

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

June 21, 2016

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance, led by the Deputy 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, June 21, 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 Bobbitt, Lewis, Powers and Mayor Maffei.  
Absent: Councilmember Kownacki.

Also in attendance were Municipal Manager Richard Krawczun and Jennifer Cordes sitting in for Township Attorney David Roskos.

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Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

There were no special Proclamations, Recognitions or Presentations.

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Public Participation (5-minute limitation per speaker)

*Judith Brickman of 7 Roseberry Court* is a Realtor who came to discuss vacant, neglected and foreclosed homes in the Township; properties that have not being maintained and have overgrown lawns, landscaping and are just unsightly. She compiled a list of the neglected properties, and requested that the Township contact the banks who own the properties or homeowners so that they can be better maintained.

Ms. Brickman mentioned an Ordinance passed by Ewing Township that requires vacant properties to be maintained. She gave a copy of her list to Mr. Krawczun.

Ms. Brickman then thanked Councilmember Powers and Mayor Maffei for attending the Lawrence Township League of Women Voters dinner which took place the previous week.

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*David Goodman, 29 Duffield Place, Princeton, NJ* is a Team Leader for Represent.Us New Jersey. He came to the meeting to urge Council to pass an Anti-Corruption Resolution in an effort to increase transparency and disclosure of political funding. Mr. Goodman discussed other towns within Mercer and Middlesex counties that have passed similar Resolutions.

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#### Review and Revisions of Agenda

Councilmember Lewis requested adding Resolution Nos. 262-16 (18-CC), 262A-16 (18-DD), and 263-16 (18-EE) to the agenda. There was also a request for adding discussion of the sale of Municipal property to the Executive Session 260-16 (18-AA).

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

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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#### Adoption of Minutes

There was no Adoption of Minutes.

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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.

Mr. Krawczun explained that the Bid authorizes George Dapper, Inc., to provide school bus transportation services for various summer Recreation Department programs.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, the following Resolution was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 232-16

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2016, quotes were received for RFP #6, Summer School Bus Transportation; and

WHEREAS, two (2) RFPs were received and reviewed by the Township Manager and the lowest responsible bidder is George Dapper, Inc., 265 Whitehead Road, Trenton, New Jersey, who submitted a quote in the amount of \$8,162.60 with a per hour cost of \$74.00 for unknown trip destinations due to weather related or emergency cancellations; 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 is 6-01-28-370-235 (Recreation OE);

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 RFP #6, Summer School Bus Transportation, to George Dapper, Inc. in the amount of \$8,162.60 and \$74.00 per hour if necessary.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bobbitt, Lewis, and Mayor Maffei.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmember Kownacki.

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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.

Mr. Krawczun stated the bid is for motor coach transportation services for travel camps being provided through the Recreation Department.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, the following Resolution was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 233-16

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2016, three (3) quotes were received for RFP #7, Motorcoach Transportation; and

WHEREAS, four RFPs were received and reviewed by the Township Manager and the lowest responsible bidder is A-1 Limousine, 2 Emmons Drive, Princeton, New Jersey, who submitted a quote with a total maximum amount of \$14,279.95 with optional \$120.00 per hour price for additional buses when needed due to weather related or emergency cancellations; 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 is 6-01-28-370-235 (Recreation OE);

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 RFP #7, Motorcoach Transportation, to A-1 Limousine in the amount of \$14,279.95 and optional per hour price of \$120.00.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bobbitt, Lewis, and Mayor Maffei.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilmember Kownacki.

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Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Maffei read by title, an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2241-16 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE-UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2014-2016."

Mr. Krawczun stated the amendment would affect the non-classified or exempt seasonal employees. The Ordinance adds the position of part-time Park Attendant for the Township's parks on evenings and weekends. It also adds a Clerk position and adjusts the salary grade for Court Administrator.

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

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

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Adoption of Ordinances

There was no adoption of Ordinances.

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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Krawczun submitted invoice listings for the month of June 2016 in the amount of \$1,536,180.25.

Mr. Krawczun discussed a topic brought up a few meetings ago regarding amending the Township's Ordinance related to peddling and soliciting. He distributed Council a document prepared by the Township Attorney of a proposed revision to the Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance for Council to review and consider.

Mr. Krawczun then talked about standards and procedures for keeping live chickens in the Township. Lawrence Township's current Land Use Ordinance restricts where a shelter or chicken coop can be placed on a private property. Mr. Krawczun stated that it is a challenge to residents who want to raise chickens. He then distributed information to Council compiled by the Municipal Engineer which summarized standards adopted by nearby Municipalities for keeping live chickens. He requested of Council to review the information, so that there can be discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Krawczun then brought up an issue which is usually a concern for the Engineering Department and the Zoning and Planning Board, but he felt it is a matter in which Council should be alerted to because it will affect traffic patterns at the Municipal Complex. It regards an application that had been submitted to the Township for proposed townhomes situated on the practice range portion of the Green Acres Country Club and Golf Course. Mr. Krawczun distributed a map submitted by the builder, Lennar Homes, which also shows changes to the driveway at the Municipal Complex. The current exit would be closed, and a new exit would be installed. Traffic from the Complex would exit onto West Long Drive, a traffic light would then be installed on Lawrence Road (Route 206) which would align with West Long Drive, and a new entrance for the Country Club.

Mr. Krawczun then discussed a proposed handicapped accessible playground which is a very expensive project, estimated at over \$500,000 to complete because it would be a playground in which handicapped children would have access to it.

Originally, Mr. Krawczun was not receptive to the proposed playground because of its high cost, but after meeting a middle school student who was in a wheelchair, and because of mobility issues and lack of access, he was unable to greet the child properly.

This made him realize that there is a need for such a playground in the Township. He discussed costs and stated that he will be looking at the proposal again, conduct meetings with the School Board, and the County to come up with funding to ensure that a handicapped accessible playground will come to fruition.

Mr. Krawczun mentioned that National Night Out is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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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 –**

There was no New Business.

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

There was no Public Participation.

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Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 234-16(18-A) through 263-16(18-EE) were approved by the following roll call vote:

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Bobbitt	X						X
Mr. Kownacki				X			
Ms. Lewis	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 –**

Mr. Bobbitt explained that the Environmental Resources Committee, along with the Student Advisory Committee and the Township has submitted an application for Sustainable New Jersey so that the Township can become certified.

Ms. Lewis imparted that the Fireworks display will take place at Rider University of Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Powers mentioned the Candlelight Vigil which took place at the Township honoring the 49 victims of the Orlando Pulse Nightclub shooting. He said it was very touching, and he thanked the organizers.

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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 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Tonya D. Carter, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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David C. Maffei, Mayor