

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

January 19, 2021

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:30 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 19, 2021, 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 18, 2020.

The roll was then called as follows:

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

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

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Prior to the opening of the meeting, Mayor Kownacki stated that he would like to take a moment to remember the over 400,000 United States citizens that have died from the Pandemic and to acknowledge the very tough times many families, friends and neighbors have experienced during this Pandemic. He would also like to thank the Township Council, Municipal Manager, Health Officer, Office of Emergency Management, Lawrence Township Police Department and Lawrence Township Firefighters and everyone else who has stepped up during this Pandemic including the residents of Lawrence who will continue to do so. He then asked for comments from members of Council.

Councilwoman Lewis thanked Mayor Kownacki for giving the Council a moment to speak for all the reasons he cited and because she believes they are on a precipice of a new era and it is important to remark on it. And, indicated tonight at 5:30 p.m. Lawrence joined with thousands of others to illuminate Town Hall to show unity and remembrance. And, it occurred to her in the coming days all of them will be called on to do a bulk of those types of things many times over and since the storming last week of the Capitol she often thought of the Oath she took, the Oath they all took, the same Oath that all public servants take from their Planning Board members, their Police, their Firefighters, their Military, their Congress and the President. An Oath they have been given many times and each time she is struck by the words "To Defend the Constitution and to Bear True Faith and Allegiance to the Same"; a part of the Oath that must guide every action a public servant takes and must be the one principle on which they cannot waiver.

Councilwoman Lewis stated as a country and as a member democracy must be nurtured and protected. They must join together in peace to move towards that marker of condemnation, one that values equity and confession over hatred and divisiveness. They must remember only by reaching out and truly listening to each can they build a stronger nation. And, they must remember that those who fall short on that Oath must be held accountable. They can no longer let hatred and divisive partisanship be placated. They must call it out and shine a light on it. Here in their own community they can recommit themselves to those principles to recognize where they can do better and ask their neighbors to help them achieve together. For too long they have been figurative bubbles of their own makings and for nearly a year literal bubbles. She hopes that in 2021 they will be able to safely leave their literal bubbles and she asked that all the residents join to together in finding ways to move beyond that figurative bubble too. To reach out to make kindness their primary motivation in all of their actions which she feels is a wonderful way to start 2021 to commit themselves to that. She thanked the Mayor again for giving them a moment to speak.

Councilman Powers echoed the sentiments of Councilwoman Lewis with regard to the attack on the nation's U.S. Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup>, and indicated Lawrence Township joins in condemning the violence in Washington, D.C. as violence is never the solution to their political differences in a free and democratic society. They are grateful for the brave men and women of law enforcement who defended their nation's Capitol that day including New Jersey native, Brian D. Sicknick, who died in that attack.

Councilman Powers stated a peaceful transition of power is the Hallmark of the Republic and they look forward to this tradition continuing tomorrow at the Inauguration of President-elect Joseph Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris. They wish them success as they move the Nation forward and he will remind the Nation of a tradition they have in Lawrence Township. And indicated this year will be an election year for two members of Council and every election in Lawrence Township when the victor is declared the losing candidates have a tradition of visiting the campaign headquarters of the winning candidates and wishing them congratulations and success in their leading the Township forward. And, he knows that Mayor Kownacki and Councilman Bobbitt will always honor

that tradition as they have always done in the past. Lawrence Township is an example for what the Nation needs to be doing.

Councilman Powers stated with regards to COVID-19 it was very important what President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris did in terms of remembering the lives of those they lost because of COVID. In Lawrence Township about 5-percent of residents have been affected by the virus and each one of them know somebody that has suffered through this illness; and, unfortunately, some who have passed away. They remember them and know that their sacrifices in terms of the disease will not be forgotten. They also need to remain vigilant in terms of handwashing, wearing masks and social distancing until they all receive the vaccine and continue moving forward. As he thinks back to where they were on January 19<sup>th</sup> of last year and where they are today Mayor Kownacki is correct in terms of the leadership the staff has shown during this past year as they could not have expected what has happened this past year and they look forward to brighter days ahead with the new incoming White House Administration. He then thanked Mayor Kownacki for his leadership and for the opportunity to speak on the important issue.

Councilman Bobbitt stated what COVID has shown them is the fragility of life and how this one virus has sort of upended the world in so many ways...look at them in sort of their Hollywood Squares bubbles. But, he thinks one of the hallmarks of a great community such as Lawrence is that they are working together trying to do the right thing even when the social unrest and the sort of just call for justice after George Floyd in Minneapolis. They came together to this proper social distancing and expressed their opinions and their feelings in a safe way and he thinks that is what they need to continue to do in Lawrence which is to stay true to their better selves and not just focus on the troubles that happened in Washington, D.C.; but, also think about what they can do at home to make for a brighter future. So, again it is heavy days right now in terms of what is going on both with the Government as well as with COVID. But, he thinks to Councilman Powers' words "brighter days are ahead". So, he thinks they should all keep working together and taking care of each other. He then thanked everyone.

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#### Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

#### **2021 Budget Presentation – Peter Kiriakatis, CFO**

Mr. Kiriakatis greeted and thanked the Council for having him tonight and indicated that he would be putting up a slideshow with a recap of 2020 and the Recommendation of the 2021 Budget and proceeded to review the following:

- **The Budget Calendar Timeframe for the next 6 months 12/31/20 thru 7/9/21)**
  - Close of 2020 Fiscal Year (12/31/20); Recommended Budget to Council (1/19/2021); Estimated Opening of 2021 Fiscal Year Accounting and Purchasing

System (1/25/2021); Annual Debt Statement Due to DLGS (1/31/21); Annual Financial Statement Due to DLGS (2/10/2021); Introduction of Budget to Council (3/16/2021); DLGS Review (required every 3 years per N.J.A.C. 5:30-7)-(4/xx/2021); Budget Public Hearing and Adoption (4/20/2021); \$7,170,000 BAN2 Matures and Reissue (6/11/2021); Annual Audited Financial Statement to DLGS (6/30/2021) and \$3,428,150 BAN 1 Matures (7/9/2021).

- **Lawrence Township Fund Accounting Overview** - Graph of all the accounts that surrounds the Current Fund and the four ways a town can spend money. With the Capital Fund, Grant Fund and Payroll Fund items being directly budgeted through the current fund and all transactions carried out through the General Ledger that flows through one of the funds listed on the graph.
- **Financial Facts** – Moody’s Rating (Aa1); Interest Rate on BAN1 and BAN2 (1.25% and 1.0%); Properties that Generated Tax Revenue (11,087); Number of Tax Line Items in Tax Sale including 8 COAH (Authorized to Purchase on Behalf of Lawrence Township)(120); Number of Purchase Orders Issued in 2020 (4,203); Current Fund Checks Processed in 2020 (2,916), Tax Collection Credit Card/ACH Collections in 2020:
 

- Amount of Taxes	CC \$305,186.00	ACH \$4,120,803.80
- Credit Card Fees	CC \$9,881.30	ACH \$3,736.00
- **2021 Recommended Budget** – Anticipated Revenues and Appropriations – \$49,458,134.49. (2020 Anticipated Revenues and Appropriations \$50,672,969.33)
- **Key Appropriation Changes** – PERS (Increase \$68,160); PFRS (Increase \$104,858); Capital Improvement Fund – Limited Capital Improvements in 2021- Decrease used to eliminate tax increase in 2021 (Decrease \$755,000); S&W (Includes \$25,000 for radius increase and \$95,000 for Covid-19); Trash Contractual Increase - \$45,650) and Reserve for Uncollected Taxes – Non-spending Appropriation, BOE & County receive full tax apportionment, Township bears cost of uncollected taxes within budget 2021 Appropriation: \$4,234,420.90 - Increase \$32,662.22.
- **Key Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated Changes Year Ended December 31, 2020** – Ambulance Fees (-\$110,000); Interest on Investments (-\$45,500); QBM Mall Staffing (-\$60,000); Recreation Fees (-\$230,000); Sale of 23 Lawrence Square Blvd (Proceeds used to construct Pole Barn on Public Works site, this eliminates the need to fund construction via bonding) – (+219,450); Electric Charging Station (+\$504); Change in Ratables (+\$114,991) and the Recommendation is a 0 Cent Increase in Municipal Tax Rate. (Mr. Kiriakatis noted that the decreases are mainly due to Covid-10.)
- **Lawrence Township Breakdown of 2020 Tax Rate** – School Tax (\$54.14 per \$100), County Tax (\$24.26 per \$100) , Local (Municipal Tax \$20.57 per \$100) and Municipal Open Space Tax (\$1.03 per \$100)

After the presentation, a brief question and answer period took place relative to Mr. Kiriakatis budget review as it relates to the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes and approximately 15-percent of the municipal budget being withheld for County and School Board tax portions; the \$25,000 radius increase to Salary & Wages for the School Board due to their reduced bus schedule and if Township Officials were

included in the decision-making process; the Township's Aa1 Moody's Rating, credit rating, risk analysis and the Township's overall good budgetary health allowing the town to receive lower interest rates when borrowing from financial institutions; benefit of maintaining a healthy Surplus; reduction of Bond Anticipation Notes and Lawrence overall plan to reduce debt over the for debt reduction in the last 10 years; the residual effects of Covid as it relates to tax appeals and evaluations for commercial ratables and the new ratables sustaining the Township during the Covid situation.

The Council commended Mr. Kiriakatis, the Municipal Manager and the Department and Division Heads for the careful planning of the past and present budget seasons, seeking grant opportunities for various projects and for proposing a 0-percent tax increase; particularly, at this time with job losses due to the pandemic which they are sure the residents will appreciate.

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### Public Participation

Ms. Martha Friend, 976 Lawrenceville Road, thanked Mayor Kownacki on his comments at the beginning of the meeting in acknowledging the hardships in the Township and stated she has been amazed by the community efforts and the massive amounts of money raised by the Township to drop off food to the Healthcare workers and indicated what a great town Lawrence is and the phenomenal job they did in helping others. She also thanked Councilmen Bobbitt and Powers and Councilwoman Lewis for speaking and acknowledging the violent attack at the Capitol which she thinks was important to put words to and she appreciates what they said but she does think if a person is not on the call the wider community does not get to hear the important message spoken by members of Council.

Ms. Friend went on to discuss the public statement that Mayor Kownacki put out in March when they realized they were heading towards a Pandemic just asking the community to just try and pay attention to things and be smart in their actions. And, she feels what took place on January 6<sup>th</sup> with the violence at the Capitol also deserves a public comment and she is on the call tonight to reiterate her email sent on the January 7<sup>th</sup> asking the Council as a Body to put out a public statement denouncing the violence at the Capitol and she is not sure if the statement made by Councilman Powers was his own personal statement or a public statement made on behalf of the Governing Body and she feels people need to hear that from their elected officials so she is asking the Governing Body to make a group statement denouncing that violence.

Mr. Gene Nugent, 8 Heritage Way, advised that the would like to discuss an important public safety matter concerning a fire that took place on his street last week

and indicated earlier in the week he had mentioned to his daughter that the fire hydrant down near Meatheadz restaurant had been gone for months but had finally been replaced and that the fire hydrant on his street was out of service which he was surprised by but he does remember a tag being placed on that hydrant last summer.

Mr. Nugent stated that Friday afternoon his wife called Slackwood Fire Company concerning the hydrant and they received no answer so they called the Police Department and the Dispatcher told them that the Township was aware of problem with regards to the hydrant being out of service and that it had been out of service for some time. His wife asked when the thought the hydrant would be back in service and they told her they had no idea. They then asked if the City of Trenton could be contacted being they are ones that work on the fire hydrants and that they would try to reach out to someone but could not promise any results. So, as a private individual he called the City of Trenton to report the matter and that evening his neighbor's (Donald Miller) home caught fire that caused substantial damage.

Mr. Nugent indicated when the firefighters arrived at the scene he asked the other firefighter for a hydra wrench and he was thinking it would do him no good being there is no water at that hydrant. The firefighter then asked Mr. Dlabik who was walking up where the next hydrant was located near Meatheadz restaurant which was fortunately replaced one week before the fire; because, if that hydrant had not been there he does not know where they would have gotten the water from to fight that house fire. They were very fortunate this time in the fact that there was no loss of human life and stated without water a fireman cannot put out a fire. And, as a citizen, he is wondering how many other hydrants in the Township are out of service and why are they allowed to be out of service for so long and suggested they have a survey of all the Township hydrants to make sure they are all working as it is his understanding when they are not working the City of Trenton puts a tag on them so they just need to survey each hydrant to determine if they are in working order.

In closing, Mr. Nugent stated it is his estimate that the fire crew had to stretch maybe a quarter mile hose to put the fire out when there was fire hydrant 40 feet from the blaze which is something they cannot put up with and the problem needs be fixed to protect all the citizens of Lawrence so that this never happens again. And indicated he really feels bad for what happened to one of the best guys on the street, Mr. Miller, who is present this evening.

Mr. Donald Miller, 9 Heritage Way, stated unfortunately he is the resident of that fire that Mr. Nugent previously spoke of which was one hell of a scary night. His main concern regarding the situation is why the fire hydrant was out for so many months without anyone coming back to replace it. And, he knows through conversation the Trenton Water Works has had but for the hydrant to be out for that long for those many months just cannot happen from a public safety standpoint being they start to rot out where they cannot be turned on or off and then they get tagged and deemed unusable. And, although, he has many questions with regards to the fire hydrant on his street as well as hydrants throughout the Township that are out of service he would like to know more information

on why it takes so long to replace some of those fire hydrants. Especially, on his street because if that hydrant was active and was usable he probably would be living in his home at this moment and probably would not have had the extensive damage he has if they did not have the water issues amongst all the other chaos and proceeded to elaborate on the very scary experience watching his house on fire.

Councilwoman Lewis asked the Municipal Manager to do a follow-up on the fire hydrant situation with Trenton Water Works with regards to the hydrants that are non-operational and when they will be back up. Mr. Nerwinski noted that he has spoken with Jack Oakley, Emergency Management Director, regarding the incident and that they are working on getting some answers to make sure this never happens again and he will follow-up with Mr. Miller regarding the situation and extended a sincere apology to Mr. Miller for the loss and inconvenience to him and his family.

Ms. Terry (?), Heritage Way, stated she agrees with previous comments made by Mr. Nugent and Mr. Miller relative to the fire hydrants situation but her comments is regarding the response time of the Fire Department and the Volunteer Fire Company being Slackwood Fire Company is so close to their residence. And indicated as spectators they just watched the fire swell and expand for approximately 25 minutes not realizing at that moment the fire hydrant was tagged out of service until the fire department arrived which is really concerning to the residents in the neighborhood. Furthermore, she agrees with Ms. Friend's comments and supports her request for the Council to do a formal statement condemning the violent attack that took place in Washington D.C. on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Nerwinski noted that the Township just went through a Fire Study studying the response times that was much lower than 25 minutes reported which is one of the reasons they conducted a fire study to see where they can make improvements. And advised that the Township has a volunteer group of firefighters being they do not have a full-time career firefighting force, and he is not disputing the 25 minute timeframe which historical and consistently was much lower in the Fire Report. This was just an all-around bad situation and kind of one of the challenges many communities face within the State and Country in terms of transitioning from volunteer to career which they have witnessed first-hand that may arise, unfortunate for sure and something they will be seriously be taking a look into.

Ms. April Armstrong, 180 Franklin Corner Road, stated she would also like to speak in support of Ms. Friend's request for the Council to do a formal statement condemning the violent attack that took place in Washington D.C. on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Andrea Martinez, thanked the Council for allowing her to speak on global poverty when there are other major priorities like the Coronavirus something more local and stated she is the Ambassador of the Borgen Project, a national non-profit bipartisan organization that helps fight global poverty, and she is present this evening to engage citizens locally and efforts to see stronger U.S. Leaders build towards alleviating global poverty. And advised that the Borgen Project is based in Seattle, Washington, and she

would like the Lawrence Township Council to send letters to Senator Corey Booker, Senator Robert Menendez and Congresswoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman letting them know that the Global Poverty Programs are crucial for creating more consumers globally and new markets for local businesses and just helping with the fight for global poverty. If interested, they can find information on their website at [borgenproject.org](http://borgenproject.org) or they can email her and she will give people more information about the project.

Ms. Katharine Schumacher, 20 Temple Terrace, advised that she is also concerned that she has not heard a formal statement from all Councilmembers about the incident that occurred on January 6<sup>th</sup> which is quite disturbing as their community leaders. So, she is strongly urging them to take leadership action and let the community know where they stand regarding the violent attack that took place in Washington D.C. on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

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Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Clerk requested that the Agenda be amended to include Resolution 58-21 (18-H.4) – Authorizing Membership in the Lawrenceville Fire Company.

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.
- Absent: None.
- Abstain: None

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Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of **December 1, 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.
- Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

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Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

There was no award or rejection of bids.

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Introduction of Ordinances

There was no introduction of ordinances.

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Adoption of Ordinances

There was no adoption of ordinances.

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**Manager’s Report –**

Mr. Nerwinski submitted invoice listings for the month of January 2021.

**Submission of the 2021 Recommended Municipal Budget**

Mr. Nerwinski advised that copies of the 2021 Lawrence Township Budget Recommendation has been provided to the Township Council for review and consideration and advised the Department Heads have been working with Peter Kiriakatis, CFO, in preparing their 2021 Budgets as they have in the past. The tradition of having the Department Heads come before the Council will continue and those individuals will be available for questions. He noted that this begins the 2021 budget process and they look forward to making known the finances of the Township and that the Recommended Budget is posted on his Blog and other social media sites – Facebook and Twitter. He then read the 2021 Municipal Budget Recommendation into the record. (Please refer to Lawrence Township website to review the 2021 Municipal Recommended Budget and Budget Presentation in its entirety at [www.lawrencetwp.com](http://www.lawrencetwp.com)).

**2021 Lawrence Township Budget Recommendation**

The challenges and impact of the world pandemic known as Covid-19 invaded every facet of society in big and small ways. Although we begin this year with the knowledge that there is a vaccine to fight this deadly virus and hope that a better day will be upon us sooner rather than later, the pandemic's effects and impact leave many unanswered questions and our financial future unclear. In crafting this budget, we are mindful of the uncertainty, and, therefore, our approach is best described as remaining calm in the "eye of the storm." In the coming months, and most likely longer, the short term and long-term negative impact of the pandemic will reveal itself to us. These are truly unprecedented times as we enter into 2021.

In 2020, the revenue consistently generated through municipal operations decreased significantly due to the pandemic, and we expect the same to continue well into 2021. Also, we anticipate a significant decrease in commercial ratable and tax collection overall. Once these factors become real and quantifiable, they will dictate our approach in crafting the 2022 budget. For now, we hold. There will be no new capital projects (except for our annual road improvement program), and staffing will remain consistent with 2020 levels.

With fiscally prudent financial planning over the years and successfully implementing sustainable measures that reduce operational costs, along with a strong grant-game, new commercial ratables coming online this year, the sale of long held unproductive township owned land, and a commitment to provide some relief to the taxpayers of this community, the recommended 2021 offers a zero percent tax increase.

The recommended municipal tax rate for 2021 remains **.597** [".597"] which represents a **0% tax increase** [2% increase]<sup>1</sup>. One (1) cent = **\$464,978.48**.

The Amount to be Raised by Taxation in 2021 is **\$27,760,451.69** [\$27,644,378.44] which is **\$116,073.25** [\$937,422.52] over 2020, the 2021

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<sup>1</sup> NOTE: Figures in [ ] are 2020 amounts included for comparison.

increase is attributable to the increase in assessed valuation, not via increased tax rate.

- ✓ The Levy Cap Bank available from 2019 and 2020 is **\$437,594**, and we will use \$0 to remain within the 2% tax levy cap. NOTE: The 2021 Recommended Budget is **\$1,055,263** under the Levy Cap and is available for "Banking." This addition to the 2019 and 2020 banks will leave a usable "cap bank" of **\$1,492,858** for future budgets.
- ✓ The 2020 year-end Surplus balance is **\$17,162,489.74** versus a 2019 year-end balance of **\$16,983,267.36**, an increase of **\$179,222.38**.
- ✓ The Surplus balance remaining available after applying an amount as anticipated revenue will be **\$10,312,489.74** [\$10,133,267.36], an increase of **\$179,222.38** over the 2019 remaining balance.
- ✓ The cash reserve balance for tax appeals is **\$4,119,491.18** [\$4,119,491.18].
- ✓ The decrease in outstanding debt continues. The 2010 closing balance was **\$30,797,000**. The 2020 closing balance is **\$11,237,701.88**.

Fiscal strength is evident as **\$6,850,000** in surplus (also known as *Fund Balance*) used in the 2021 budget has been regenerated at the close of 2020, with an increase from the 2019 year-end Fund Balance of **\$17,162,489.74** from **\$16,983,267.36**. Fund Balance is the excess in the following Balance Sheet categories: *Amount to be Raised by Taxation, Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated* (MRA), *Delinquent Taxes, Prior Year Appropriations Lapsed*, and *Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated* (MRNA).

In 2021, our recommendation is to utilize **\$6,850,000** in surplus, **\$14,017,682.80** in *MRA*, **\$830,000** in *Delinquent Taxes* and **\$27,760,451.69** in *Amount to be Raised for Taxes*. The total of these balance sheet categories equates to the municipal budget of **\$49,458,134.49**.

The level of appropriations in the 2021 recommended budget was considered when shaping this budget, all within the statutory limitations placed on revenues and appropriations. The following are significant changes in appropriations leading into 2021:

<b><u>Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>Increase/Decrease</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>
Salaries	\$405,000	Labor Contract/Covid-19
Trash Collection	\$45,650	Contractual Increase
Public Employees' Pension	\$68,160	Statutory Increase
Police & Fire Pension	\$104,858	Statutory Increase
Capital Improvement Fund Capital Program	-\$755,000	Reduced Funding
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$45,650	Statutory Increase

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**Attorney's Report –**

Mr. Roskos advised that he circulated the finalized version of the Anti-Nepotism Resolution for inclusion in the Employees Handbook to the Municipal Manager to preview prior to distribution to members of Council given he respects his opinion on the matter as an attorney and asked Mr. Nerwinski if he had a chance to look at the Resolution. Mr. Nerwinski advised that he has not had a chance to go over it; but, he would appreciate the opportunity to do so and share his thoughts with the Council then they can move forward from there. Mr. Roskos stated he has nothing further to report except that they have other routine work they are working on for the Township that Mr. Nerwinski is fully apprised on.

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**Clerk's Report –**

There was no Clerk's report.

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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**

Resolution Nos. 43-21 (18-B.1) through 58-21 (18-H.4) with the exception of Resolution 57-21 (18-H.3), 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.

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Resolution No. 57-21 (18-H.3) - Authorizing Support for Community Solar Projects Located at 2870 and 2750 US Route 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						

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

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

There was Liaisons reports.

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**Written Communications –**

There was no written communications.

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There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at Council went into Closed Session.

7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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James S. Kownacki, Mayor