

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

September 17, 2019

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Prior to the opening of the meeting, Mayor Bobbitt stated in light of some of the incidences that have gone on in Mercer County as well as in Lawrence Township and would like to state for the record bigotry has no home in Lawrence Township. And, he is sure Council will join him in saying that anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry are not welcomed in Lawrence Township as well.

Mayor Bobbitt stated he has sad news to report that Lawrence Township Police Officer Mark Harmon, Badge 183, passed away yesterday; a member of the Lawrence Township Officer Department for 24 years and he is survived by his wife Jody and his children Christopher, Molly and Ryan. Mayor Bobbitt asked that everyone keep Officer Harmon and his family and friends in their thoughts and prayers and that in honor of their loss and his service to the Township the flag will be a flown at half-staff at the Municipal Building and requested a moment of silence after Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was then opened with the Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance, led by the Deputy 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, September 17, 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, David Roskos, Esq., Municipal Attorney and Peter Kiriakatis, Certified Finance Officer.

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Proclamation – Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day

Mayor Bobbitt read the following Proclamation into record. He then presented the Proclamation to the recipient who indicated she is a regular citizen trying a new and interesting way outside of the norm to bring awareness about Opioid Abuse that is on the rise. And, indicated anybody in Lawrence Township can do what she is doing in terms of setting up tables with information on opioid addiction, talking to the people at the library and other places, having events at schools to raise awareness in regular communities and inspire conversation about a problem that is not normally thought about.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, opioids are commonly prescribed for pain, and an estimated 20 percent of patients presenting to physicians with non-cancer pain symptoms, pain-related diagnoses, or acute and chronic pain receive an opioid prescription; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 opioid prescriptions were written at a rate of 58 prescriptions for every 100 people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, while evidence supports the benefits of opioid pain medication short term, it presents serious risks, including the risk of opioid overdose, misuse, and abuse; and

WHEREAS, the unprecedented rise of overdose deaths in the US parallels a nearly 300 percent increase in the sale of opioid pain medications, such as Oxycodone and Percocet, since 1999; and

WHEREAS, as the chemical structure of opioids mimic the structure of receptors in the brain and nervous system, this 'relationship' allows prescription pain relievers to work by binding to these receptors, decreasing the perception of pain that creates an overwhelming feeling of euphoria, physical dependence and in some cases, addiction; and

WHEREAS, once addicted to opioids many people go on to abuse heroin, a semi-synthetic opioid drug, because they are far less expensive to purchase and easier to obtain on the illegal drug market; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 it is reported that there were 68,000 opioid related deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that New Jersey's per capita rate of 8.3 heroin related deaths per 100,000 is more than triple the National rate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby declares October 6, 2019 as

"KNOCK OUT OPIOID ABUSE DAY"

in the Township of Lawrence and urge all residents to become aware of the dangers of, and link between, opioid abuse and heroin addiction and to work with community leaders and educators in an effort to raise awareness of this deadly epidemic and to join together in an effort to eradicate this ever-growing menace to our society.

Public Participation

Mr. Anthony Destribats, Destribats Campbell Straub & Schroth, LLC, stated he is the attorney for Lawrence Square Village and he received a Notice regarding Ordinance No. 2340-19 (LUO Amendment – Block 4103, Lots 8,9, and 10 to Neighborhood Center 2 –NC-2) designation on the Agenda to be voted on this evening. The property is directly at Lawrence Square Boulevard North which Lawrence Square Village currently owns, operates and maintains and his clients have some concern as to what will be proposed where the parking and entrance will be and who will maintain that road once the zone is converted to a NC-2. Also, there is a little sliver of land in front of that property that is also owned by Lawrence Square Village which will have to be traveled over so his clients would like to know what is being proposed and if the Township would like to help maintain the road or explore the possibility of taking over the road altogether and it was suggested that maybe a survey be done to actually delineate where the properties are as it relates to what is being sold turned into that portion of the ordinance and who owns what other pieces of property there.

Mr. Nerwinski advised one of the blocks and lot is owned by Lawrence Township which is the property that was deeded over to the Township by K. Hovnanian that was to serve as a fire substation; but, that never happened and Public Works had been utilizing that piece of land lately and based upon his discussion with Gregory Whitehead, Director of Public Works, he felt it would be appropriate to offer that lot for sale. When further reviewed it was other lots there that the zone was not appropriate in terms of what could or could not be built there.

Mr. Nerwinski further advised that there are no plans pending at the present time for the property; it is just a change in zoning that best suits that particular piece of land to make it more marketable and realistic opportunity to sale. Mr. Destribats requested that his clients be notified as to whatever is proposed so they will know who will bear the responsibility of maintaining the road and the insurance for that road. Some discussion followed relative to road being a private road and if the characteristics of changes and the road services more than his client Lawrence Square Village and other parties within the community he would be open to discuss a deviation or some apportionment of responsibility. In closing, Mr. Roskos requested information on the sliver of land Mr. Destribats spoke about just in case the land goes out to public bid.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

Mr. Roskos stated in reference to Ordinance No. 2337-19 listed on the Agenda tonight he would like to remind everyone that the Township is still going to move forward with the Special Assessment Ordinance for the water lateral improvements for those homes served by Trenton Water Works where there is a belief that the lines could be lead based. In addition, the Township has been asked not to act on the ordinance tonight as there was a Notice requirement that needed to be met prior to adoption and requested that the Ordinance be re-listed for the October 1st Council Meeting.

Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Closed Session Meeting of August 20, 2019 were approved as amended with corrections on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-A), Authorizing Awarding Contract for Striping Along Princeton Pike and Adjacent Intersections, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 297-19

WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 5, 2019 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Striping Improvements** including striping along Princeton Pike and adjacent intersections; and

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

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Traffic Lines, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$21,223.50, 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-04-55-426-240	2257-17	Road Improvements – Princeton Pike	\$21,223.50

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 Traffic Lines, Inc., 5100 Asbury Road, Farmingdale NJ 07727 in the amount of \$21,223.50; 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, Maffei, Powers and Mayor Powers.
 Absent: None.

Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2258-17 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 the Ordinance will be amended to include additional improvements to amend the description of the improvements for flooring replacement in police court facility and for security cameras, upgrades, and monitoring devices in the municipal complex.

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						

Adoption of Ordinances

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

Ordinance No. 2339-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 435 OF THE
 LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
 ENTITLED '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. 435-4 – 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. 54 feet eastbound from the prolonged curb line of Puritan Avenue and Brunswick Pike, for a distance of 22 feet
- 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

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.

Ordinance No. 2339-19 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 LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE”

Mr. Powers questioned if the land was landlocked. Mr. Nerwinski replied “no”. Mr. Roskos stated he does not know exactly what Mr. Destribats was alluding to in terms of his clients owning a sliver of land as it is his understanding that the lot has frontage on the Boulevard and that frontage on the Boulevard has been used for years. Mr. Nerwinski noted that the other lots may have an issue. Mr. Roskos advised that the Title Work for the lot owned by Lawrence Township was done and this is the first he is hearing of any of other issues with the other lots; but they will certainly look into the matter before they go to bid. Additional discussion ensued relative to the matter.

Ordinance No. 2340-19

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE  
LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, a municipal corporation in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, finds that the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community shall be promoted by the revision and amendment of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Block 4103, Lots 8, 9 and 10 are currently zoned Professional Office and should be changed to Neighborhood Center-2 (NC-2), said zoning to be more consistent with the uses and character of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has determined that the revisions and amendments to the Land Use Ordinance have no inconsistency with the Master Plan, represent sound land use regulation and therefore favorably recommends to the Township Council that the zoning of the parcels be so amended; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance involves a boundary change to a zoning district requiring individual notice to property owners pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62.1*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk sent by certified mail and regular mail notice to each individual property owner on August 27, 2019 and has executed affidavits of proof of service and proof of publication in the official newspaper of Lawrence Township;

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

Section 1. The Zoning Map is hereby amended to change Block 4103, Lots 8, 9 and 10 to Neighborhood Center 2 (NC-2) designation.

Section 2. §301 of the Land Use Ordinance, entitled “Zoning Map”, hereby amended as follows:

The zoning map entitled “Zoning Map, Lawrence Township, Mercer County, New Jersey”, dated December 16, 1997, [last revised January 2018] last revised September 2019 is hereby adopted and made part of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance and the code established hereunder, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Notification. Immediately upon adoption of this ordinance, the Municipal Clerk shall file a copy of this ordinance with the Mercer County Planning Board as required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after adoption thereof.

Deletions are in brackets [ ]

New material is underline \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. 2340-19 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2331-19 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE-UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY, (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2018-2019”

Ordinance No. 2341-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. – 2331-19
 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR
 EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2018-2019

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

Section I. Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be recited as “The Salary Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence – Unclassified and/or Exempt, Seasonal, Emergency (non-union) Employees for 2018-2019.”

Section II. Salaried Employees

The attached list of salaried positions and job titles, Schedule A and Schedule B, are hereby authorized and assigned the appropriate salary ranges for 2018-2019 and are determined by date of hire as an employee of Lawrence Township.

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

Section III. Part-Time or Seasonal Employees

The following part-time or seasonal positions and job titles are hereby authorized and assigned the following pay maximums commencing January 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019:

Position of Job Title	Basis	2018	2019
Armed Court Attendant	Hourly	\$25.04	\$25.54
Emergency Medical Technician	Hourly	\$22.16	\$22.60
Firefighter	Hourly	\$18.16	\$18.52
Laborer (Seasonal)	Hourly	\$11.39	\$12.50
Life Guard	Hourly	Federal Minimum Wage up to \$15.56	Federal Minimum Wage up to \$15.87
Recreation Aid	Hourly	Federal Minimum Wage up to \$36.45	Federal Minimum Wage up to \$37.18
Recycling Coordinator	Per Annum	\$8,243	\$8,408
Municipal Alliance Grant Coordinator	Per Annum	\$2,500	\$2,500
Fire Crew Coordinator	Per Annum	\$4,243	\$4,328
School Traffic Guard	Hourly	\$17.40	\$17.75
Secretary/Board & Committee	Per Annum*	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Tax Search Officer	Per Annum	\$11,557	\$11,788
Zoning Officer	Per Annum	\$5,376	\$5,484
Affordable Housing Liaison	Per Annum	-	\$5,000
Affordable Housing Resale Representative	Per Showing		\$100
Fire Department Liaison	Hourly		\$25.00
Deputy Registrar Vital Statistics	Per Annum	\$2,500	\$2,500
Municipal Court Attendee	Hourly	\$22.46	\$22.91
SLEO Class III	Hourly	\$26.00	\$26.52
Park Attendant	Hourly	\$15.56	\$15.87
All Others	Hourly	Federal Minimum Wage up to Step1 In Applicable Job Title	Federal Minimum Wage up to Step1 In Applicable Job Title

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

Section IV. Eligibility

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

Section V. Longevity

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

Length of Service

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

Section VI. Other Personnel and Working Conditions

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

Section VII. Repealer

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

Section VIII. Severability

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of said ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section IX. Effective Date

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

Additions are underlined _____

Ordinance No. 2341-19 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 on the passing of Officer Mark Harmon and indicated he was a beautiful soul who battled very hard from the same disease from which his mom passed away and he wishes his family all the best. And, he wants to ensure Council that the Township has supported him and his family along the way during his sickness and the Township will continue all that they can to support them. He also received information from Chief Caloiaro that the viewing for Officer Harmon is scheduled for Thursday, September 19th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Poulson and Van Hise and the funeral will take place on Friday, September 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Nerwinski further reported that they are preparing for the Solar installation so when they pull up to the Municipal Building people might get a sense that the outside of the building looks a little bare from the removal of some trees on the north and south side of the building where all the preliminary work is being done for the solar carports. And, in reference to some comments that were expressed on social media by residents the trees that were removed for the solar install will be replaced by plantings in the various parks.

Mr. Nerwinski stated every year an audit is done of the Township's finances by Mercadien, PC and that process has been completed and as usual the Municipal Audit Report came back solid. So, he and Peter Kiriakatis, CFO, asked that they review the document and if they have any questions or concerns, please let them know. Mr. Kiriakatis noted near the front of the Audit Report there is a summary which is a snapshot of the current fund.

Attorney's Report –

There was no Attorney's report.

Clerk's Report –

Ms. Carter stated in light of the passing of Lawrence Township Police Officer Mark Harmon a very nice dish garden will be sent out on behalf of the Township Council.

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. 287-19 (18-B.1) through 309-19 (18-H.6) with the exception of Resolution Nos. 295-19 (18-G-1) was 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.

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Resolution No. 295-19 (18-G.1) 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.

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Mayor Bobbitt reported that the Growth & Redevelopment Annual Awards will take place in October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cobblestone Creek and everyone is invited to attend.

Councilwoman Lewis reported that Community Day is Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 p.m., and the event will take place in Central Park as opposed to the traditional location at Village Park which is a great opportunity to highlight the wonderful new playground over there as well as the field. Also, earlier this year the Recreation Committee went on a tour of all the parks in the Township just to look around and do an assessment and there was lots of discussion about upgrades that could be done to the parks and other areas of town, particularly, Veterans Park which she knows the Municipal Manager has well in hand.

Councilman Kownacki reported that the 112<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery located right across from the park will be having there Museum event the same day as Community Day, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. where people can come and check out all the military paraphernalia.

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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.

7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Tonya D. Carter, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Christopher Bobbitt, Mayor