

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

January 21, 2020

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 6.00 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 Kownacki 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, January 21, 2020, 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 Lawrence Ledger on December 19, 2019.

The roll was then called as follows:

Present: Councilmembers Bobbitt, Lewis, Powers, Ryan and Mayor Kownacki.
Absent: None.

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

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Presentation by Fred Vereen, on Behalf of the Lawrence Non-Profit Housing Board, to the Family of Joan Rowland

Mayor Kownacki thanked everyone for their patience and indicated the Council Meeting is running a little behind due to other business. He then invited Mr. Vereen to the podium to give his presentation.

Mr. Vereen greeted the Mayor and Council and stated he would like to thank them for giving him the opportunity to recognize one of their longtime members, Joan Rowland, of Lawrence Non-Profit Housing Board who really helped them throughout the years and was instrumental in developing Eggert Crossing Village. And, indicated he first met Joan Rowland in 1965 when Lyndon Johnson started the War on Poverty Community Action Program and Chuck Connor was mayor at the time and he elected Herman Hannsler to chair the first meeting of the Community Action Program which was held in the old Town Hall building then they moved down to the First Baptist Church where he met Ms. Rowland who had been a faithful servant not only to Lawrence Non-Profit in Eggert Crossing Village but to the Township of Lawrence.

Mr. Vereen stated they are going to present this evening what they were going to present to Ms. Rowland before she passed away; but, did not have an opportunity to do so. And, Tom Wilfrid, Vice-Chairman of Lawrence Non-Profit Housing Board, wanted to be present this evening but had other obligations with his elderly father who is 101 years old and mother who is 99 years old. So, he is sorry he could not be present this evening although it was his intention to be here. He then asked for the members of the Lawrence Township Non-Profit Board to stand and gave special acknowledgement to longtime Board member, Edith Pike, who served with Ms. Rowland's and indicated they have to recognize those who are still around when they can because there is not that many of them left.

Mr. Vereen invited the President of Lawrence Non-Profit Housing Board to the podium to help present the Award along with Ms. Rowland's two sons, Edward and Steven. They then presented each of the sons with a Plaque which read as follows:

**TO
JOAN ROWLAND
FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE TO
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP NON-PROFIT HOUSING, INC.
AND THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE
THE YEARS 1965 TO 2019**

Mr. Ed Rowland stated he is usually the dedicated speaker and the older of the two sons and it is really strange to be back in the room because he can actually remember when his mom and dad brought him to this building when it was being dedicated many years ago. And, in thinking back, Lawrence Township was a wonderful place to grow up in when he thinks about Bidy Basketball...when he thinks about the Lawrence Recreation and playing tennis and him and his brother both being Eagle Scouts of Troop 28. The list goes on and on of what it was like to live in Lawrence. He also remembers the Municipal Manager's (Kevin) father running the Council meetings back then when his father use to bring him to the meetings.

Mr. Rowland stated when his parents first came to Lawrence what he thinks his mother saw as a real problem back when Princeton Pike was partially a dirt road, was the Eggert Crossing area before Eggerts Crossing Village were tin shacks with no

electricity, no indoor plumbing...nothing; and, to look at what it is today is really something when he can vividly still remember when his toys were thrown in the street on Barnett Road where they lived with racial epithets and his mother walking right up to the person who had thrown the toy (all 5 feet of her) basically saying to that person "one day you will be ashamed of your actions and I will be proud of mine". That is today. In conclusion he thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

Mr. Vereen stated last year Eggerts Crossing Village celebrated the 47th Anniversary of the Village which is really something and he wished some of the folks that were around at that time when they were fighting for it who said it would not last 6 months could see it today. So, they put together a packet of history and he knows most of them do not know what adversities they went through because they were not around then. The Packet includes some of the hardships and what they endured to put Eggerts Crossing Village on the map. He thanked the Mayor and Council again for giving them the opportunity to do this. He then turned the floor over to the Eggerts Crossing Civic League.

Doris Weisberg, former mayor/councilmember, and Patricia Hendricks greeted the Council and advised that they represent the Eggerts Crossing Civic League and they have a trophy they would like to present to Ms. Rowland's sons, Ed and Steve, which Ms. Weisberg indicated is bittersweet because she has its twin at home as they both were to receive them at the opening meeting of the Eggerts Crossing Civic League this year, so she received both of them. And indicated Ms. Rowland was one of the very first people she met at a League of Women Voters meeting in 1983 when she moved to Lawrence Township and they became fast friends until her passing so she is very happy to present the trophies to her sons.

Ms. Hendricks stated on behalf of the Eggerts Crossing Civic League they would like to present an Award to Joan Rowland who served and was committed to their mission of scholarship and community involvement. She then extended a thank you to Ms. Rowland for all that she had done and for her dedicated service which they appreciated. Ms. Hendricks stated they also have two Proclamations from the State Senate and the General Assembly which reads as follow:

**COMMENDATIONS AND PRAISES
ARE EXTENDED TO JOAN ROWLANDS
BY THE CITIZENARY OF THE
15TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT THROUGH THEIR
ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES
FOR BEING SELECTED AS A RECIPIENT OF THE
EGGERT CROSSING CIVIC LEAGUE 2020 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
IN RECOGNITION OF HER CHARACTER, DETERMINATION
AND ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY**

SHIRLEY K. TURNER, SENATOR

Ms. Hendricks stated they also have a Certificate of Recognition presented to Joan Rowland on behalf of the Mercer County Surrogate which reads as follow:

**IT IS AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE
TO EXTEND THIS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO
JOAN ROWLAND AS A RECIPIENT OF THE
2020 HONORARY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR HER
DEDICATION AND VOLUNTARY TIME GIVEN TO THE
EGGERTS CROSSING CIVIL LEAGUE
PRESENTED THIS
11TH DAY OF JANUARY 2020**

DIANE GEROFISKY, SURROGATE OF MERCER COUNTY

Peter Kiriakatis, Year End Budget Presentation

Mr. Kiriakatis greeted the Council and stated as customary they have completed the Year End and they are preparing for the 2020 Budget so they have a slide show to highlight the next steps as it relates to the budget and proceeded to review the following:

- The Budget Calendar for the next 6 months – 12/31/2019 thru 6/30/2020 – Closed of 2019 Fiscal Year (12/31/19), Recommended Budget to Council (1/21/2020), Introduction of Budget to Council (3/17/2020) and Budget Public Hearing and Adoption (4/21/2020).
- Lawrence Township Fund Accounting - Graph of all the accounts that surrounds the Current Fund and the four ways a town can spend money.
- Financial Facts – Moody’s Rating (Aa1), Interest Rate on BAN1 (2.0%) and BAN2 (2.25%), Number of Tax Line Items (\$11,215), Number of Tax Line Items in Tax Sale including 9 COAH (115), Number of POs Processed in 2019 (4,413), Current Fund Checks Processed in 2019 (2,840), Tax Collection Credit Card Collections in 2019 – Amount of Taxes \$305,186, Credit Card Fees \$9,881.30, Break Even Percentage 3.23%
- 2020 Recommend Budget – Anticipated Revenues and Appropriations – \$50, 427,061.64
- Key Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated Changes Year Ended December 31, 2020 – Surplus (+\$1,200,000), Hotel/Motel Tax (+\$31,975), Investment Interest (+85,500) and Amount to be Raised by Taxes (+1.75 cents) – (Mr. Nerwinski noted that Lawrence Township is currently involved in a litigation that alleges misconduct by the town so they are concerned about revenue in the long context so as a result of that they decided to remove the Court revenue \$500,000 from Anticipated Revenue using Surplus)
- Key Appropriation Changes – PERS (Increase \$11,147), PFRS (Increase \$125,252), ELSA (Increase \$220,000), S&W (Contractual Increase + \$288,000), S&W Adjustment (\$238,500 Estimate for Union Negotiations Increases), Manager S&W (Decrease \$71,000), Manager OE (Increase \$130,000), Reserve

for Uncollected Taxes – Non-spending Appropriation, BOE & County receive full tax apportionment, Township bears cost of uncollected taxes within budget 2019 Appropriation: \$4,191, 231 - Increase \$84,596, Health Benefits – Decrease of \$101,000.

- Lawrence Township Breakdown of 2019 Tax Rate – School Tax (\$53.26 per \$100), County Tax (\$25.55 per \$100) , Local (Municipal Tax \$20.14 per \$100) and Municipal Open Space Tax (\$1.05 per \$100)

After the presentation, a brief question and answer period took place relative to Mr. Kiriakatis budget review as it relates to the good Moody's Rating the township received and that rating possibly lowering the interest rates, future Bond Anticipation Notes, credit card usage and the fees associated with that usage, taxpayers paying on a monthly basis to help balance credit card fees and the potential reinstatement of ACH direct withdrawals by the Township.

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### **Submission of the 2020 Recommended Municipal Budget**

Mr. Nerwinski distributed copies of the 2020 Lawrence Township Budget Recommendation for the Council's review and consideration and advised the Council and Municipal Clerk that he would be reading the first two pages of the Recommended Budget into record and he offers the entirety of the document to the record. (Please refer to Lawrence Township website to review the 2020 Recommended Budget in its entirety at [www.lawrencetwp.com](http://www.lawrencetwp.com)).

### **2020 Lawrence Township Budget Recommendation**

In 2020, Lawrence Township is set to realize the culmination of significant projects that have been years in the making. They include the following:

- The **acquisition of 5.9 acres of land located at 2420 Brunswick Pike**, which is situated adjacent to Colonial Lake. The property to be purchased has been subdivided to allow for the continued operations of the business known as Colonial Bowling & Entertainment. The purpose of this acquisition is to preserve the land surrounding the lake, and to improve the park for the overall expanded enjoyment of the residents of the Township. The total purchase price is \$3,650,000 which is being funded by the Mercer County Open Space Assistance Program (\$1,470,100), the New Jersey DEP Green Acres Program (\$211,133 with an additional \$500,000 pending final approval), a citizen's group known as the "Friends of Colonial Lake" (amount to be determined) and the remaining balance from the Lawrence Township Open Space Fund. The terms provide for payments to be spread over three years to allow the Township additional opportunities for grant money. If the additional targeted grant money is realized (and it seems promising), the total contribution from grant sources would be \$2,950,200 which would result in total contributions from our Open Space Fund just fund \$700,000.
- The planning and completion of the **Brunswick Pike Streetscape**. With grant monies received (\$60,000) and a previously budgeted amount (\$175,000), the Township's long time work in

realizing an improved Brunswick Pike from the Brunswick Circle to Lake Drive is closer than ever to a reality. Public meetings will be held to discuss the design plans and receive resident and business owner feedback. We expect to start the work in the Fall of 2020.

- The continued study and **remediation of the property appropriately known as the “Pit Stop”** (1175 Lawrence Road) has been green lighted with grant monies being awarded by NJ DEP Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund in the amount of \$239,524. A firm has been engaged, and the work scheduled will include the demolition of the structure and the evaluation of the soil underneath it to determine the extent of contamination to develop a plan for remediation. The goal is to clean the property, discharge the current liens against title, and acquire ownership. Grant funding is conditioned on the fact that the site is to be used as a passive park.

The Township’s **commitment to sustainability** has recently been recognized by Sustainable New Jersey as we maintained our status as a Silver Certified Community (which is no easy task). Most observable to the public is the recent completion of the installation of the car port styled solar panels installed at our municipal complex (municipal building and the police and court building) and solar panels on our Public Works roof. We anticipate that will meet 85% of our energy needs with a realized savings of approximately \$40,000 annually.

Over the past several years, we continued to participate in the NJ BPU Direct Install program which provides energy efficiency in all of our facilities that have resulted in a 30% reduction of energy costs. It is interesting to note that our solar power program was to include car port styled solar panels at the Senior Center on Darrah Lane, but after assessing it, our efforts through the Direct Install Program reduced the building’s energy requirements to less than an average household thereby disqualifying it from car port solar panel installation. However, we have been recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey for installation of solar panels on the roof of the Senior Center with the goal being to have the building powered almost completely by solar energy. And under this grant, we will own the system!

The Township was also awarded grant money for the installation of two electric vehicle charging stations at our municipal building, and partial grant money towards the purchase of an electrical vehicle in this budget, if approved, we will buy an additional vehicle. All of these efforts are leading us to a pathway to achieve the Gold Standard in Energy from Sustainable Jersey (currently only one municipality has done so).

- The completion and roll out of our **new Township website** which will improve the delivery of services to residents, business owners and others by taking advantage of the latest technology that today’s web designs offer (i.e., online payments, licensing and application processing for our varied departments).

It should clear from the descriptions above that the Township has focused its efforts towards obtaining grant monies to fund its various projects, and has been very successful in doing so. The use of grant money combined with the socially and fiscally conscious effort towards sustainability demonstrate the commitment that we have towards reducing the tax burden on our residents for the operations of our municipal government. It is our mission for Lawrence Township to continue to balance services while keeping the overall tax rate growth responsible. This year the budget does not include any new positions to be added to our municipal operations. Throughout the year, however, we are committed to maintaining the strength of

our police department by hiring new officers as current officers retire. As we did last year, we provide you with the following fundamentals of this year's budget [with a comparison to 2019]

### Public Participation

Mr. James Hooker, 713 Bunker Avenue, stated he is a proud resident of Lawrence Township for 25 years and a member of the Trails, Open Space and Stewardship Advisory Committee and he is pleased to announce publicly tonight that for the first time that the Friends of Colonial Lake Park Group have now been recognized by the Federal Government Internal Revenue as an official 501c3. Legal assistance from Ewing Township Attorney, Jeff Dunn, will work pro bono to see the application through and indicated Mr. Dunn grew up in the Lakelands and is the son of Cindy and Jack Dunn who serves on the Friends of Colonial Lake Board of Directors. Also, Ryan Dunn, who is a Detective with the Lawrence Township Police Department and who was honored as Officer of the Year grew up in the Lakelands and he always like to state things like this for the record because it is great and shows the kind of people who grew up and live in the Colonial Lake neighborhood. He would like to also recognize and thank the Township Council for their great wisdom and vision paired with their Group in saving the Colonial Lake parcel from development for current and future generations and proceeded to discuss the municipal budget, various resources and the Open Space Tax being utilized in a great way to purchase the land.

Mr. Hooker advised of the 2020 Township Calendar featuring a picture of a beautiful Cherry Blossom tree at Colonial Lake Park taken by Pam Riviera and Friends of Colonial having their own calendar for purchase as part of a fundraising effort as part of their contribution to save Colonial Lake Park. He briefly spoke about the good that came out of the developer's application that started the whole process of Saving Colonial Lake Park and distributed the 2020 Colonial Lake Calendar to the Municipal Clerk and members of Council and acknowledged several people who were instrumental in helping to create the beautiful calendar– Nancy Wucinski, Pam Rivera, Kevin Frankenfelt, Harry Bittner and Gary Szabo. He further advised that the calendars are selling like hotcakes as this is their third order so if anyone from the public is interested in a calendar they need to contact them soon because they may be out of them again. He thanked the Council again for their time and everything that they have done.

Ms. Elaine Hogan, 8 Highland Road, advised that she has resided at that address for 40 years and she is present again to on behalf of the Fackler Road neighborhood and indicated they continue to have a very serious concern about the Fackler Road and Princeton Pike intersection which is actually a T-intersection and not an intersection and advised on July 11<sup>th</sup> the Council approved the engineer request to do a traffic study for this situation. In 2019 there were 14 reported accidents at that corner. And, two weeks ago on January 6 there was a (3) three car accident serious enough that one of them had to be towed and in the past year Public Works Department has done a great job repairing the guard rails and placing temporary barriers there after every single accident. The barriers were constantly hit and knocked over onto the street

and many of their neighbors would go out and pick up the pieces which made it very dangerous to make a right hand turn from Fackler Road onto Princeton Pike. Last week another beautiful guardrail was put in but she does not know how long it is going last.

In closing, Ms. Hogan urged the Township Council to please follow through with the Traffic Study that is going on right now and to ensure that this very busy intersection at Princeton Pike has a traffic light. She pleaded to the Council to not let this important safety matter go on the backburner and thanked them for their time and indicated Public Works has done a great job. Mr. Nerwinski noted that he spoke with the Township Engineer last week and the Study is well in place and not on the backburner and a light at that intersection is supported and they should have an answer in a month or two.

Mr. Paul Larson, Chair of Trails, Open Space and Stewardship Advisory Committee and Trustee for the Historical Society, stated he would like to echo previous comments made by previous speakers and summarize for the record some of the good news that has been going on in Lawrence Township parks and involving their history over the last couple of weeks and indicated on New Year's Eve they had 750 people at Hogmanay – Maidenhead Meadows Park and the Brearley House, less than a week later on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, they had a 110 people at the Colonel Hand Historic March which he believes is the largest crowd they have had in ages and the first one that he can recall where the entire Township Council and Municipal Manager were present and thanked them for showing up and supporting the event. He further advised that there is a Lawrence Hopewell Trail Saturday Morning Walking Club that meets on the second Saturday of each month at a different location and more information is available on their website. The idea is to introduce people to various parts of the LHT so by changing the location forces people to learn more about the trail and proceeded to give an example of a trail walk they took back in December that started at the new segment at ETS and ended on the Princeton University property. He cautioned that section of the LHT needs to be off-road because of the (11) eleven cars they encountered in that short distance of time; one which would have hit one of them if they were in the roadway; but, outside of that the walk was great as they had 48 people in attendance and about 25 people continued on the walk where they ended up at the Brearley House which he opened up and they toured. So, in a span of less than two-weeks Lawrence has had over 900 people visiting the parks and involved in the town's history which is some great news to talk about.

Mr. Larson stated that April is going to be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day which seems to have gone by quickly since the Cuyahoga River was on fire in Cleveland, Ohio, which was one of the big triggers back then, and they are going to try and put something together in April when it is a little warmer but do something around Alden Leopold and the Big Woods over in the Loveless Tract, Central Park and Rider University woods. And, September 26<sup>th</sup> will be 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the Monument located in front of Town Hall. But, at the same time they dedicated the Monument they also planted 180 Pin Oak trees a mile north of Slackwood down to Bakers Basin Road and Dr. Daniel Drunkenbrod from Rider University, who is a tree expert, went out earlier this month to see how many trees they could come up with and



they think approximately 10-percent of those trees are still around. Some are in bad shape but they are trying to document them all and there are a couple of different species of oak trees; but they are fast losing them, sort of like veterans to the wars, there are not many of them left and they are quite worried that the tree butchers that trim and prune the utility lines are going to come through quickly and advised of two trees that were identified as dead and a safety hazard on Route 1 in front of the McDonalds and Mercedes Benz dealership. A brief discussion took place relative to who will be responsible for the removal of the tree...the township or state and a report being prepared and distributed at a later date regarding Mr. Larson's and Dr. Drunkenbrod's findings.

Mr. Jim Cleak, 7 East Darrah Lane, inquired about the plans for the property adjacent to the Brearley House given he has heard of different plans for the property. Mr. Roskos stated that parcel was part of the Mt. Laurel settlement and the site was previously approved for commercial office building and rather than build office buildings the owner who had a right to join the Mt. Laurel litigation offered that site up, as a site, in support of affordable housing. The site was originally estimated to generate 300 units, 60 of those units being affordable, but what they discovered is there are enhanced buffers for the Brearley House as well as the D & R Canal Park, east of the site, so as a result of those site constraints the project is being downsized to 42 affordable units so they will need to amend the Plan and he will be making a Motion to the court given that downsized project still has to be compensated for in terms of the towns compliance plan. So, they have to relocate units to another part of town which will be the Quakerbridge Mall site which is zoned and have an overlay to allow for affordable housing at that site. A brief discussion took place relative to the Plan to build the affordable units once the situation with the site constraints next to the Brearley House is resolved.

Mr. Cleak stated he heard some talk about proposed additional work on the Brunswick Pike and inquired as to what that is all about. Mr. Nerwinski replied that the Brunswick Pike Streetscapes is that strip of land in-between the new roundabout and the Brunswick Circle that has been a vision for improvements since 2005 and the idea behind the modifications is to make it more pedestrian friendly with better lighting, reduced speed and to give the area more of a Main Street type feel as much as possible. A brief discussion took place relative to plans for area not being fully completed and the various opinions as to the safety level of the roundabout that was put in at Whitehead Road.

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#### Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Clerk requested that Resolution 42-20 (18-H.6), Authorizing Transfer of 2019 Budget Appropriations, be included to the agenda. Mr. Roskos further requested that the Closed Session - Resolution 25-20 ((18-H.1) be amended to discuss items dealing with litigation.

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

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#### Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of **October 1, 2019** and **October 15, 2019** were approved with corrections on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Closed Session Meeting of **December 17, 2019** was approved without corrections on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

There was no award or rejection of bid.

Introduction of Ordinances

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

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Ordinance amending Chapter 435 of the Administrative Code entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" removes a parking space at 139 Michigan Avenue.

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

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

Adoption of Ordinances

There was no adoption of ordinances.

Manager’s Report –

Mr. Nerwinski submitted invoice listings for the month of January 2020 in the amount of \$1,028,674.12.

Mr. Nerwinski stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

Attorney’s Report –

Mr. Roskos reported on the Closing of the Sheft property should happen fairly soon as they finally received the approval from DOT which is what they have been waiting for and the formal approval should arrive next week. Mr. Bobbitt requested that Mr. Roskos keep the Council in the loop as to the closing as a lot of residents of the community would like to know. A brief discussion took place relative to the signing of the subdivision deeds and the anticipated three weeks closing date because of the various funding sources.

Clerk’s Report –

There was no Clerk’s report.

Unfinished Business –

There was no unfinished business.

New Business –

Mayor Kownacki appointed Jack Oakley as the Township’s Emergency Management Coordinator for Three-Year term ending February 1, 2023. Mr. Nerwinski stated for the record that Mr. Oakley is an amazing person to have in their municipal operations as he is a valuable resource and he really enjoys working with him.

Mr. Bobbitt asked the Mayor and Council if he could put together an Ad Hoc Mobility Committee and indicated over the past couple of years they have had people coming before them speaking about pedestrian access to things and he would like to work with Councilmembers, Committee members as well as members from the public to take a look at pedestrian access in the township. And, he will follow-up with the Municipal Clerk regarding a Resolution to establish the Committee and make it official.

Public Participation (3-minute limitation per speaker) –

There is no public participation.

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 24-20 (18-A.1) through 42-20 (18-I.7) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Authorizing Appointments to Boards and Committees

Mayor Kownacki advised that the Liaisons will be casting their nominations for the nominees appointed to the following Boards or Committees:

Affordable Housing Board – 3-year term ending 12/31/22

- Susan McCloskey
- Murali Mallampati
- Joyce Scott

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Environmental and Green Advisory Committee – 4-year term ending 12/31/23

- Tahirih Smith

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority – 5-year term ending 1/31/25

- Harold Vereen

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Growth & Redevelopment Advisory Committee – 3-year term ending 12/31/22

- Melissa Clark
- Peter Ferrone
- Tushar Patel
- Brian Vaughn

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Health Advisory Board – 3-year term ending 12/31/22

Maureen Adams
Mary Baird

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Historian – 4-year term ending 12/31/23

Brooke Hunter

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Human Relations Committee – 3-year term ending 12/31/22

Kenneth Bernabe
John Gaskins
Inderjit Sidhu

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Municipal Alliance on Drug and Alcohol Abuse – 2-year term ending 12/31/21

Naeem Akhtar
Susan Stahley

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Planning Board – 4-year term ending 12/31/23

Maria Connolly
Philip Duran

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Public Safety Committee – 2-year term ending 12/31/21

William Holmes
Michael Oakley
Elissa Schragger

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Recreation Advisory Committee – 3-year term ending 12/31/22

Edmund Budzinski
Siobhan Cahill
Ernest Cerone
Glenn Collins
Bonne Giglio

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Senior Executive Committee – 4-year term ending 12/31/23

Joann Barry
Charles Conover
Catherine Sapp

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Trails, Open Space and Stewardship Advisory Committee – 3-year term ending 12/31/22

David Bosted
John Emmons
Jeffrey Lang

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 3 regular 4-year term ending 12/31/23 and 1 alternate 2-year term

Joseph Blaney – regular member
Olga Dember – regular member
Christina Hultholm – regular member
Bruce Kmosko – alternate member

Resolution No. 43-20 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Mayor Kownacki stated that some of the Liaisons appointed to the Boards and Committees have changed and he will follow-up with the Municipal Clerk regarding

those changes. Councilwoman Lewis noted that they still have vacancies for anyone else interested in joining.

Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –

Councilman Ryan stated he attended the Drug and Alcohol Alliance Banquet as a stand-in for the Mayor and Lawrence Township received an award for Project Graduation among other things along with Mercer County and it was a very nice function. Carol Chamberlain, along with members of the Committee, was also in attendance and they did a wonderful job.

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.

7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

James S. Kownacki, Mayor