

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

March 17, 2020

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 6.30 p.m.

Prior to the opening of the meeting, Mr. Nerwinski stated that he wants to move the Introduction of the Budget up on the Agenda, possibly after the Roll Call. The Municipal Clerk advised that they first have to do the adoption the Cap Bank Ordinance.

Mr. Nerwinski advised that Councilman Bobbitt will be the Chair of the meeting tonight at the request of Mayor Kownacki, and Mayor Kownacki, Councilman Ryan, Mr. Roskos and Mr. Kiriakatis will be participating in the meeting via telephone.

The meeting was then opened with the Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance, led by Municipal Clerk.

At the commencement of the meeting Councilman 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, March 17, 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 was no proclamation or presentations.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Clerk requested that Resolution No. 122-20 - Authorizing a Click It or Ticket Grant; Resolution No. 123-20 - Authorizing a Credit Card Convenience Fee Change; Resolution No. 124-20 - Authorizing an ACH Convenience Fee, and Resolution No. 125-20 - Authorizing the Use of Storm Recovery Reserves for Coronavirus Pandemic, be added to the Agenda.

Councilwoman Lewis made a motion to move up the introduction of the FY2020 Budget immediate following the adoption of ordinances.

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

There was no adoption of minutes.

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-A), Authorizing the Awarding of Bid for the Replacement of the Brearley House Roof, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 112-20

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Replacement of the Brearley House Roof**; and

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

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Unlimited Builders Construction, LLC who submitted a bid in the amount of \$54,950.00, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:50-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the accounts to be charged are;

Acct.	Ord. No.	Name	Amount
C-04-55-433-235	2258-17	Brearley House Repairs	\$14,800.00
C-04-55-461-232	2329-19	Improvements to Municipal Buildings	\$40,150.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendations of the Municipal Engineer, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Unlimited Builders Construction, LLC, P. O. Box 9029, Hamilton NJ 08650 in the amount of \$54,950.00 (base bid); 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.

Introduction of Ordinances

Councilman Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$89,389.25 THERFOR AND DIRECTING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE THEREOF"

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Ordinance is part of the Township's concrete program and this is the appropriation which involves all the residents and participates in the Sidewalk Replacement Program.

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						

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

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Ordinance amends Chapter 435 of the Code entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” to add a handicapped parking space in front of 759 Puritan 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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Council Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER”

Mr. Nerwinski advised as part of the budgeting process the Ordinance establishes a Cap Bank as required by New Jersey Budgetary Law and the cap is 2.5% and they are requesting that the cap be 3.5% banking the difference in order to provide for situations that may arise in the future. Mr. Nerwinski further advised that the proposed 2020 Municipal Budget does not exceed the 2.5% cap limit.

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 stated that the Resolution authorizes the Open Space Tax Rate and there are no changes to the rate.

Authorizing the Open Space Tax Rate for 2020

Resolution No. 104-20 (12-A) was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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Mr. Kiriakatis stated every 3 years the Division of Local Government Services does a full review of the budget and Lawrence Township is right now in the middle of their term where the DLGS reviews their budget and next year the Township will be up for a state review. So, this year as long as the Municipal Budget complies with all the Statutes, the budget is balanced and they have appropriated enough funds for debt service they are permitted to do a self-examine which they have done. And, once the Council approves it tomorrow he will sign off that the Township has conducted their self-examination.

**Authorizing Self-Examination of the 2020 Municipal Budget**

Resolution No. 105-20 (12-B) was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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Mr. Nerwinski reported that he provided the Township Council with the proposed 2020 Municipal Data Sheet as well as the Levy Calculation Workbook formally introducing the budget pursuant to statutory guidelines within the deadline and that the 2020 Budget has proposed a tax increase of 2-cents (1-cent equals \$463,052.33 and the 2-cents will be \$926,104.66) with the total budget of \$50,521,239.00. And as they know his budget message provided for a tax increase of 1.7 cents but in light of what they are going through now with this public health crisis he asked Mr. Kiriakatis to revisit the budget to provide for the unexpected additional cost to the Township in response to the COVID -19 pandemic and as a result they have modified the budget now introducing it with the 2-cents increase comprised of \$30,000 in salaries and wages as well as \$105,000 expenses which will be under the Municipal Manager’s appropriations.

Mr. Kiriakatis further advised that the State gives a guideline of when the Budget needs to be introduced and adopted and the Council had passed that resolution back in January so this meeting is the closest date to what the State gives as guidance.

Mr. Nerwinski noted that the State has not offered any relief to the budget deadlines and as a result the Township needs to move forward as if they had to meet all deadlines and this is the day that they have to do it. And, for the record, the adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget will be April 21st.

Councilwoman Lewis noted that the Council Meeting they are having tonight is unorthodox with members of Council and the public chiming in on their telephones due the Covid-19 situation and the social distancing requirements; so, if anyone in the future was to read the Minutes she wants them to understand why the meeting is being done differently and the reason for it.

Introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget

Resolution No. 106-20 (12-C) was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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Mr. Nerwinski stated that he provided the Council earlier today with a Memorandum regarding a report on the status of the Township’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic and requested that Kathy Norcia, Municipal Clerk, make that memorandum part of the record of this meeting to fall under his Manager’s Report and

he will continue to keep the Council updated with regard to the issues involving this COVID-19 crisis. As requested, please see the following memorandum.

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**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP - INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS  
**FROM:** KEVIN P. NERWINSKI, ESQ., MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** TOWNSHIP RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC  
**DATE:** [CLICK TO SELECT DATE]  
**CC:** KATHY NORCIA, MUNICIPAL CLERK AND DAVID ROSKOS, MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

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Please accept this memorandum as an update on the Township's response to the Coronavirus pandemic crisis as of March 17, 2020 at 12:15 PM.<sup>1</sup> I provide the date and time to this report since this is a very fluid situation which requires flexibility and modifications to decisions already made.

1. Municipal operations (except for essential employees) will be suspended on Thursday and Friday this week and next week. As a result, the Municipal Building will be closed to the public and employees will not be allowed entry on these days. Department heads are working with their staff for at home-work assignments, if possible. Three days on and two days off may continue until such time as the health crisis dissipates to better provide for the safety of our employees and the visitors they interact with. This decision was made to reduce the movement and interaction of people within the buildings for an extended period of time, but also provide enough time for us to maintain operations. Closing down completely is simply not an option at this time.

During our days of operation at the Municipal Building, we have closed the front entrance and the South entrance from public access. Access to the building is ONLY through the North Entrance. We have hired a temporary receptionist and positioned him at a desk so that each person entering the building registers (providing name and contact information). We are doing this to provide us with a record of all persons in our building at any given time should the need arise to contact them if a positive Covid-19 person has been confirmed to be in our building. We also are making available information on preventative actions to take during this health crisis. Employee parking is in the South parking lot, and the public parks in the North lot. The Municipal Building will be locked by 5:00 pm Monday through Wednesday.

2. The Senior Center is closed except that we will be continuing the Nutrition Program with designated times for meal pick-up. The information will be

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<sup>1</sup> Presently implemented actions not prior actions taken.

posted prominently on the exterior of the building and on all social media outlets and in our Senior Connect that we will make available for pick up and distribution.

3. Recreational programs have been suspended until further notice. All fields used by the various sports clubs will be closed until April 14 (with the potential for further delay if required).
4. Our Health Officer and her staff have been working non-stop during this crisis. As you know we have two confirmed Covid-19 cases at this time. These patients will be monitored by our Health department, and I am told they are extremely cooperative with all set protocol. At this point, there is no need to increase the staffing in this department, but we are prepared to do so if necessary.
5. Our Chief of Police reports to me throughout the day. His department and operations are all running normally. Yesterday, the State of New Jersey acted to designate all Class III Officers to Class II status if the municipality needs additional police presence or is experiencing a more than normal decrease in manpower. Class II officers have very much all the same power and authority as a police officer. Funding for engaging Class II officers to serve in our department is available.
6. Our Director of Emergency Management reports to me throughout the day. Although there have been some staffing issues, they have been addressed and we are in good shape right now. The EMTs are performing exceedingly well and our career and volunteer fire fighting departments are ready to provide responses to issues as they arise.
7. Our CFO keeps me updated on our municipality's financial situation. At this time, there is no immediate adverse impact to our finances due to this crisis. With the market tanking, we should, however, expect less income on our investments which will affect future budget decisions.

We received approval from the State of New Jersey to access funding from our Storm Recovery Reserve (formally known as snow removal) to apply to additional costs associated with this crisis. In addition, we have modified our 2020 budget, and increased the tax from 1.7 cents to 2.0 cents. This additional monies are designated for use if and when necessary for Coronavirus response. Should we not use this additional funding, it will be returned to surplus with the ability to use it at as a credit for future budgets. Introduction of the 2020 Budget will be tonight.

All Coronavirus expenditures will be designated with the Covid-19 coding. As a result, we will have a record that will form the basis for any application for federal or state relief if and when that opportunity arises.

8. We have suspended all committee meetings at this time. We did have a Planning Board meeting last night and there will be a brief Zoning Board meeting tomorrow night. But my sense is that future meetings will be canceled until further notice. We must have our council meeting tonight. The introduction of the 2020 Budget must be done tonight due to the deadline. I do imagine that State action will cause a rescheduling of the budget process but we are proceeding in compliance with the present regulations. Although we have a plan to get through this meeting tonight, I will be exploring other options for our next meeting. The obvious hurdle is ensuring adequate public participation in compliance with OPMA. But we will work through it.
9. Public Works will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the next two weeks except for essential personnel (i.e., mechanics...to keep all municipal vehicles operational). Greg W. is working on a plan to meet the services expected by the community, but I believe the services we do provide will be subject to modification for a new normal until the crisis dissipates.
10. The Court is closed for the next 2 weeks as ordered by AOC. The staff, however, will work as scheduled like other municipal employees.
11. Tax and Sewer collections. We are working with our credit card company to temporarily eliminate the service fee for those paying by credit card and, when we receive confirmation of this, we will take the steps necessary to inform the tax payers and promote the use of the credit card option to reduce visits to the office. The Tax Collector is also looking into extending deadlines for payments to promote people to mail in their payments should the credit card payment not be an option. Authorization for any extension must come from the State. Additionally, we are on the last step of having the bank approve our ACH module to allow tax payers another option to pay without mail or on site payment.
12. Tax Assessors office is modifying its work by working directly with residents and business owners to perform assessment via "virtual assessment" (i.e., pics of areas to be assessed and measurements being provided by the tax payer, etc.) eliminating on site visitation temporarily.
13. Our Bureau of Vital Statistics (i.e., marriage licensing, etc.) will be engaging in a shared service agreement with another township for continuity of operations should staff be unable to perform duties to the virus. We are fortunate to have a full time staff member performing this work and a certified back up already, but the State is mandating this shared services plan and, of course, we will comply.
14. Social media posting continues throughout the day providing important information and updates. I am continuing to keep residents informed by engaging them on the various community FB pages and through my blog.

15. I have asked our Municipal Attorney to look into the necessity for our municipality to declare a state of emergency on the local level. At this point, I do not see a need or justification for it. Health, Finance, Public Safety are all in a good state at this time. He will report back to me on this issue.
16. I have met with all of the Department Heads on multiple occasions throughout the past week to game plan on expected issues and problems, and to ensure the continuity of operations within their departments. I have made each Department Head a stakeholder in our municipality's response to this health crisis, and they have responded with professionalism and commitment. I also went from department to department to personally address our employees to keep them informed as to our plans, the importance of the work that we do for our community, and our commitment to keep them as safe as we can. All have responded favorably. I know this dialogue must continue because this crisis will continue for an extended period of time.

I will work from this memo for future updates by highlighting additions to the text.

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Mr. Nerwinski stated for the record that he appreciates all of the Council's cooperation and support through this crisis and he would like to publicly thank Councilwoman Lewis for her questions and her guidance although she always says and quotes "you do not want to hear from me" which he does...and he appreciates her support. And indicated the CFO and the Police Chief can attest to his philosophy that they work better together and him not being a controlling figure as he feels all of their combined experience and combined thoughts will lead to good decisions and he appreciates all of the input he has gotten from the Township Council and the Department Heads and they will meet again tomorrow to continue the game plan to make sure they are meeting the needs of the community in a responsible way; but, also being mindful to protect the safety of the municipal employees and the people that do business.

Mr. Nerwinski advised that he has met individually with each of the departments and has spoken to all of the Township employees and they have consistently shown support for what the Administration is doing and they appreciate them caring about their well-being and providing for their safety and he ends every talk with tomorrow he might say something completely different. The plan for now is to look two weeks out with a mindset that they could receive information that will change that plan as he does not want to cancel things a month or two months out which he thinks is inappropriate at this time; but, they will continue to monitor the situation and be fluent and have their responses appropriate for the information they are receiving. Thereafter, members of Council thanked Mr. Nerwinski and all of the Township employees for what they have been doing in these trying times. Mr. Bobbitt asked Mr. Nerwinski to let the employees know that the Council very much appreciates it.

Attorney's Report –

Mr. Roskos reported that Judge Jacobson assigned John Maczuga as the new Court Master as they move to reopen their settlement so they can assess the Brandywine site and also take into consideration the Lawrence Shopping Center site. And advised that he spoke to the Court Master today and he will have a conference with the Judge on Monday afternoon; basically, to map out how they are going to reopen the settlement and adjust their agreement with Brandywine and their settlement with Fair Share Housing. In addition, he has already spoken to Adam Gordon, Director at the Fair Share Housing, who took over for Kevin Walsh, and has always been Mr. Walsh's right hand man and is very familiar with Lawrence and he endorses what they are doing in terms of revisions.

Mr. Roskos further reported that the Brandywine contract purchasers have tried to inject themselves into the matter which he is not allowing to happen. They want to be a party and he said "no" being they are a contract purchaser with a number of contingencies and he does not know if they will be around months from now so they will deal with Brandywine and Fair Share Housing, they will amend their settlement and move forward but the Developer is already presenting themselves to both the Master and him as a party demanding rather than a party that wants to work collaboratively which is kind of disappointing... but hopes will change. So, he just wanted to update the Council on what is taking place with the Contract Purchaser for the Brandywine site.

Councilwoman Lewis questioned if Betsy McKenzie, Special Court Master, retired. Mr. Rosko advised that Betsy McKenzie did retire and John Maczuga, who is a Court Master in several towns in New Jersey, took over as the new Court Master. He knows Mr. Maczuga professionally and he is practical guy who will be a good Court Master and will work well with the town and proceeded to discuss him being the Court Master for Mooretown Township who amended their Fair Share settlement twice.

Mr. Nerwinski stated he and Mr. Roskos have been talking throughout the day on whether rather or not the Township should declare a State of Emergency and he informed Mr. Roskos after his discussions with Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Coordinator, Brian Caloiaro, Chief of Police and Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer, there is no need to declare a state of emergency at this time and advised that he asks Mr. Roskos to do some further research as to whether they should be doing it at this point in time and asked if he had come up with anything that would compel them to take action.

Mr. Roskos stated other than a Press Conference if they chose to, there is no benefit in Lawrence Township declaring a State of Emergency and in reading the Statute if the Township declared a State of Emergency, Jack Oakley, supersedes the Township Council powers and will be able to make all the decisions; but he thinks the Statutes were intended for those situations where there is a flooding or a super

snowstorm to coordinate with other emergency services to address natural catastrophes but this is a public health issue and not the appropriate time to declare a State of Emergency.

Mr. Nerwinski noted for the benefit of the Council and the public, Peter Kiriakatis, CFO, will be tracking all the expenses, additional cost and appropriations of the COVID -19 that will be coded so if and when State and Federal funds become available they will have an accurate record of the Township's cost to the community so they can make that application. And, they know in order to get those funds they might have to declare a State of Emergency which they will do when the time comes and proceeded to discuss Lawrence Township making their own decisions based upon the information that they have and moving forward from that point on and both the State and Federal government declaring a State of Emergency and Lawrence Township being bound and operating within their guidelines which they will do.

Mr. Roskos advised that the State has authorized towns to use the Snow Recovery funds during this emergency which is a sizable amount due to the very mild winter. Mr. Nerwinski noted that there is \$400,000 in the Snow Recovery Fund that has to be utilized in other manners and that the additional .03 cents added to the municipal budget if not used will be returned as a credit in future budgets when they have the ability to do so; it is just the responsible thing to do right now being the cost of the crisis cannot be realized at the present time.

Clerk's Report –

Ms. Norcia reported that the Mayor's Legislative Day has been postponed so when she hears of the new date she will let the Council know.

Unfinished Business –

Councilman Bobbitt asked Mayor Kownacki if he would like to discuss or table the changes proposed about the Boards and Committees. Mayor Kownacki stated it is just a matter of moving the Council who serve as liaisons as voting members to the board or committee they serve on. After a brief discussion, Mayor Kownacki stated the matter can be tabled until the next meeting.

New Business –

There was no new business.

Public Participation (3-minute limitation per speaker) –

There was no public participation.

Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 107-20 (18-B.1) through 125-20 (18-H.10) with the exception of Resolutions 112-20 (9.A – Bid Award) 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						

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Resolution No. 108-20 (18-H.1) 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   |     |         |        |         |      |        |

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

Council Lewis stated just like the Municipal Manager took a moment to thank the Township employees for how they have responded to the COVID-19 crisis she thinks the Council should take a moment to thank all the residents and businesses that are out there trying to do their best for their community and are continuing to do so and all of the resources that have been put in place and encouraged others to do the same.

Councilman Bobbitt stated he seconds Councilwoman Lewis' comments especially with the impact this crisis has had on the small businesses in each of their business districts from Lawrence Main Street down to the Brunswick Circle and asks that the businesses not be forgotten now or when they get back to normal.

Councilman Powers expressed sentiments of both Councilwoman Lewis and Councilman Bobbitt with an "Amen".

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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.

6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Councilman Christopher Bobbitt, Acting Mayor