

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

Office of the Municipal Manager

2207 Lawrence Road
Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Kevin P. Nerwinski, Esq., Municipal Manager/Q.P.A.
DATE: March 12, 2021

UPCOMING MEETING

March 16, 2021

Special Presentation

- 5A. Budget Presentation by **Carol Chamberlain – Health Officer.**
- 5B. Proclamation Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Awarding, Amending, and/or Rejecting of Bids

- 9A. Awarding **Bid #21-02** for lawn services to Brightview Landscapes, L.L.C., for \$39,300.

Introduction of Ordinances

- 10A. **Ordinance No. 2385-21** – An Ordinance to vacate an unused portion of the public right of way in front of 20 Texas Avenue to advance the construction of a new PSE&G substation a 2525 Brunswick Avenue and 20 Texas Avenue, which replaces the old station.
- 10B. **Ordinance No. 2386-21** – An Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and establish a “Cap” bank in compliance with Local Government Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq. The Township establishes a 3.5% C.A.P. rate in the budget for 2021, which amounts to \$932,783.89 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by law.

Adoption of Ordinances

None.

Resolutions

The agenda includes items required by law and/or ordinance preparation for 2021 operations, routine administrative authorizations, and resolutions providing for refunds, accepting and releasing various bonds, and releasing project escrow funds.¹

¹ Mayor and Council Members please let me know if you have any questions on resolutions not detailed in the report.

Resolutions of note:

18 F (2) Authorizes hiring the firm of Mason, Griffin & Pierson of Princeton, NJ to represent the Township of Lawrence in a civil action captioned, "*U.S. Home Corp v. ELSA v. Township of Lawrence et al.*" This civil action arises from the approved housing development (Woodmont) in Hopewell, NJ. Although there are no affirmative claims against the Township, it has been named an indispensable party. Therefore, the Township's interests should be protected throughout the litigation by legal counsel.

18 H (6) Authorizes the Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether 40 Enterprise Ave should be designated as a Non-Condensation Area in need of redevelopment. A private company plans to develop this area and requests assistance from the Township to advance the project.