

REGULAR MEETING
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL MEETING IN LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
AND BY TELE-CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, ET SEQ. AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 107

June 16, 2020

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Kownacki thanked each of his colleagues for filling in for him during his time of need.

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, June 16, 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 Princeton Packet 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

There were no proclamations or presentations.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Clerk requested that the Agenda be amended to add Resolution (18-E.2) – Authorizing a Special Item of Revenue from New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials, and amend Resolution (18-H.7) to include discussions dealing with the Mt. Laurel Settlement.

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Agenda was amended to include the above revisions.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 4, 2020, March 3, 2020 and March 17, 2020 were approved without corrections on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 18, 2020 and April 7, 2020 were approved without corrections on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-A), Authorizing the Awarding a Contract for the 2019-2020 Road Improvement Program – Phase 1, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 183–20

WHEREAS, on Thursday, June 4, 2020 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **2019 / 2020 Road Improvement Program – Phase 1**; and

WHEREAS, eight (8) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Meco, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$390,253.00, 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 as follows:

| Acct.           | Ord. No. | Name           | Amount       |
|-----------------|----------|----------------|--------------|
| C-04-55-454-241 | 2328-19  | Green Lane     | \$105,000.00 |
| C-04-55-454-247 | 2328-19  | Dayna Lane     | \$50,000.00  |
| C-04-55-466-247 | 2360-20  | Princeton Pike | \$235,253.00 |

; 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 Meco, Inc., P. O. Box 536, Clarksburg NJ 08510 in the amount of \$390,253.00; 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 Bobbitt, Lewis, Powers, Ryan and Mayor Kownacki.  
 Absent: None.

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-B), Authorizing Awarding Bid #20-07 Lawn Services, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 191-20

WHEREAS, by Resolution 131-20 on April 7, 2020 On-Site Landscape Management was awarded Bid 20-07 Lawn Services for 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to award the Option #1 portion of the bid which includes the Brunswick Pike section Route #1 of which we recently took over from the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is 0-01-26-290-255 (Streets and Roads) for \$16,479.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to award Option #1 of Bid 20-07 for Lawn Services to On-Site Landscape Management, P.O. Box 294, Millstone, New Jersey 08535 for the period of April 20, 2020 through November 6, 2020 in the amount of \$16,479.00 for Option #1 bringing the total amount of the bid award to \$55,800.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-C), Authorizing the Awarding of Bid #20-08 Uniform Rental and Cleaning, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 194-20

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2020, proposals were received for Bid No. 20-08, Uniforms Rental and Cleaning; and

WHEREAS, three proposals were accepted and carefully reviewed by the Director of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Manager and Director of Public Works are awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, American Wear Uniforms; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is 0-01-26-300-255 (Public Works Administration OE) in the amount of \$5,453.50 for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to award Bid 20-08, Uniforms Rental and Cleaning, to American Wear, Inc. in the total amount of \$32,721.00 for a three year contract running from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount of said award in excess of the submitted certification of funds is subject to final appropriation in the adopted municipal budgets for the years 2021 for \$10, 907.00, 2022 for \$10,907 and 2023 for \$5,453.50 (*six month period*).

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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#### Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Kownacki read by title, an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2343-19, ADOPTED OCTOBER 1, 2019, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF A PORTION OF THE COST RELATING TO LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH"

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Ordinance is a necessary act by the Governing Body to comply with a program involving Trenton Water Works and the replacement of lead service lines for residences and businesses within the community; however, in light of civil action filed against TWW he is unsure how this will impact them but they still need to proceed with this ordinance to be prepared if they intend to move forward with the lead line replacement.

Mr. Roskos advised that he did speak with the Council for Trenton Water Works and he indicated that this is really the second phase in the program that was intended to address all the lead pipes that may be part of the water system. The first phase was \$15M and Trenton City Council did pass a \$25M bond to do the second phase of the work. So, Lawrence Township is following suit like Ewing and Hamilton Townships and

he wanted to let everyone know that this was one aspect of the water system for which the City Council did adopt a Bond Ordinance so they are moving forward as planned.

Mayor Kownacki advised of a Trenton Water Works discussion that took place at the Civic Center where a gentleman spoke about the second phase and them working with the Municipal Manager and Township Officials regarding street openings and residents being reimbursed the \$1000.00 previously paid for replacement of the lines. Mr. Nerwinski stated that the Mayor’s recollection of the discussion is correct; but, he does not think anybody has paid or been assessed any money at this point in time because of the way it was progressing with the former Executive Director who has since been replaced and it looking like residential customers would not have to incur that cost. And, he does not know where they stand right now but they will address the matter and if anybody has paid they will get reimbursed.

The Ordinance No. 2363-20 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Kownacki read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2327-19 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6A: “FEES: THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE CHAPTER” OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE”

Ordinance No. 2362-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2327-19 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156, “FEES” OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

SECTION I. BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that 156—13-A “Activity Fees” is hereby amended as follows:

| ACTIVITY                                       | Present Fee          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Art/Theater Camp, Full Day until April 30      | \$260.00             |
| Art/Theater Camp, Full Day after April 30      | \$275.00             |
| Art/Theater Camp, Half Day until April 30      | \$185.00             |
| Art/Theater Camp, Half Day after April 30      | \$195.00             |
| Art, Winter                                    | \$85.00              |
| Basketball, Competitive                        | \$125.00             |
| Basketball, Summer Teen                        | \$65.00              |
| Basketball, Youth                              | \$85.00              |
| Bocce                                          | \$5.00               |
| Camp, After Care                               | \$60.00              |
| Camp, Before Care                              | \$50.00              |
| Cheerleading                                   | \$55.00              |
| Children's Triathlon Clinic                    | \$75.00              |
| Field Hockey, Indoor                           | \$75.00              |
| Fitness Trainer                                | \$60.00              |
| Garden Plot, Resident                          | \$45.00              |
| Garden Plot, Non-resident                      | \$90.00              |
| Golf Camp, Week                                | \$185.00             |
| <u>Miscellaneous Programs/Activities</u>       | <u>5.00/\$100.00</u> |
| Nature Center Camp, Week                       | \$185.00             |
| Playgrounds, Full Day until April 30           | \$290.00             |
| Playgrounds, Full Day after April 30           | \$305.00             |
| Playgrounds, Half Day until April 30           | \$200.00             |
| Playgrounds, Half Day after April 30           | \$215.00             |
| Playgrounds, One Week Full Day until April 30  | \$200.00             |
| Playgrounds, One Week Full Day after April 30  | \$215.00             |
| Safety Town                                    | \$75.00              |
| Senior Instruction                             | \$3.00 per class     |
| Sports Camps, Full Day until April 30          | \$260.00             |
| Sports Camps, Half Day until April 30          | \$185.00             |
| Sports Camps, Full Day after April 30          | \$275.00             |
| Sports Camps, Half Day after April 30          | \$200.00             |
| Sports Camps, One Week Full Day until April 30 | \$185.00             |
| Sports Camps, One Week Full Day after April 30 | \$200.00             |
| Sports Clinics                                 | \$40.00              |
| Swim Lessons                                   | \$80.00              |
| <br>                                           |                      |
| Swim Team                                      |                      |
| October – March, Level 1, 2 days/week          | \$215.00             |
| October – March, Level 2, 2 days/week          | \$190.00             |
| October – March, Level 3, 2 days/week          | \$190.00             |
| October – March, Level 1, 1 day/week           | \$100.00             |
| October – March, Level 2, 1 day/week           | \$85.00              |
| April – May, Level 1                           | \$70.00              |
| April – May, Level 2                           | \$70.00              |

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Tennis Instruction, Adult         | \$85.00       |
| Tennis Instruction, Youth         | \$11.00/HR    |
| Travel Camp, Daily (Resident)     | \$85.00       |
| Travel Camp, Daily (Non-resident) | \$100.00      |
| Travel Camp, Week (Resident)      | \$295.00      |
| Travel Camp, Week (Non-resident)  | \$350.00      |
| Volleyball                        | \$70.00       |
| Wrestling                         | \$45.00       |
| <b>PERMIT</b>                     |               |
| Picnic/Park/Facility              | \$45.00       |
| Athletic Field w/o lights         | \$90/3 hours  |
| Athletic Field w/lights           | \$150/3 hours |
| <b>SWIMMING POOL</b>              |               |
| Family Membership                 |               |
| School Year                       | \$165.00      |
| Summer                            | \$115.00      |
| Individual Membership             |               |
| School Year                       | \$90.00       |
| Summer                            | \$70.00       |
| Senior Membership                 |               |
| School Year                       | \$25.00       |
| Summer                            | \$20.00       |
| Daily Fee (all year Non-member)   | \$5.00        |
| Dip Ticket                        | \$5.00        |

## Section 2. Miscellaneous Fee

Except as provided for, fees for nonresidents and organizations with their base of operation not in Lawrence Township shall be twice the established fee. (established in Ord. 1125-88)

## Section 3. Financial Assistance for Program Fees

Upon review of gross household income and family size the Superintendent of Recreation can issue a partial scholarship to Lawrence Township residents for Recreation Department fees set forth in said ordinance. Qualified participants will be assessed 35% or 65% of the registration fee. Travel Camp participants meeting the guidelines will be required to pay a minimum of \$125 per week. (established in Ord. 1627-00 amended in Ord. 1966-08)



Section 4. Refunds of Registration Fees

Individuals withdrawing from a program before the start date will receive a refund, minus 25% of the established registration. No refund will be issued if the participant withdraws after the starting date of the activity. (established in Ord. 1996-08)

Section 5. Temporary Food License for Community Day

Individuals must obtain a temporary food license for the purpose of distributing food and/or beverages at Community Day and meet all the requirements as outlined by the Lawrence Township Health Department. The fee for non-profit or not for profit organizations based in Lawrence Township will be waived. (established in Ord. 1996-08)

Section 6. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of same inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 7. 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 8. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after adoption thereof.

Additions are underlined \_\_\_\_\_

The Ordinance was adopted after the public hearing thereon, 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Nerwinski submitted invoice listings for the month of June 2020 in the amount of \$2,258,076.26.

Mr. Nerwinski reported that the Attorney General filed a civil lawsuit against the City of Trenton and Trenton Water Works as a final act in response to Trenton Water Works' consistent failure to meet deadlines and work set forth in the Consent Order that they had agreed to abide by. The final decision to file the lawsuit came when the City Council voted no to additional funding that was absolutely required for the utility to meet the requirement under that Consent Order for the improvements of the infrastructure, management, and operations. And, because the City Council has demonstrated that they may not have the best interest of the water users in mind, he thinks the New Jersey Attorney General's action is appropriate and it is his understanding that the towns will be joining in on this action to intercede to make sure that they all have a seat at the table to protect the interest of their particular community, residents and businesses that are customers of Trenton Water Works. In addition, he has provided the information regarding the litigation to Mr. Roskos and as they proceed further they may have to go into closed session to discuss negotiations or items related to the matter; but, for right now, the Attorney General has taken the lead as it is their responsibility and authority to regulate the utility and they have been involved in the matter over the last couple of years to get Trenton Water Works back on track and the utility did make some progress but failed recently to a point where enough was enough.

Mr. Roskos stated he has already started working on the Motion and he thinks Lawrence Township should be in the lawsuit so that they can understand what the State is seeking Trenton Water Works to do and to make sure that the Township's concerns are addressed to the court. Councilman Powers inquired if they were going to coordinate with Ewing Township and Hamilton Township being they all have the same issue and may not need three attorneys at the table. Mr. Nerwinski replied that there is an intention for them to get together to make sure they are not overlapping; but, in all honesty he does not want to give the Township's authority over to another attorney representing another town as they have their own interest and people to protect so he feels they should be at that table since Ewing Township and Hamilton Township have similar but different concerns than Lawrence Township; but, he will defer to the Council. Mayor Kownacki noted when they have their meetings the Mayors are usually in attendance; but, he asked Mr. Nerwinski to attend the meetings and Councilman Bobbitt to stay on board with this matter as he has been dealing with it for the past couple of years and he attends the meetings when possible. Additional dialogue took place relative to the Township monitoring the cost of the litigation and interceding at the meetings to better understand what is going on and to have a say in the decision-making process.

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Township is operating at full staff under the guidelines that were established to protect the health and wellbeing of the employees and municipal buildings will remain closed to the public; however, they have been able to provide all the services that they are supposed to be providing to residents and the businesses and the people that have come to building to work with staff have not expressed any type of frustration at all of not being able to enter the building and he thinks for all concerned this is the best way to go. And, if the virus continues into the colder months they will establish a reception area close to the entrance and the staff will come to the people in an effort to keep the building secure from the virus. Furthermore, the Township has been really fortunate in keeping everybody healthy which he would like to continue as they are delivering the services that people demand and expect, and the only way to do that is by being completely respectful of the virus and recognizing the importance of keeping the employees healthy so that they do not have to quarantine and can continue to provide those essential services to the public. And, he is really comfortable with his thought process of denying access to the building by the public while they still maintain operations.

Mr. Nerwinski advised of his plan that was previously emailed to the Council to open up the restrooms at the parks with proper signage but to have no assigned workers there, as bathroom attendants, to clean every time someone uses it. They plan to post prominent signs stating that the bathrooms are cleaned daily and they are to be used carefully at your own risk. Playground equipment is being controlled by the Governor and will continue to be sealed off until the Governor lifts the ban for use of the equipment.

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### **Attorney's Report –**

Mr. Roskos reported that he has some comments for closed session on the Mt. Laurel settlement; but he would like to report that the Sheft matter continues to be postponed as they are waiting for the sellers Attorney to resolve issues with the lender and subordinating to the Township easement which he seems to make some progress on then lose whatever foothold he had. In the meantime, Greenacres had asked for them to change some language and give more engineering information which was a side issue they had to deal with. Mr. Roskos conveyed that again today he sent Mr. Goldberg the requirements of the title company and he sent it back to his lender and he is hopeful that they will get it done as the closing is in (2) two weeks and he just surprised as to how long this is taking.

Mr. Roskos further reported that they have received additional interest on the surplus property on Lawrence Square Village Road as they had one buyer interested and now another one surfaced. So he does not know if they should now open this up to the highest and best offer from those who are interested. But, the good news is the

Township will no doubt come out near where the Tax Assessor had placed the value which is great.

Councilwoman Lewis inquired about the resident who came before Council stating that the part of the surplus property was part of her property because she had a business there and questioned if she ever came forth with the property map. Mr. Roskos and Municipal Manager advised that the Title work did not show any additional ownership.

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**Clerk's Report –**

Ms. Norcia reminded the Council about the retirement parade for Anthony Cermele, longtime Construction Official taking place on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon and stated it should be a fun time and everybody she has spoken to plans to participate. She also brought to the attention the communication that she put before them regarding the Primary Election from the Mercer County Clerk's Office and asked that they say a prayer for the Election to go smoothly. A general exchange of dialogue took place relative to the upcoming July 7<sup>th</sup> Primary Election as it relates to verification of the polling locations and the Municipal Building districts being moved to the Senior Center, Lawrence Square Village Clubhouse (District 16) needing to be completely sanitized after the election and clarification on the letter that was sent out regarding the Vote-by-Mail process and persons with disabilities being the only voters allowed to vote in the machines at the polling locations.

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**Unfinished Business –**

There was no unfinished business.

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**New Business –**

There was no new business.

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

There was no public participation.

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Resolutions

Mr. Nerwinski asked that the Resolution for the reappointment of the Tax Assessor be done first. Thereafter, Mr. Nerwinski stated that Mr. Pacera is the consummate professional and an integral part of the team and he relies upon him greatly and the Township is very fortunate to have him do the assessments for Lawrence Township. Councilman Bobbitt playfully wished Mayor Kownacki and Mr. Pacera “good luck” in the next year and teased that he would like the Tax Assessor to be able to go into this function with his eyes fully opened and no running to the Manager’s office complain about ‘difficulties’ (referring to COVID-19). Mr. Pacera thanked Councilman Bobbitt for the warning and Council for the reappointment.

Resolution No. 184-20 (18-H.9) – Authorizing the Reappointment of the Tax Assessor was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Cited Resolution is spread in its entirety in the Resolution Books of the Township of Lawrence.

Resolution Nos. 158-20 (18-A.1) through 200-20 (18-H.14) with exception of Resolutions 18-H.9 (Tax Assessor Appointment) 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 Resolution is spread in its entirety in the Resolution Books of the Township of Lawrence.

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Councilman Bobbitt inquired as to how the Liaisons should proceed with having their Boards and Committees meetings and asked if they should do virtual meetings or meet at Town Hall.

Mr. Nerwinski proposed virtual meetings at this point being he does not feel meetings should be held at the Municipal Building or Senior Center until they are open to the public and they to have an account for virtual meetings. Members of Council were in agreement. Additional discussion took place relative to the meeting schedules and the Committees advising the Municipal Clerk on how they plan to proceed with their meetings so the meetings can be properly noticed.

Councilwoman Lewis thanked all of Council for quickly gathering at Town Hall earlier this month which was a wonderful way of showing their commitment to the community and indicated they have had several discussions about the coronavirus, rallies and discussions about equity and equality that she thinks will continue; but, another part of the discussion that they have not had as a result of quarantine is about June which is Pride Month and she thinks it is very important that the Supreme Court noted yesterday that equity in civil rights is enshrined in the Constitution for all regardless of sexual orientation. And, since they will not be meeting again in June she wanted to mention this so that the residents know that the Council continues to support them and they will find ways for opportunities in the future to mark the month as they started to do in the last year.

Councilman Powers stated kudos to the young people that organized the Protest event at the Lawrence High School that did not fall on deaf ears in terms of the Council and in their meetings with Chief Caloiaro.

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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.

6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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James S. Kownacki, Mayor

Re-opening of the Regular Meeting of Council:

7:55 p.m.

After the Closed Session, the following Resolution (18-H.7) – Authorizing Salary Increase for Municipal Manager was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 201-20

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the following salary adjustments be and are hereby approved for Kevin P. Nerwinski, Municipal Manager/QPA:

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| December 3, 2019 thru April 30, 2020 | 2.50% |
| May 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020   | 2.00% |

Resolution No. 201-20 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 Resolution is spread in its entirety in the Resolution Books of the Township of Lawrence.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at

7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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James S, Kownacki, Mayor