

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

June 18, 2019

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

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

At the commencement of the meeting Mayor Bobbitt 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 18, 2019, 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." Said Notice was forwarded to The Trentonian, The Times and The Princeton Packet on December 19, 2018.

The roll was then called as follows:

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

Also in attendance were Kevin Nerwinski, Esq., Municipal Manager and David Roskos, Esq., Municipal Attorney.

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Mayor Bobbitt stated it is an honor and a privilege to present the following Proclamation in memoriam of Laura Wooten who served as a Poll Worker for 79 years. He then invited Ms. Wooten's family up to the podium and read the following Proclamation on behalf of Council into record:

Proclamation

WHEREAS, democratic service is essential to the well-being of not only our community; but, to the Country and all of society; and

WHEREAS, democratic service presents itself in a variety of avenues to meet the needs of our Township, and cannot be measured in terms of monetary value, and

WHEREAS, those individuals who perform these services for the good of all should be recognized for their unselfish contributions to the citizens of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Laura Wooten who overcame racism and sexism all the while embodying the ideals of democracy in action; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wooten was an Election Poll Worker for 79 consecutive years and holds the distinction of being the longest serving poll worker in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy described Laura as "one of the great moral leaders of our State and Nation, promoting voting rights and democracy year after year"; and

WHEREAS, during the November election in 2018, while working the Polls at Lawrence Road Fire Company, she was interviewed by NBC News during which she stated "democracy is just a beautiful, beautiful thing"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wooten faithfully served as a Poll Worker in Lawrence Township for 30 of those 79 years; and

WHEREAS, it should also be noted that at the time of her passing at the age of 98 she was employed as a food service worker at Princeton University having begun her tenure at the age of 72 after employment at the Princeton Medical Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it pays homage to Laura Wooten and the virtues she embodied and that it be done during Primary Election Month as a fitting tribute to her unwavering dedication to the election process of her community and to the United States.

Ms. Wooten's granddaughter accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the family and thanked the Mayor and Council for the honor. She indicated her grandmother known as "g-mac" was not your ordinary 98 year old grandmother as they can tell and that the day after her grandmother's little brother (90 years old) passed away she missed her ride to her polling place but after some thought she decided she had not missed a year serving as a poll worker and she did not want to start now so she walked down Lawrence Road at 4:00 a.m. the day after her younger brother died to do her civic duty as a Poll Worker at the Lawrence Road Firehouse. Furthermore, her grandmother did not serve as a Poll Worker for 79 years to become a celebrity or do it for any accolades she just literally walked off of 14 Witherspoon Lane in Princeton and walked into history becoming a role model to all and they appreciate the Township Council for recognizing her this evening. And indicated if any of the Council is available they will be honoring her on August 3rd at the Princeton Paul Robeson Center in Princeton to celebrate her life, the amazing woman and person she was and for being the best grandmother ever.

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Walk This Way - Lawrence Intermediate School Presentation

A group of 4th Grade Gifted and Talented Students from the Lawrence Intermediate School along with their teacher came to present the "Walk This Way" program initiative which brings attention to pedestrian safety issues. This program raises awareness of safety for school age children who walk to and from school. The reports are conducted by the students to raise awareness of impending hazards and suggested improvements. Utilizing PowerPoint, each student took turns reporting their findings and presenting a survey of statistical information collected from their assigned jobs with the use of data collectors, google maps, measurers, picture paper and timers during their pedestrian walk from LIS along Eggert Crossing Road and Route 206. The

students suggested an electronic pedestrian crossing signal be installed at the corner of Route 206 and Eggert Crossing Road, the crosswalk cracks along the road be fixed and painted, speed limit be lowered on Eggert Crossing Road and a barrier wall on Eggert Crossing Road that has a hole in it be fixed as well to prevent injuries. In closing, the students thanked the Township Council for their time and consideration and reported that their findings were sent to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

After the presentation, Mayor Bobbitt thanked and commended the students on how brave they are to stand before the Council and do such a great presentation year after year which he and the Council really appreciate. And indicated yesterday at their Planning Board Meeting where he, Councilman Kownacki and the Municipal Manager serve on the Board they talked about the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan of the Land Use Ordinance as it relates to how pedestrians get around town without a car and one of the things discussed was the intersection of Eggert Crossing Road and Route 206 which has been part of the "Walk This Way" presentation each year and how tricky that intersection in Lawrence Township is given it falls under three different jurisdictions – state, county and municipal and their plan to put some language into the Plan that will help get the pedestrian crosswalk installed that is discussed every year.

Mr. Nerwinski stated as a follow-up to the Mayor's comments he and the Municipal Engineer are in communication with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and that the entire length of Lawrence Road will be milled and repaved for the jurisdiction of Lawrence Township and they made a specific request for paintings of the crosswalks for clarity and the pedestrian light was included in their request as well.

Mr. Andrew Tunnard stated he is the Assistant Commissioner of Operations at NJDOT and he is present this evening on behalf of the Commissioner who could not be here but asked that he come and speak to the students concerning the letter she received regarding their request for pedestrian signs which DOT has already started a survey on which may be separate and above from the milling event. Mr. Tunnard went on to state that the work the students did was phenomenal and the presentation is very impressive as he has been driving through that intersection in Lawrence for (8) eight years and had not noticed some of things they pointed out in their presentation. They put in a great amount of work and got a lot of people attention which some people have started to move on. He then thanked the Students for bringing the matter to their attention. Thereafter, members of Council congratulated the students on the awesome job they did and for going above and beyond in creating the Petition and putting all of their hard work into action. A question and comment period took place relative to the student's findings regarding car crashes.

Police Awards

Police Chief Caloiaro welcomed guests and stated the “Walk This Way” presentation is a hard act to follow and Lawrence Township Police Department is aware of the problems along Route 206. Further, the police department works closely with Jane Millner and the Health Department on the “Walk This Way” program and they will pay extra attention to see that the kids walking back and forth to school are safe on that roadway.

Chief Caloiaro stated that the presentation tonight is their annual awards that the Police Department gives out to their officers and citizens who assist the police in combating crime. And, although they presented the Awards at the Police Banquet Dinner the other night the presentation is usually given in May during “National Police Week” but got pushed back this year. So, it is appropriate tonight for the Police Department to give recognition to officers and civilians who have served the community in outstanding ways over the past year. Chief Caloiaro provided a brief background history for each of the Officers and Civilians and honored them with the following Awards.

Officer of the Year

Detective Robert Potter

Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant Michael Whitmore

Meritorious Service Award

Detective Sean Kerins

Commendable Service Awards

Officer Piotr Bystrek
Officer Bartosz Chojnowski
Officer James Gorski – 2
Officer Dylan McClister – 2
Officer Sawasky -2
Officer John Sterver – 2

Unit Citation Awards

Sergeant Richard Laird
Detective Todd Caruso
Detective Ryan Dunn
Officer James Steimle

Officer Marcin Piegza
Sergeant James Smith
Sergeant Kevin Reading
Detective Todd Caruso
Detective Andrew Lee
Officer John Stever
Officer Bartosz Chojnowski
Officer Paulina Way
Officer James Gorski
Officer Robert Janoski
Officer Piotr Bystrek

Living Saving Awards

Officer Marc Poveromo
Detective Andrew Lee
Officer Mark Eggert
Officer Shane Hickey

Community Award

Officer Christopher DiMeglio
Retired Officer Sam Pastorella

Civilian Commendation Awards

Andrew Popso
Blazej Szyszko
Urszula Szyszko
Luis Rivera
Melissa Valazquez
Inspector Richard Macauley

Detective Potter acknowledged his family and thanked the Township Council, Municipal Manager and Municipal Clerk for coming out to the Awards Dinner and always supporting the police department as they do. He further thanked everyone who nominated him and the Committee for deciding to give him such a prestigious award and indicated he is honored and humbled by the award and he hope he can live up to the honor.

Sergeant Whitmore thanked everyone and stated what an honor it is to receive the Supervisor of the Year Award and that he has been very fortunate to work with such great officers and supervisors in his career. And, it is his hope that the officers on his squad received the same type of leadership and guidance that he did throughout his career. So, again he would like to thank Chief Caloiaro, the command staff Lieutenant

Drew, Lieutenant Lech and Lieutenant Longo, Mayor Bobbitt and Township Council, Municipal Manager Nerwinski and his friends and family.

Chief Caloiaro concluded by expressing the Lawrence Township Police Department's appreciation for the great working relationship and support the Mayor and Council, Municipal Manager, Township Attorney, Township Clerk, Peter Kiriakatis, CFO, and Yvette Martinette, Municipal Manager Secretary, have provided to the Police Department.

Chief Caloiaro reported that he was fortunate enough to be approved by the Municipal Manager and Township Council to attend a 10-week seminar at the FBI National Academy located in Quantico, Virginia, which included 256 other law enforcement officers from around the world, (49) forty-nine states with the exception of Wyoming being the only state with no representative, and 35 different countries in his session. He imparted that the FBI Academy begin in 1935 as training for law enforcement executives to bring together common thoughts, beliefs and to share their values amongst law enforcement executives in a leadership setting. And, he chose a curriculum that he felt would best help him as an executive leader and the community of Lawrence as a whole and discussed some of the phenomenal classes he took including social media messaging, physical training and positive discussions during the ten-week course and the 18 credits each officer received upon completion of the course from the University of Virginia for attending the seminar.

Chief Caloiaro indicated one of things he learned from the training academy is that New Jersey does do things the right way in many ways in law enforcement and that other states are disorganized and do not follow the same protocol and procedures like New Jersey where law enforcement is govern through the Attorney General's Office; therefore, they act in the same way and have the same rules and regulations on how to behave and share information which he found to be very positive and the whole experience gave him sort of a renewed confidence in the profession of law enforcement. He reiterated again what an honor and privilege it was to be given the opportunity to spend 10-weeks in a dorm room setting again with another roommate who was a homicide captain from New Orleans who he had a chance to bond with and continue a lifelong friendship with. Furthermore, he have 256 other law enforcement executives from around the world that he can reach out to at any time if he needs assistance with something in addition to the 50,000 other graduates he can reach out to for advice and proceeded to discuss his time in the Academy being spent very wisely and what he learned being implemented in the Police Department in many positive ways. In closing, Chief Caloiaro thanked the Council again for affording him the opportunity to attend the Academy which was an invaluable experience and he thanked his wife for taking on the household responsibilities with (3) three very active teenage sons in his absence.

Mayor Bobbitt stated it is as a two-way street in terms of the reason why the Police Department has so much support from the Council and the Manager; it is because he and his department do such an amazing job and he think in this day and age when people are nervous about the police in their interaction with the public

Lawrence Township Police rank head and shoulder above so many and the Township Council appreciates what they do. And, it is great to see not only fellow officers just coming to support the Award winners but to also see friends and family.

Public Participation

Ms. Elaine Hogan, 8 Highland Road, advised of a serious safety issue at the intersection of Fackler Road and Princeton Pike which is a very high volume area in Lawrence Township especially with last year's opening of Bristol-Myers Squibb on Princeton Pike on Route I-295 and proceeded to discuss letters and a Petition that were sent to Mayor Bobbitt and the Township Council from the Province Hill Neighborhood, Chapin School and the Princeton Junior School regarding the public safety issue and the need for a traffic light at that intersection which is a very high accident area. Ms. Hogan continued to discuss at length the high volume of traffic and usage at that intersection as well as some of the hazardous situations that have occurred. She then thanked the Police Department for monitoring the traffic at that intersection, Lieutenant Amodio for initiating steps to correct the problem and Engineering Department for working with DOT to correct the safety issue and urged to Council to support an efforts in getting a traffic light at that intersection.

Ms. Barbara Ryan-Woolley, 17 Lannigan Drive, advised that she would like to piggy back on the 4th Grade "Walk This Way" presentation regarding pedestrian safety issues at Eggert Crossing Road an indicated she has lived in Lawrence Township for (40) forty years and she raised four children who attended Lawrence schools and all graduated from Lawrence High School and she would like to share an incident that happened a few weeks ago to her daughter-in-law that could have ended tragically not just for her family but for Lawrence as well. Ms. Wooley indicated a few weeks ago her daughter-in-law was walking from her home to the Lawrence Intermediate School on Eggert Crossing Road to pick up her two children (their grandchildren) from school and a few minutes before the students were dismissed, directly before the driveway to the school, a driver lost control of his truck that jumped the curb and skidded across the sidewalk within inches of where she was walking and the truck ended up in the ditch at the corner of the school's driveway and as they can imagine her daughter-in-law was in shock as to how close the truck came to hitting her and at the same time relieved that there were no students there at that time because if it were minutes later the incident could have been tragic.

Ms. Woolley imparted since the crash incident they have learned that this was not the first time a vehicle has been in an accident, or a near mishap in the LIS area and that her husband sometimes walks their grandchildren to school and more and more children are walking or being driven to school; therefore, safety in that area of the Township needs to be addressed. Furthermore, she has observed that there is only one crossing guard at Eggert Crossing Road and Route 206 who does an amazing job crossing the children and directing traffic but the Township needs to hire an additional crossing guard to be placed directly in front of LIS. Also, there is a 40 mph sign at the

intersection which is the first sign that drivers see turning onto Eggert Crossing Road from Route 206 as the 25 mph sign located a little further down and few warnings exist alerting drivers that there is a school on Eggert Crossing Road so she is requesting that the 40 mph sign be removed on Eggert Crossing Road to slow down traffic and noted from Franklin Corner Road down to Slackwood School there are no 40 mph in that area.

Ms. Wooley also requested that grids be installed to slow down the traffic and that two yellow blinking caution lights be installed on each side of LIS - at the exit and the entrance - and that precedence has already been set in town as they have blinking lights at the Ben Franklin School, Slackwood School and St. Ann School. In addition, to the blinking lights there are state law pedestrian signs requiring people to stop when pedestrians are in the walkways two that she noticed on Princeton Pike; one in front of the High School and the other one in front of the Middle School with crossing guards. In closing, Ms. Wooley stated her family dodged a bullet this time as did the Township but she would like for the Council to heed the warning and be proactive to ensure the safety of all of their children. She thanked the Council and stated she is looking forward to hearing their responses.

Mr. Edward Brzora, 66 West Long Drive, advised that he is present this evening on behalf of the residents of West Long Drive (Long Acres) right behind the Municipal Building and he is presenting the Council with a Petition along with signatures of the majority of residents asking that they review and revise the Leaf Collection Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2307-18) – Article III as the residents of that area are unable to comply with the pile size due to the property size. And, indicated the matter was brought to their attention after the residents of Pine Knoll Drive came before the Council last month and spoke about the Brush Pickup Ordinance and the same problems it was creating with leaf and brush collection in their neighborhood. He indicated they all have large wooded properties with lots of trees and they cannot comply with the 12' 3x3 allowance for leaf and plant debris on the streets when it time for public pickup. So, they are requesting that the Township Council look into revising the ordinance and proceeded to discuss the residents possibly forming a committee to work with the Township on how to manage the amount of debris going into the Ecological Center and ways to help their situation.

Mr. Brzoro stated another matter in the Brush Pickup Ordinance that he would like to address is the homeowner being responsible for the removal of any illegal dumping that happens on their roads in front of their properties and he thinks that is totally unfair to have that as the responsibility of the homeowner to do the job of Township as it relates to enforcement and proceeded to discuss the notification process which he spoke to Greg Whitehead, Director of Public Works, about and him and his neighbors never receiving any type of notification regarding the new ordinance until it was passed or they received a violation notice. They also have elderly residents that are not on the web so he feels it is totally unfair for the land owners or residents of Lawrence that have a large portion of property and suggested they base the leaf litter on the amount of property an owner has and he hopes that the Council will reconsider the section of the Ordinance he referenced. A general exchange of dialogue took place relative to the various methods of outreach that took place to bring public awareness

prior the adoption of new Brush Ordinance and the reason for the change to the Yard Waste Collection Program as it relates to public safety and future sustainability of the program.

Mr. Jim Cleak, 7 E. Darrah Lane, stated in recent weeks there has been tons of information regarding recycling and he would like clarification as to what to put or not put out with the recycling and inquired if there was a list somewhere stating what actually should be put out for recycling pickup. Mayor Bobbitt suggested Mr. Cleak reach out to the Mercer County Improvement Authority or Lawrence Public Works Department as either on provide him guidelines regarding recycling.

Mr. Cleak stated on June 23rd there is going to be an event sponsored by the Historical Society at the Brearley House and inquired about the current condition of Meadow Road being a couple of months ago he and his wife walked down that road and it was filled with lots of rocks, ruts and mud, virtually impassable and a challenge to get down so he cannot imagine how any significant amount of people are going to get in and out. Mr. Nerwinski stated it is not a paved roadway but he has driven back there many times with no problem; but, he will ask Public Works to take a look at it.

Mr. Cleak briefly spoke about the new Brush Pickup Ordinance and his observation of the debris clogging the storm drains and advised that Mr. Brzoro's request to amend the Ordinance to have larger brush piles due to the size of him and his neighbor's properties seems to be reasonable and he would have no objection to the ordinance being amended. And, he is in support of a traffic light at Fackler Road being that intersection is a deathtrap. Mr. Nerwinski noted that Resolution (18-F.5) provides for a contract with Langan Engineering to do a traffic study at Fackler Road and Princeton Pike to address that issue.

Mr. Brzoro stated he would like to know the status of a traffic light being installed at West Long Drive since the golf course now has a housing development. Mr. Nerwinski advised part of the approval process was for the landowner to provide the Township with a \$150,000 for the State to do a study for a traffic light upon completion of the construction. And based on that study they will make a recommendation whether a traffic light is needed.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Manager requested that the Agenda be amended to include Resolution 217-19 (18-H.4), Authorizing Resolution of Support for a Noise Barriers along Interstate 295 Northbound in Lawrence Township.

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, Maffei, Powers and Mayor Bobbitt.
Nays: None.

Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 19, 2019 and March 5, 2019 were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 19, 2019 were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Lewis, Maffei, Power and Mayor Bobbitt.  
Abstain: Councilman Kownacki.  
Nays: None.

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#### Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-A), Authorizing Awarding of Bid for Drainage Improvements – Phase 1, was presented for adoption.

#### Resolution No. 189–19

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 30, 2019 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Bid 19-06 Drainage Improvements – Phase 1**; and

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

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Centrifugal Lining, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$168,525.00, 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 C-04-55-454-290 (Ordinance 2328-19 Various Road Improvements – Road Drainage Improvements Various Locations) \$168,525.00; 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 Centrifugal Lining, Inc., 1201 Edgely Road, Levittown PA 19057 in the amount of \$168,525.00; 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, Maffei and Mayor Bobbitt.  
Absent: None.

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-B), Authorizing the Awarding of Bid for Bergen Street Pedestrian Activated Crosswalk Lighting System, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 190–19

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 30, 2019 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Bid 19-05 Bergen Street Pedestrian Activated Crosswalk Lighting System**; and

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

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Kane Communications, LLC, who submitted a bid in the amount of \$15,200.00, 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 C-04-55-454-248 – Ordinance 2328-19 (Various road Improvement - Bergen Street LHT Crossing) \$15,200.00; 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 Kane Communications, LLC, 572 Whitehead road, Suite 201, Trenton NJ 08619 in the amount of \$15,200.00; 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, Maffei and Mayor Bobbitt.
 Absent: None.

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-C), Authorizing the Awarding of Bid for Road Improvement Program – Phase 1, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 197–19

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 30, 2019 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Road Improvement Program – Phase 1**; and

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

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Richard T. Barrett Paving Company, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$645,848.55, 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:

| Acct.           | Ord. No. | Name                                                                      | Amount       |
|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| C-04-55-454-240 | 2328-19  | Various Road Improvement (Concord, Greenwood, Grandview, Maple, Edgewood) | \$125,000.00 |
| C-04-55-454-241 |          | Various Road Improvement (Green Lane)                                     | \$20,000.00  |
| C-04-55-454-243 |          | Various Road Improvement (Anderson Lane)                                  | \$50,000.00  |
| C-04-55-454-245 |          | Various Road Improvement (Keefe Road – Lawrenceville to Yeager)           | \$150,000.00 |
| C-04-55-454-291 |          | Various Road Improvement (Graf, Harmony, Hopewell, Slack, Carr)           | \$30,000.00  |
| C-04-55-454-292 |          | Various Road Improvement                                                  | \$25,000.00  |

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|                 |  | (Mayflower, Bunker Hill & President)                                   |              |
| C-04-55-454-293 |  | Various Road Improvement<br>(Whitemarsh, Lawnside, Hillsdale)          | \$10,848.55  |
| C-04-55-454-294 |  | Various Road Improvement (Hillcrest)                                   | \$60,000.00  |
| C-04-55-454-295 |  | Various Road Improvement (Eggert<br>Crossing (Rt. 206 into School))    | \$75,000.00  |
| C-04-55-454-296 |  | Various Road Improvement (Veterans<br>Park & Village Park Parking Lot) | \$100,000.00 |

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 Richard T. Barrett Paving Company, Inc., 400 Prospect Street, Trenton NJ 08618 in the amount of \$645,848.55; 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, Maffei and Mayor Bobbitt.  
Absent: None.

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-D), Authorizing the Awarding of Bid #19-02 for Two (2) Class “A” Pumpers for Fire Services Department, was presented for adoption. Some discussion took place relative to maintenance, cost, and preservation of the new apparatus as well as the drivers of the vehicle being appropriately trained to preserve the equipment.

Resolution No. 216-19

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2019, bids were received for Bid No. 19-02, Two (2) Class “A” Pumpers for Fire Services Department; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received and reviewed by the Township Manager, Manager of Motor Pool and the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator. After a thorough review of all bids, it was determined that Absolute Fire Protection from South Plainfield, New Jersey met the required specifications and was within our capital budget; 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 C-04-55-405-267 (Fire

Apparatus Lawrence Road), C-04-55-412-267 (Acquisition of Fire Equipment), C-04-55-437-267 (Acquisition of Fire Equipment) and C-04-55-438-268 (Acquisition Fire Apparatus);

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. 19-02, Two (2) Class “A” Pumpers for Fire Services Department, to Absolute Fire Protection Company, Inc., 2800 Hamilton Boulevard, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 in the amount of \$582,092.00 each for a total base price of \$1,164,184.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township will also purchase Option #1 - Extended Cab and Chassis three, four and five year warranty for \$10,543.00 and Option #2 - Ten Year Extended Engine warranty for \$1,150 each pumper for total of \$2,300, making the total purchase price for both pumpers \$1,177,027.00.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2319-19 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2018-2019

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Ordinance amends the Salary Ordinance to include two new titles Assistant Municipal Treasurer and Chief Emergency Medical Technician. The amendment also adds the positions of Affordable Housing Liaison, Housing Resale Representative to increase the hourly wage for Laborers (Seasonal) to stay in step with State Minimum Wage guidelines of \$15 by 2022.

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

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

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Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUTNY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY”

Mr. Nerwinski advised the Ordinance adopts the Codification and Revision of the Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence. Further, the Code is now on the internet and a link will be provided on the Township website as well. The Municipal Clerk noted that she is very pleased that the Code is finally up-to-date and will continue to be updated and the public can now go in and look Ordinances at it at any time. Mayor Bobbitt thanked the Municipal Clerk as he knows it was a long process.

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

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

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Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – MEETINGS OF COUNCIL”

Mr. Nerwinski advised the Ordinance amends the Administrative Code of the Township – Meetings of Council to change the start time for June, July and August to 6:00 pm.

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

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

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Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE”

Mr. Nerwinski advised the Ordinance authorizes the private sale of certain lands of the Township that has no use and is not needed for public use so as a result of that they are conveying the land located at Johnson Avenue to the contiguous land owner for \$1,575.

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

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

Manager’s Report –

Mr. Nerwinski reported that the Sheft’s Property Purchase with the Township is confirmed as the Environmental Study (776 Page Report) has been completed and the Administration and Expert obtained to do the due diligence is satisfied that they should move forward with the deal. The contract has been signed by the Shefts and once the Mayor signs the Agreement it will be a firm deal between the Township and the Shefts who own the property. Also, their grant partners, the County and State, are all on board and the Title and Survey work has been ordered and hopefully in a couple of months they will have a closing date – August or September.

Mr. Nerwinski stated in reference to the Pit Stop he previously informed the Council that the Department of Environmental Protection indicated to the Township that the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund has approved the town’s plan for the remedial investigation which includes the demolition of the building to the tune of \$239,524. It still needs final approval by the Board but he was told that it is a formality and that the letter will be coming once that is completed. So, the approval will allow the Township to demolish the structure and continue with the remedial investigation as to what is happening underneath the structure and to get an idea as to what is needed to clean it appropriately then apply for State grant monies. In the end, there will be no development on the property it will be for reserved for passive recreation or park-like situation something along those lines depending on the findings.

Mr. Nerwinski stated with regards to Resolution (18-H.12) that the Council will be considering, there is a different way of providing vehicles to the police and that every year there is a need for new police vehicles which presents challenges to the budget. So, this year they explored a different way of purchasing police vehicles which he feels is very budget friendly. They have committed five new vehicles that will be utilized by the School Class III Officers for the physical presence of law enforcement by schools under a monthly lease program through Enterprise instead of outright purchasing the vehicles. The vehicles will have low mileage being they will only be utilized to commute from the municipal building to the schools. And, with the resale value it will put them in a

really good position to keep the township's vehicle force in good shape and cost saving maintenance wise and it is a test project for him and Mr. Kiriakatis, CFO, which looks like it could be a winner.

Attorney's Report –

Mr. Roskos reiterated that the Sheft's contract is officially signed by the landowners, the Township just has to countersign which is where they stand now.

Mr. Roskos reported that the Township's Collections Contract is still being reviewed by the Administrative Office of the Courts and he got a commitment that they will receive a response tomorrow. So, hopefully, they will have the official approval tomorrow.

Mr. Roskos advised that the Solar Power Agreement is being revised as the Scope of Work has changed a little bit and Jim Parvesse, Township Engineer, and Brenda Kraemer, Assistant Engineer, will be providing them input to get that finalized.

Mr. Roskos indicated he was also just informed that the property the town owns by Lawrence Square Village which they had planned to sell as surplus property has a deed restriction. The Deed Restriction has a condition if the property was not used for a fire station it would revert to the owner which makes no sense to him since the Resolution of Approval does not have any reverted language in it. And, how the condition ended up in the Deed predates his time; therefore, the matter will have to be further investigated. Mr. Roskos advised that his regular report is concluded but he will need to briefly speak to the Council in closed session regarding a development with Brandywine and how it will affect their settlement.

Clerk's Report –

There was no Clerk's report.

Unfinished Business –

There was no unfinished business.

New Business –

There was no new business.

Public Participation (3-minute limitation per speaker) –

There was no public participation.

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 177-19 (18-A.1) through 217-19 (18-H.13) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –

Councilwoman Lewis reminded everyone that the fireworks for the Fourth of July are Friday, June 28th, at Rider University. Also, the Recreation Committee went on a van tour of all the Township parks and they would like to thank the Public Works Department for the good job that they do maintaining the parks.

Written Communications –

There was no written communications.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at Council went into Closed Session.

7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

Christopher Bobbitt, Mayor

Re-opening of the Regular Meeting of Council:

8:25 p.m.

After the Closed Session, the following Resolution (18-H.15) – Authorizing Salary Increase for Municipal Manager was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 218-19

WHEREAS, the Township Council met in executive session per Resolution No. 182-19 and reviewed the performance of the Municipal Manager, Kevin P. Nerwinski, for the period of January 1, 2019 through and up to June 18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, after said review the Council re-convened the Open Session of Council at 8:20 p.m. and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby grants Kevin P. Nerwinski a 3% increase in salary over and above the increase as provided for in Ordinance No. 2319-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kevin P. Nerwinski be provided with an additional 3 days (21 hours) of vacation leave on an on-going annual basis.

Resolution No. 218-19 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Powers	X					X	
Mayor Bobbitt	X						

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

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.