pike and Valley Forge Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet on Valley Forge Avenue on the south side of 1894 Brunswick Pike.
- b. 138 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Pike and Pear Street (N/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 766 Pear Street.
- c. 340 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Rt. 206 (Lawrence Road) and Fairfield Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 81 Fairfield Avenue.

- d. 285 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 55 Myrtle Avenue.
- e. 180 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Hopewell Avenue and Slack Avenue (S/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 115 Slack Avenue.
- [f. 155 feet southbound from the prolonged curb line of the driveway belonging to West Gate apartments (S/W corner) on Princeton Pike for a distance of 22 feet in front of 2099 Princeton Pike.]
- g. 263 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 57 Myrtle Avenue
- [h. 570 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Lanning Avenue and Princeton Avenue for a distance of 22 feet in front of 933 Lanning Avenue.]
- [i. 335 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Slack Avenue and Princeton Pike (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 135 Slack Avenue.]
- [j. 370 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Lawrence Road and Titus Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 14 Titus Avenue.]
- k. 204 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Ohio Avenue and Puritan Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 716 Puritan Avenue
- l. 324 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 51 Myrtle Avenue
- m. 141 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Slack Avenue and Princeton Pike (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 143 Slack Avenue
- n. 54 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Puritan Avenue and Brunswick Pike, for a distance of 22 feet

- o. 518 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Lanning Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 944 Lanning Avenue
- [p. 548 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Lanning Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 950 Lanning Avenue]

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

Section 3. Severability.

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

Section 4. Repealer.

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

Section 5. Effective Date.

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

Deletions [ ]

Ordinance 2249-16 was approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE TO RENUMBER SECTIONS 423 THROUGH 430, ADD A NEW SECTION 423, REVISE SECTION 520 AND THE ZONING MAP"

Ordinance No. 2250-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE TO RENUMBER SECTIONS  
423 THROUGH 430, ADD A NEW SECTION 423,  
REVISE SECTION 520 AND THE ZONING MAP

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, a municipal corporation in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, finds that the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community shall be promoted by the revision and amendment of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township to renumber the latter part of Article IV, add a new Section 423 entitled, Mixed Use 3 District, revise Section 520, entitled Performance Standards for All Use; and revise the Zoning Map.

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board of the Township of Lawrence has adopted a Master Plan that comprehensively provides for the appropriate use, regulation and development of lands in the Township in a manner which will promote the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Land Use Law at *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62a* requires substantial consistency of the provisions regulating zoning and land use with the adopted Master Plan; however, a governing body may adopt a zoning ordinance or zoning map wholly or partly inconsistent with such land use plan element provided that the reasons for so doing are set forth in a resolution and recorded in its minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board has determined that the revisions and amendments to the Land Use Ordinance are consistent with the Office Industrial Land Use Classification in said Master Plan, represent sound land use regulation and therefore favorably recommends to the Township Council that the regulations pertaining to Sections 300, 301, 423 and 520 be so amended; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance involves a classification change of the land pertaining to the new Mixed Use 3 District that was not included in a periodic reexamination of the Master Plan pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89* and consequently notice to property owners has been made in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62.1*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence that the Land Use Ordinance be hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Renumbering. In every instance where the number §423 occurs in the Land Use Ordinance it shall be replaced by §424, number §424 shall be replaced by §425, number §425 shall be replaced by §426, number §426 shall be replaced by §427, number §427 replaced by §428, number §428 shall be replaced by §429, number §429 shall be replaced by §430, and number §430 shall be replaced by §431.

**Section 2.** §423, Mixed Use 3 (MX-3) District, shall be added to the Land Use Ordinance as follows:

§ 423 Mixed Use 3 (MX-3) District.

- A. Purpose. The Mixed Use 3 (MX-3) district is intended for a wide variety of uses that include, light manufacturing and assembly with associated distribution of products, flex space, offices including medical offices, recreational and leisure uses, and similar uses.
- B. Permitted Uses. In the MX-3 district, no lot shall be used and no structure shall be erected, altered or occupied for any purpose except the following:
1. Offices, including medical offices.
  2. Call center.
  3. Light manufacturing, including beverage manufacturing.
  4. Wholesale sales, distribution center and warehouses.
  5. Printing establishments.
  6. Combined office and manufacturing or distribution uses in a single building or tenant space.
  7. Indoor and outdoor recreation and leisure activities.
  8. Research and engineering offices and labs.
  9. Construction supply houses.
  10. Governmental use.
- C. Accessory Uses Permitted. Any of the following accessory uses may be permitted when used in conjunction with a principal use:
1. Incidental sale of goods manufactured or assembled on the premises provided such selling area shall not exceed 5% of the total floor area of the building.
  2. Display showrooms not exceeding fifteen percent (15%) of the total floor area of the building.
  3. Tasting rooms, ancillary food sales and product sales for breweries, wineries and distilleries as permitted by State of New Jersey licensing laws and regulations.
  4. Off-street parking.
  5. Fences and walls.

6. Signs.
  7. Garages, storage buildings and tool sheds.
  8. Restaurant or employee cafeteria as part of a principal building or as the entire use of an accessory building, provided the cafeteria is limited in service to the employees and visitors of the principal use designated on the site plan as approved by the board of jurisdiction.
  9. Satellite dish and television antennae.
  10. Walk-up automatic banking tellers.
  11. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a principal use.
- D. Conditional Uses Permitted. The following accessory use may be permitted when authorized as a conditional use by the Planning Board in accordance with §705:
1. Outdoor Storage. Materials used in the manufacture or assembly of products, finished product and equipment may be stored outside behind the front building line provided that such storage shall meet the following requirements:
    - a. The location of the outdoor storage shall be approved by the board of jurisdiction and delineated on a site plan;
    - b. Outdoor storage shall be located in a side or rear yard behind the front building line;
    - c. Outdoor storage shall not occupy more than fifty percent (50%) of the total area of the side and rear yards;
    - d. The height of outdoor storage shall not exceed twelve (12) feet; and
    - e. The outdoor storage shall be located on the interior side of a fully opaque fence.
    - f. No waste products shall be stored outside except in a fully enclosed container approved by the board of jurisdiction and delineated on a site plan.
- E. Area, Yard, Height and Building Coverage. Except as otherwise modified, the following bulk standards shall apply to all lots:
1. Principal Use.
    - a. Minimum lot area: 5 acres
    - b. Minimum lot frontage: 400 feet
    - c. Minimum lot width: 400 feet
    - d. Minimum lot depth: 400 feet

- e. Minimum front yard: 75 feet
- f. Minimum side yard: 50 feet
- g. Minimum rear yard: 50 feet
- h. Maximum building height: 45 feet or 3 stories, whichever is less
- i. Maximum impervious surface ratio: .75
- j. Maximum floor area ratio: .30
- k. Minimum parking and loading area setbacks.

- (1) No loading shall be permitted in a front yard except such yard as abuts a limited access highway.

- (2) Front yard setback: 35 feet

- (3) Side and rear yard setback: 25 feet

2. Accessory Buildings and Uses. The following regulations shall apply to accessory buildings and uses:

- a. No accessory building or use shall be located in a front yard except such yard as abuts a limited access highway.
- b. Minimum side yard: 35 feet
- c. Minimum rear yard: 35 feet
- d. Minimum separation distance to other building: 25 feet
- e. Maximum height: Half the height of the principal use to which it relates.

**Section 3.** §520, Performance Standards for All Uses, shall be revised to read as follows:

§520 Performance Standards for All Uses

An applicant for a zoning or construction permit shall provide documentation that the intended use will comply with the performance standards enumerated below. In the case of a structure being built where the future use is not known, a construction permit may be issued with the condition that no certificate of occupancy will be issued until such time as this documentation is submitted with respect to the particular occupant. A change in the occupancy or use of a building or portion of a building or premises for a non-residential use shall cause the zoning permit to expire, requiring the application and issuance of a new zoning permit for such new or changed use and occupancy and consequently require the application for and issuance of a certificate of occupancy or

certificate of continuing occupancy, as the case may be, from the Construction Code Official. See Article XII.

**Section 4.** §535.X, shall be revised to read as follows:

X. Signs Permitted in the O, RD-1, RD-2, MX-2, MX-3, and LI Districts.

**Section 5.** The Schedule of Zoning Districts as listed in §300 shall be revised to insert Mixed Use 3 and its zoning symbol, MX-3, after Mixed Use 2 and the Zoning Map as adopted through §301 of the Land Use Ordinance shall be revised to place Block 3901, Lots 1, 2.01, 2.02, 4.01, 20, 21, 22, 23.01 and 23.02; and their associated roadways in the Mixed Use 3 zoning district.

**Section 6.** Continuation. In all other respects, the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence shall remain unchanged.

**Section 7.** Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Land Use Ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof.

**Section 8.** Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

**Section 9.** Enactment. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the filing thereof with the Mercer County Planning Board after final passage, adoption, and publication by the Township Clerk of the Township of Lawrence in the manner prescribed by law.

Ordinance 2250-16 was approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE TO REVISE SECTIONS 201, 400 AND 428 TO ADD HOME AGRICULTURE"

Ordinance No. 2251-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE TO REVISE  
SECTIONS 201, 400 AND 428 TO ADD HOME AGRICULTURE

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, a municipal corporation in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, finds that the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community shall be promoted by the revision and amendment of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township pertaining to Section 201 entitled Definitions, Section 400 entitled General Regulations and Permitted Modifications, and Section 428, entitled Additional Requirements for Residential Uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board of the Township of Lawrence has adopted a Master Plan that comprehensively provides for the appropriate use, regulation and development of lands in the Township in a manner which will promote the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Land Use Law at *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62a* requires substantial consistency of the provisions regulating zoning and land use with the adopted Master Plan; however, a governing body may adopt a zoning ordinance or zoning map wholly or partly inconsistent with such land use plan element provided that the reasons for so doing are set forth in a resolution and recorded in its minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board has determined that the revisions and amendments to the Land Use Ordinance are not inconsistent with the Master Plan since it is silent with regard to the land use issues governing home agriculture, represent sound land use regulation and therefore favorably recommends to the Township Council that the regulations pertaining to Sections 201, 400 and 428 be so amended; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance does not involve a classification or boundary change requiring public notice to property owners under *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62.1*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence that the Land Use Ordinance be hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** §201, Definitions, shall be revised to add a definition of Home Agriculture as follows:

HOME AGRICULTURE – The production for household use or consumption of plants, fruit, honey, eggs and chickens, but not to include animal breeding or the slaughtering of chickens.

**Section 2.** §400.H, Accessory Buildings, shall be revised to amend subparagraph -3, Distance between adjacent buildings, to read as follows:

3. Distance between adjacent buildings. The minimum distance between an accessory building and any other building(s) on the same lot shall be as prescribed in Article IV except that no poultry or livestock shelter shall be erected closer than 100 feet to any dwelling or lot line, except when part of a home agriculture use.

**Section 3.** §428, Additional Requirements for Residential Uses, shall be revised to re-letter paragraph –H, Home Occupation, as letter “I”; paragraph –I, Off-Street Parking and Private Garages, as letter “J”; paragraph –J, Outdoor Recreational Facilities, letter “K”; paragraph –K, Parking of Trucks and Buses in Residential Zones, letter “L”; paragraph –L, Recreational Vehicle Storage, letter “M” which shall replace existing reserved paragraph –M.

**Section 4.** §428, Additional Requirements for Residential Uses, shall be revised to add paragraph H, Home Agriculture, as follows:

H. Home Agriculture. In any residential district or on any residentially used parcel where an agricultural use is otherwise not permitted, home agriculture shall be permitted as an accessory use in accordance with the provisions in this subsection. In the event the occupant or occupants hold only a leasehold right to the use of the property, the lessee shall obtain written permission of the lessor prior to commencing home agriculture.

1. Home agriculture activities shall be confined to side or rear yards, except that chicken raising and keeping shall be confined to the rear yard, only.
2. Home agriculture activities shall not interfere with lot drainage swales and septic fields.
3. The following requirements shall pertain to the raising and keeping of chickens:
  - a. Prior to the raising and keeping of chickens, the occupant shall obtain a zoning permit. The Zoning Officer shall have the right of periodic entry upon the premises for determining compliance with these regulations.

- b. The number of chickens permitted on the premises shall be limited by the size of the residential lot as indicated in the following table:

No. of Chickens	Minimum Lot Size
2	5,000 sf.
3	10,000 sf.
4	15,000 sf.
5	30,000 sf.
6	40,000 sf.

No chickens shall be permitted on a lot of less than 5,000 sf.

- c. All chickens kept on residential lots shall be hens. In the event that un-sexed hatchings or fertilized eggs are male, such chicken shall be removed from the premises before they turn 3 months of age or first begin crowing, whichever occurs first. Failure to remove such chicken shall be grounds for the revocation of the zoning permit and removal of all chickens from the premises.
- d. All chickens shall be housed and maintained in a humane manner and in accordance with good agricultural practice. The premises shall be kept in a clean and sanitary manner at all times. Each chicken raising and keeping area shall be free from vermin and rodent infestation. The Animal Control Officer and Health Officer shall have the right of entry to determine compliance with these regulations.
- e. Chickens shall be sheltered in a chicken coop that has a minimum square footage of 6 sf. and 2 sf. per chicken, whichever is greater in size. No chicken coop shall exceed the floor area size limitation for tool sheds in §428.O. The chicken coop shall be fully enclosed. The chicken coop shall not be taller than 6 feet above the ground surface. Chicken coops shall comply with the accessory structure setbacks from the zoning district, but in no event shall the setback be less than 10 feet from any property line or habitable structure on the same lot or 30 feet from a habitable structure on an adjacent lot. Chicken coops shall be kept in good repair, have waterproof roofs and walls, be adequately lighted by natural or artificial means, and be ventilated.
- f. A fenced chicken run of up to 6 feet in height that meets the same setback standards for the chicken coop shall be permitted. Chicken runs shall be a minimum size of 100 sf. and a maximum size of 400 sf.

**Section 5.** Continuation. In all other respects, the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence shall remain unchanged.

**Section 6.** Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Land Use Ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof.

**Section 7.** Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

**Section 8.** Enactment. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the filing thereof with the Mercer County Planning Board after final passage, adoption, and publication by the Township Clerk of the Township of Lawrence in the manner prescribed by law.

Ordinance 2251-16 was approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, "SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – UNCLASSIFIED AND/EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2017"

Ordinance No. 2252-16

SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2017

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section I. Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be recited as "The Salary Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence – Unclassified and/or Exempt, Seasonal, Emergency (non-union) Employees for 2017."

Section II. Salaried Employees

The attached list of salaried positions and job titles, Schedule A and Schedule B, are hereby authorized and assigned the appropriate salary ranges for 2017 and are determined by date of hire as an employee of Lawrence Township.

This ordinance will continue the Township’s consistent policy of providing comparable fringe benefits to exempt employees during their active service as that provided to Supervisors, CWA Local 1032, through their collective bargaining agreement. The Township will still maintain the flexibility of granting retiree benefits to exempt employees hired after January 1, 2011. Accordingly, employees covered by this ordinance that are eligible for health and/or prescription benefits shall contribute to the cost of the said health benefit premium for medical and prescription coverage as required by law, specifically Chapter 78, P.L. 2011. All employees hired on or after January 1, 2014 shall contribute based upon the year four rates specified by said law and to be made an Appendix to a successor Agreement.

Section III. Part-Time or Seasonal Employees

The following part-time or seasonal positions and job titles are hereby authorized and assigned the following pay maximums commencing January 1, 2017:

| Position of Job Title        | Basis      | 2017                                                     |
|------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Armed Court Attendant        | Hourly     | \$24.56                                                  |
| Emergency Medical Technician | Hourly     | \$21.74                                                  |
| Firefighter                  | Hourly     | \$17.81                                                  |
| Laborer (Seasonal)           | Hourly     | \$11.17                                                  |
| Life Guard                   | Hourly     | Federal Minimum Wage up to \$15.26                       |
| Recreation Aid               | Hourly     | Federal Minimum Wage up to \$35.75                       |
| Position of Job Title        | Basis      | 2017                                                     |
| Recycling Coordinator        | Per Annum  | \$4,162                                                  |
| Fire Crew Coordinator        | Per Annum  | \$4,162                                                  |
| School Traffic Guard         | Hourly     | \$17.07                                                  |
| Secretary/Board & Committee  | Per Annum* | \$1,800.00                                               |
| Tax Search Officer           | Per Annum  | \$11,336.00                                              |
| Zoning Officer               | Per Annum  | \$5,273.00                                               |
| Municipal Court Attendee     | Hourly     | \$22.03                                                  |
| Park Attendant               | Hourly     | 15.26                                                    |
| All Others                   | Hourly     | Federal Minimum Wage up to Step1 In Applicable Job Title |

\* Denotes title paid monthly. All other titles bi-weekly.

Section IV. Eligibility

The ranges in Section II of this ordinance shall pertain to individuals employed by the Township of Lawrence on or after the effective date of this ordinance.

Section V. Longevity

A. Each employee hired before January 1, 2013 and covered by this agreement shall in addition to his/her regular wages and benefits, be paid longevity based upon years of service as of December 31, 2013 with the Township in accordance with the following amounts. Said amounts to be paid to an employee shall not be adjusted beyond the longevity amount being received by an eligible employee as of December 31, 2013. Longevity shall be pensionable and included as part of the employee's regular pay. Any employee hired on or after January 1, 2014 shall not be eligible to receive longevity pay at any time in the future.

Length of Service

|                                                     |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Beginning in year 8 through year 11                 | \$ 800  |
| Beginning the 12 <sup>th</sup> year through year 15 | \$1,100 |
| Beginning the 16 <sup>th</sup> year through year 19 | \$1,400 |
| Beginning the 20 <sup>th</sup> year through year 23 | \$1,700 |
| Beginning the 24 <sup>th</sup> year through year 27 | \$2,000 |
| Beginning the 28 <sup>th</sup> year and beyond      | \$2,300 |

Section VI. Other Personnel and Working Conditions

All other functions, responsibilities and rights not specifically enumerated in prior sections of this ordinance shall be judged to be within the province of management, subject only to the laws, rules and regulations of the New Jersey Department of Personnel, the provisions contained in applicable agreements (if any) or policy manuals, and by the issuance of Administrative Directives by the Municipal Manager.

Section VII. Repealer

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances adopted prior to the date of this ordinance that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed insofar as they relate to or concern the job classifications, salaries and benefits listed in this ordinance.

Section VIII. 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 IX. Effective Date

- A. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption.
- B. All salary or compensation provided for and by this ordinance shall be effective the first day of January.

Additions are underlined \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance 2252-16 was approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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**Manager’s Report –**

Mr. Krawczun submitted invoice listings for the month of December 2016 in the amount of \$1,553,273.50.

A. Certificate of Determination and Award – No Discussion

Mr. Krawczun advised that the Township was awarded a rating increase by Moody’s Investors an A2 up from an A3. The upgrade in their report indicates that it reflects the Township’s large tax base, strong wealth indicators and healthy financial position including improved reserves for the Township’s operations and low long-term debt program. The improvements in the Township’s ratings will be reflected in future borrowing laws.

Mr. Krawczun reported that the Administration had an opportunity to meet with the provider for collection of organic waste. They presently have 184 participants and the specification of the bid was for 300 participants when the program first kicked off, but the provider was willing to do the program with a reduced number of participants as they have had some difficulties with the program which they are trying to work out with the provider. At the same time they were awarded a grant from Sustainable Jersey to offset some of the the cost of the program for the first year and they are now in the process of trying to get the grant amended to allow any remaining funds to be used to offset the cost of the program for current participants as well as a small portion of the proceeds to be used for advertising to get the word out again on the Organic Waste Recycling Program.

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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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**Unfinished Business –**

There was no unfinished business.

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**New Business –**

Mayor Maffei advised that it is time for appointments to the Boards and Committees and asked the consensus of the Council as to when they would like to start the interview process. After a brief discussion relative to the statutory board appointments, the Municipal Clerk stated that all of the incumbents have indicated that they are interested in reappointment so there are no vacancies but she would resend the Council the list of openings for 2017. Additional discussion took place relative to the Municipal Clerk scheduling the Planning and Zoning Board interviews for one of the meetings in January.

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

There was no public participation.

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**Resolutions**

Resolution Nos. 405-16 (18-A) through 447-16(18-GG) with the exception of Resolution Nos. 410-16 (18F) and Resolution 421-16 (18-O) was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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Mr. Krawczun stated he is pleased to announce the re-appointment of longtime employee, Susan McCloskey, as Municipal Tax Collector who has done a great job since taking on the position with her first appointment after the retirement of the former Tax Collector, and indicated the Tax Collector’s Office has had repeatedly high collection rates, organized Tax Sales that could sometimes be a very complexed matter and navigated litigation that has come up with matters of old tax liens and delinquencies. So it gives him great pleasure to present the following Resolution to Council for approval.

Resolution No. 410-16 (Appointment of Municipal Tax Collector)) was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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Mr. Krawczun stated he is also pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Carabelli as the new Deputy Tax Assessor and that she has been employed by Lawrence Township since 2016 and has shown progress in a very short order. She passed her exam as Certified Tax Assessor on the very first try and based on the Tax Assessor’s assessment he gives her nothing but high accolades regarding her work, professionalism and the professional manner in which she deals with the public. So, again it gives him great pleasure to present the following Resolution to Council for approval.

Resolution No. 421-16 (Appointment of Deputy Tax Assessor)) was approved by the following roll call vote:

| COUNCIL      | AYE | NAY | PRESENT | ABSENT | ABSTAIN | MOVE | SECOND |
|--------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| Mr. Bobbitt  |     |     |         | X      |         |      |        |
| Mr. Kownacki | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |
| Ms. Lewis    | X   |     |         |        |         |      | X      |
| Mr. Powers   | X   |     |         |        |         | X    |        |
| Mayor Maffei | 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 –**

Ms. Lewis reported that the Colonel Hand March is officially part of the Patriot Groups program and that last year they included some sites and became a heritage partner with the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage so they are now part of the event and in the program as well. She further reported that the Colonel Hand March is scheduled for January 7, 2017 and encouraged everyone to attend as the Township is getting additional recognition and thanked everyone who worked on the partnership as it is a great asset to the community.

The Municipal Clerk advised that the National Parks Crossroads of America Revolution Passport Stamp is available in the Municipal Clerk’s Office for anyone interested.

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**Written Communications –**

There was no written communication.

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There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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David C. Maffei, Mayor