

Township of Lawrence  
County of Mercer

**Ordinance No. 2211-15**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,697,325 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,431,325 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

**Section 1.** The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Lawrence, New Jersey as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$ 1,697,325 and the aggregate sum of \$266,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,431,325 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.** The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefore, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Appropriation &amp; Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</b>	<b>Period or Average Period of Usefulness</b>
<b>A. Purchase of various Public Works equipment consisting of: Single Axle Dump Truck with Plow and Spreader, 45' Telescopic Aerial Truck, Composting Equipment</b>	<b>370,000</b>	<b>351,500</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>B. Improvements of Municipal Buildings consisting of: Police and Court Building Door Lock System with Software Upgrades, Village Park and Veteran's Park Entry Doors, Senior Center Replace Restroom, Repairs, Flooring and Carpet, Community Center Entrance Improvements, DPW Exhaust Extract System</b>	<b>275,500</b>	<b>261,725</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>C. Acquisition of fire/rescue equipment consisting of: Slackwood Fire Company SCBA Air Packs and Tanks, Lawrenceville Fire Company SCBAs, Lawrence Road Fire Company SCBA Face Pieces, Lawrence Road Fire Company Turn-out Gear</b>	<b>107,225</b>	<b>101,863.75</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>D. Acquisition of Fire Apparatus</b>	<b>308,000</b>	<b>292,600</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>E. Acquisition of various communications equipment consisting of: EMS Mobile and Portable Radios, Slackwood and Lawrence Road Fire Company Pagers</b>	<b>59,000</b>	<b>40,311.25</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>F. Acquisition of various computer and office equipment consisting of: Miscellaneous Computer/Software Upgrades and Replacements, Police Computers/Software, Monitors, Improvements to EOC, EMS Computers/Software, EMS Toughbook Computers and Software and Health Inspector Software</b>	<b>174,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>G. Various park and recreational facility improvements consisting of: Twin Pines Field Lights</b>	<b>306,500</b>	<b>291,175</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>H. Acquisition of various public safety equipment consisting of: Police Pick-up Truck, Police Enclosed Box Trailer, Public Health Department SUV, Animal Control Trailer with Emergency Generator</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>92,150</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,697,325</b>	<b>1,431,325</b>	<b>10.03</b>

All of the improvements listed herein include all work and material necessary therefore or incidental thereto. The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefore, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

**Section 4.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 5.** The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Section 6.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements that may be lawfully undertaken as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law is 10.03 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,431,325 obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$25,500 items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purposes of improvements.

**Section 7.** Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**Section 8.** The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**Section 9.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 10.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Adopted:            March 17, 2015

RECORD OF VOTE

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Brame	X						X
Mr. Kownacki	X						
Dr. Maffei	X						
Mr. Powers	X					X	
Mayor Lewis	X						