

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

November 8, 2019

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Friday, November 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was then opened with the Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance, led by the 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 Friday, November 8, 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, Powers and Mayor Bobbitt.  
Absent: Councilwoman Lewis.

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

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Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Mayor Bobbitt stated before presenting the Communities of Light Proclamation the Council has a little housekeeping to do as they have a vacancy on the Township Council due to the resignation of Councilman Maffei and that they have received (3) three names given to them by the Lawrence Township Democratic Committee. So, it is only prudent for the Council to choose the name of the person who won the General Election and who will be serving on the Township Council in 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, John T. Ryan was nominated to fill the vacant position of Council on the following roll call:

**RECORD OF VOTE**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>MOVE</b>	<b>SECOND</b>
<b>Mr. Kownacki</b>	X						
<b>Ms. Lewis</b>				X			
<b>Mr. Powers</b>	X						
<b>Mayor Bobbitt</b>	X						

Mayor Bobbitt administered the Oath of Office to Councilman John Ryan.

Mayor Bobbitt then congratulated Councilman Ryan on his appointment to Council, after which Councilman Ryan thanked the Township Council, Kevin Nerwinski, Municipal Manager, David Roskos, Municipal Attorney, Kathleen Norcia, Municipal Clerk and the people in audience and indicated he will have more to say during his swearing in on January 1<sup>st</sup>, but he just wanted to thank those in attendance tonight for all of their support.

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Mayor Bobbitt stated that Lawrence Township is designating December 2, 2019 as Communities of Light Day in Lawrence Township and encouraged everyone to participate by placing luminaries along their driveways and sidewalks on December 2<sup>nd</sup> as a symbol of support that ‘peace begins at home’. He then invited the two representatives up to the podium and read the below Proclamation into record:

Ms. Maeve Cannon greeted the Council and stated she has served on the Board of Directors of Womanspace for nearly 30 years; an organization that has been in Mercer County for nearly 50 years providing both shelter and counseling services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. She indicated they are very honored by the Proclamation they are receiving this evening from Lawrence Township and that Lawrence has been a good partner for many, many years as their first counseling office started in Lawrence Township on Route 1 and their main office is also located in Lawrence down by the circle and proceeded to discuss how wonderful the building is, the great partnership they had with Lawrence Township developing that site and how very proud they are to be in Lawrence and again thanked the Council for the Proclamation.

Ms. Paula Sollami-Covello, Mercer County Clerk, stated she is one of the co-chairs for the Communities of Light events for Womanspace which she has been doing for several years and her responsibility is to have every municipality pass this Proclamation which Lawrence Township is doing tonight and that they are so happy because every town in Mercer County has done a proclamation. And indicated at the municipal building towns light up luminaries to shine a light on domestic violence which will be done on December 2<sup>nd</sup> this year at dusk and that the luminaries’ kits can be purchased at local retailers throughout the county to include Terhune Orchards.

Ms. Covello continued to discuss last year's collaboration with the Main Street Association and the many members of Lawrence Township Council who attended the event and urged the Council and everyone in the audience to attend this year's ceremony recognizing the victims of domestic violence so they know that they have support and do not have to suffer in silence. She further discussed some of the founders of Womanspace, Maryann Cannon (Maeve Cannon mother) and Barbara Boggs-Sigmund, who seen the importance and need for such an organization 50 years ago and how proud she is to be part of such a great organization.

*Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, it is the policy of the Township of Lawrence to recognize organizations that have contributed to the overall benefit of the community; and

*WHEREAS*, Womanspace, founded in 1977, has demonstrated a unique ability to provide comfort, support services, crisis intervention and safety to women who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and

*WHEREAS*, Womanspace, in the belief that 'peace begins at home', has asked the Mercer County Community to join them in their struggle against violence toward women by participating in their annual Communities of Light project; and

*WHEREAS*, Womanspace has provided emergency shelter in secure locations and comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence since 1977 and sexual assault since 2002, for more than 71,393 women, 13,717 children and 5,153 men; and has assisted more than 277,877 callers over the last 42 years; and

*WHEREAS*, Lawrence Township commends Womanspace for their efforts to bring an end to the cycle of interpersonal violence imposed on women, children and men; and

*WHEREAS*, Lawrence Township is honored that Womanspace chose to locate their headquarters in our community; and

*WHEREAS*, Womanspace and the Lawrence Township Police Department have established a partnership over the years built on trust and the will to end domestic violence on all levels; and

*WHEREAS*, as Mayor of Lawrence Township, I urge that each and every household demonstrate their support of the concept that 'peace begins at home' by placing luminaries along their driveways and sidewalks on Monday, December 2, 2019, as a visible symbol of that support; and

*WHEREAS*, the proceeds from Communities of Light 2019 will be used to fund vital services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, does hereby Proclaim December 2, 2019 as:

*Communities of Light Day*

and hereby commend Womanspace on its many accomplishments and wish them continued success with Communities of Light in years to come.

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## Public Participation

Ms. Patricia Hatch, 331 Federal Point Boulevard, advised that she is the Board President for Traditions at Federal Point and that the residents are very, very concerned about the subdivision being built across the road from Traditions and there was some conversation about the need for a traffic light in that area at the last Council Meeting and during that meeting there was some interest in talking with Ewing and Hopewell Townships regarding the matter and inquired if there has been any discussion with the other townships as of yet. Mr. Nerwinski stated after the last Council Meeting he reached out immediately to both townships to have a meeting. Ewing responded back immediately; but, Hopewell has not. Ewing Officials recommended that the Township Officials meet first before having a community forum so that they could have a better understanding and a more productive community meeting which he felt was appropriate. Also, several dates were sent out to both Ewing and Hopewell – Ewing being ready to go and Hopewell not responding back so he spoke with the Mayor asking him to reach out to his counterparts. An exchange of dialogue took place relative to the Township Council understanding the impact the 300-unit project will have on Lawrence residents and their committed to assisting however necessary to help ease the traffic concerns that will affect the residents in that area.

Mr. Thakur Bakhru, 235 Federal Point Boulevard, stated due to being a senior and his reaction time being slower in making a left-hand turn out of his development and how fast the cars come off of Federal Point Road, a couple of times he had to save himself as the conditions are pretty unsafe and proceeded to discuss the need to have side distance and how dangerous it is with making a left hand turn out of Traditions when cars are coming as it relates to his side distance being off according to traffic specifications. And indicated it is better to have zero tolerance at certain intersections rather than anybody getting hurt.

Ms. Mary Baird, 92 Traditions Way, stated that she would like to see a left-hand turn in and out of Traditions at Federal Point on both sides and that the traffic issues of getting in and out of the development are not just going to affect the Lawrence residents but Hopewell Township residents as well as they will not have access of getting out any better than Lawrence residents and proceeded to discuss a three car accident that took place the previous night causing a major backup from the ramp of I-295 to Bunker Hill Road which normally takes 60 seconds to get to their intersection at Federal Point Boulevard. And indicated if Hopewell is planning to put another intersection directly opposite of them that will create more of a traffic problem; but, there should be a light at the intersection as well as double left-hand turn that would make coming out of development a lot easier.

Ms. Baird inquired if the Township Council has had any communication with the County to help them out being the three towns that will be impacted by the project are in the Mercer County. Ms. Baird further inquired if the traffic matter will be resolved before Hopewell starts construction.

Mayor Bobbitt replied that he has spoken with the County Planner about some of the issues and he does not know if the Municipal Manager has spoken to the County or not; but, they are definitely looking at all the options to try to come to some resolution with the three different municipalities. Mr. Nerwinski further replied that the State will not do a Traffic Study or anything else until the occupancy is completed; because according to DOT standards they need to examine the true impact of traffic in order to justify the installation of a light.

Ms. Sheila Davidow, 121 Traditions Way, advised that she loves living in Traditions at Federal Point but she is finding it more and more of a hassle to get in and out of her development with the cars. In addition, they have acquired two signs that are hindering visibility when coming out of the development thereby also creating problem.

Ms. Kathy Edwards, resident at Traditions at Federal Point, advised that she is a very new resident of Traditions who just moved from Ewing to Lawrence in September and that she agrees with everyone who spoke this evening about the problems of getting in and out of their development. And, after some thought on the matter she thinks they should put staggered simultaneous traffic signals in both directions something like the Pennington Circle has which is the only solution they can do between Denow Road and Bull Run Road because the installation of one traffic light is only going to back up traffic being there will only be one lane, not two lanes unless the traffic is stopped between those areas so she would like for the Council to give the suggestion some very serious thought.

Mr. Paul Larson, 170 Darrah Lane, chair of the Trails, Open Space and Stewardship Advisory Committee and Trustee for the Historical Society, advised that he would first like to thank all the Township residents who in the past election ran for positions of public service and congratulate those who won and will service the community. He would also like to thank everyone who turned out and exercised their right to vote. And, he would like to also thank and acknowledge the Public Works and Recreation Departments for a successful day at Central Park and indicated the Captain James Lawrence Inclusionary Playground was a hit especially for those discovered and enjoyed it for the first time.

Mr. Larson reported on the following events: The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of our Nation's Founding that will be upon them in 6 ½ years that is expected to draw a large influx of heritage-based tourists and will require planning to start now; their plans to move forward with concept of creating the Twin Oak Historical Highway Park in front of the Municipal Building and further development of Colonel Edward Hand's contribution to the Ten Crucial Days building on the Bridge Academy's dedication of interpretive historical markers this past summer at Five Mile Run; Lawrence residents being passionate about their open space, parks and trails and the Committee looking forward to the completed closing on the Sheft property acquisition and working with the Township and the new Friends of Colonial Lake Park group to develop, enhance and expand Colonial Lake Park, and the same passion seen with Colonial Lake holding true for Maidenhead Meadows Park, a unique jewel in Lawrence Township's park system.

Mr. Larson further reported that the Lawrence Historical Society has already come out in opposition to the proposed Trail at Princeton Pike development to the Brearley House and their opposition soon having additional supporters as the Trails, Open Space and Stewardship Advisory Committee will also be opposing the development being it is a “clear and direct threat” to the overall integrity of Maidenhead Meadows Park, including the National and State registered historic 1761 Brearley House and its associated archaeological site, prehistoric archeological sites, remnant artifacts of the area’s agricultural past, Meadow Road (a locally designated historic landmark), and African-American historical assets.

In closing, Mr. Larson advised of their excitement about the new segment of the award-winning Lawrence-Hopewell Trail being developed that will connect all the parts of Maidenhead Meadows Park and look forward to continued development of this crown jewel of the park system. He then thanked the Council for the opportunity to brief them on several important issues and stated they appreciate the Township’s strong support of the town’s history, parks, and trails.

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#### Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Clerk requested that Agenda be amended to remove Resolution (8-B), Closed Session Minutes of October 15, 2019.

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

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Kownacki, Powers, Ryan and Mayor Bobbitt.  
Absent: Councilwoman Lewis.  
Nays: None.

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#### Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 23, 2019 were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Kownacki, Powers, Ryan and Mayor Bobbitt.  
Absent: Councilwoman Lewis.  
Nays: None.

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Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, Resolution (9-A), Authorizing Awarding 2019 Drainage Improvement – Phase 3 Project to Messercola Excavating Company, LLC, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 347–19

WHEREAS, on Thursday, October 24, 2019 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **2019 Drainage Improvements – Phase 3**; and

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

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Messercola Excavating Co., LLC who submitted a bid in the amount of \$96,780.00, 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-04-55-454-290	2328-19	Road / Drainage Improvements	\$67,730.00
C-04-55-454-244	2328-19	Keefe Road, Cold Soil Road, Carson Road, Van Kirk Road Drainage / Safety Improvements	\$29,050.00

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 Messercola Excavating Co., LLC, 549 E. Third Street, Plainfield NJ 07060 in the amount of \$96,780.00; 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, Powers, Ryan and Mayor Bobbitt.  
 Absent: Councilwoman Lewis.

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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, Resolution (9-B), Authorizing the Awarding of Contract for 2019 Tree Removal to Rich Tree Service, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 352-19

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **2019 Tree Removal**; and

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

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Rich Tree Service, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$91,350.00, 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
9-01-26-290-291	----	Public Works	\$68,475.00
9-01-20-190-299	----	Ash Tree Hazard Mitigation	\$22,875.00

; 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 Rich Tree Service, Inc., 325 Bergen Street, South Plainfield NJ 07080 in the amount of \$91,350.00; 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, Powers, Ryan and Mayor Bobbitt.  
 Absent: Councilwoman Lewis.

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On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, Resolution (9-C), Authorizing the Rejection of Bid for On-Line Data Processing for Assessor/Collector, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 359-19

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2019, bids were received for Bid 19-14, On-Line Data Processing Assessor/Collector; and

WHEREAS, one proposal was received and the Tax Assessor and Chief Financial have reviewed the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has recommended the proposal be rejected because the required paperwork was not submitted and the bid amount exceeds the budget amount for the service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the proposal submitted for On-Line Data Processing Assessor/Collector is hereby rejected.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Kownacki, Powers, Ryan and Mayor Bobbitt.  
Absent: Councilwoman Lewis.

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Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY (BLOCK 4103, LOT 9 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE) OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE PURSUANT TO NJSA 40a:12-1, et seq.

Mr. Nerwinski advised the Ordinance authorizes the sale of 23 Lawrence Square Boulevard with a minimum bid price of \$200,000.

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

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

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Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2258-17 BY THE TOWNSHIPOF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN

Mr. Nerwinski advised that Ordinances (10-B, 10-C, 10-D) are all the same just different bond ordinance numbers which has to do with the need and acquisition of fire/rescue equipment consisting of fire turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus for Slackwood Fire, Lawrence Road Fire Company and Lawrenceville Fire Company.

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

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

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Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2297-18 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN”

Mr. Nerwinski advised that Ordinance (10-B) amends Capital Ordinance 2297-18 to revise the description of the improvement to include acquisition of fire/rescue equipment consisting of turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus for Slackwood Fire Company, Lawrence Road Fire Company and Lawrenceville Fire Company.

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

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

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Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2329-19 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN”

Mr. Nerwinski advised that Ordinance (10-C) amends Capital Ordinance 2329-19 to revise the description of the improvement to include acquisition of fire/rescue equipment consisting of turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus for Slackwood Fire Company, Lawrence Road Fire Company and Lawrenceville Fire Company.

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      |         |      |        |
| Mr. Powers    | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |
| Mr. Ryan      | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |
| Mayor Bobbitt | X   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2186-14 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN”

Mr. Nerwinski stated the Ordinance amends Capital Ordinance No. 2186-14 to include acquisitions of various computer and office equipment consisting of computer upgrades, software, hardware and licenses; vital statistic printer; asset tracking software and compatible handheld device; programmable portable radios and pagers, and programmable variable message board. And indicated whenever there is a bond ordinance they have to designate specifically the items that are for acquisition and being this bond ordinance was already in existence they had to identify the items to be acquired and that is why they are revising the description.

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			
Mr. Powers	X						
Mr. Ryan	X						
Mayor Bobbitt	X						

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Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 435 OF THE LAWRENCE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” – Handicapped Parking

Ordinance No. 2344-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 435 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 435 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. 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

- g. 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.
- h. 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.
- i. 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.
- j. 99 feet northbound from the prolonged curb line of Pine Street and Brunswick Avenue, for a distance of 22 feet, in front of 1117 Brunswick Avenue.
- k. 518 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Lanning Avenue (N/W corner) for a distance of of 22 feet, in front of 944 Lanning Avenue.
- l. 70 feet westbound from the prolonged curb line of Brunswick Avenue and Lanning Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet on the side of 1279 Brunswick Avenue.
- [m 37 feet southbound from the prolonged curb line of Pear Street and Michigan Avenue for a distance of 22 feet in front of 139 Michigan Avenue.]
- n. 56 feet southbound from the prolonged curb line of Greenfield Avenue and Rupert Street (S/W corner) for a distance of 22 feet on the side of 49 Greenfield Avenue.
- o. 268 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Princeton Avenue and Lanning Avenue (S/E corner) for a distance of 22 feet in front of 961 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.

Additions Underlined \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted: November 8, 2019

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

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

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**Manager’s Report –**

Mr. Nerwinski submitted invoice listings for the month of November 2019 in the amount of \$1,853,128.88.

Mr. Nerwinski reported that he received the website link today from the Website Designer for the new website and it looks awesome. And, they are having a training session next week with (10) ten employees that they hope will take care of all the different departments and the target date to go live is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Nerwinski further reported that they started the work for the Solar Project on the southern side of the building and that the pilings to hold the panels have to go down 20 feet in the ground and they are finding stuff in the ground that they did not know exists in terms of infrastructure which has created a slight delay in trying to reconfigure the placement of the poles but the Township Engineer is working through it and the company they retained has been very responsive. So, they are hoping the project is completed within 60 days once the poles are installed.

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**Attorney's Report –**

There was no Attorney's report.

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**Clerk's Report –**

Ms. Norcia reported that Trunk or Treat was very successful this year as they had a lot of children who came out and participated in the event and commended the Police Department on the absolute wonderful job they do each year sponsoring the event. She noted that she and her staff are starting to plan for next year's presentation and encouraged everyone who has not attended to come out for an enjoyable evening.

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**Unfinished Business –**

There was no unfinished business.

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**New Business –**

Councilman Powers welcomed Councilman John Ryan to the Township Council. Mr. Ryan thanked the Council and stated it is an honor to serve.

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

*Mr. Joe Salarski, Vice President of Lawrenceville Fire Company,* asked if the Municipal Manager was going to give a brief scope of what Resolution 18-F.3, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Fire Company Survey Consultant, might entail. Mr. Nerwinski advised that he is not prepared to discuss the matter this evening but he will be meeting with the fire companies at a later date. And, he will be sending out a summary to all the volunteer fire companies' personnel regarding the matter and proceeded to discuss the money being previously allocated for the Fire Study and the concept behind the Fire Study is to provide the Township with information on how they can improve fire services and where they will be in 5 to 10 years.

Mr. Paul Larson, 170 Darrah Lane, advised that the East Coast Greenway will be coming through Lawrence Township on the D & R Canal towpath and they are planning a big inaugural from New York City to Philadelphia Bike Ride. They just opened registration up about a week ago and the Township might see an upwards of

2000 riders passing through the Township on the morning of Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be early as the overnight stay on the two-day ride is at Princeton and public safety assistance might be needed at the road crossings at Bakers Basin, Carnegie and Whitehead Roads and that the East Coast Greenway Alliance will be reaching out to the communities along the route.

Mr. Larson further advised that the East Coast Greenway and their friends at REI at Mercer Mall and other volunteers, including Eleanor Horne, recently installed a new East Coast Greenway kiosk at the Port Mercer parking lot next to the towpath gate and a photo of the group and the new kiosk is currently featured on Greenway social media and advised that he just wanted to make that quick announcement for the Council to put in their calendars.

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Resolutions

Mr. Nerwinski advised that Resolution 18-H.5, Authorizing the Creation of a Complete Count Committee, identified names of individuals that will be acting as Lawrence Complete Count Committee and one of the people named on the list, Teresita Batides-Heron, has not formally responded back to him so he is uncomfortable including her name on the list at this time and asked that the Council pass the resolution altering it by striking out her name for now as they need to get the resolution passed to obtain certain funding from the Federal government.

Councilman Powers advised that he did speak with Ms. Heron and she has some concerns regarding transportation and he thinks that is the reason she did not respond back to him as of yet. Mr. Nerwinski noted that they can certainly include her afterwards once she works everything out but he does not want to pass a resolution without hearing from her first.

Resolution Nos. 345-19 (18-H.5) was amended to remove Teresita Bastides-Heron from the list of members of the Complete Count Committee by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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Resolution Nos. 335-19 (18-A.1) through 358-19 (18-H.8) with the exception of Resolution No. 352-19 (Bid Award) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Mayor Bobbitt reported that the Veterans Day ceremony is on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Municipal Building. Mr. Nerwinski noted the bunting and pictures of notable veterans strung up by the Recreation Department throughout Town Hall.

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**Written Communications –**

There was no written communications.

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

6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Christopher Bobbitt, Mayor