

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

July 23, 2019

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

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

At the commencement of the meeting Councilman 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, July 23, 2019, 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, 2018.

The roll was then called as follows:

Present: Councilmember Kownacki, Lewis and Powers.

Absent: Councilman Maffei and Mayor Bobbitt.

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

Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

**2020 Census – Complete Count Presentation by
Jennifer Jones-Hamilton, New Jersey Specialist**

Councilman Kownacki invited Ms. Hamilton up to the podium who indicated she is a Partnership Specialist with the New York Regional Office of the U.S. Census Bureau and she will be providing a PowerPoint Presentation this evening as to why the 2020 Census is safe, easy and important. She introduced her husband who was also present and thanked Terry West from Mercer County for making the arrangements for her to speak to Lawrence Township Council.

Ms. Hamilton opened the presentation by stating every 10 years the United States Census Bureau counts everyone in the United States which is mandated by the Constitution and that the United States Government has been conducting the census every ten years since 1790. The first Director of the Census Count was Thomas Jefferson and when people are counted every 10 years it determines the amount of seats that each State have in the House of Representatives and the allocation of \$675 billion per year for the next 10 years based on the 2020 Census. The monies are allocated to states, counties and communities legislatures to support resources such as school, hospital, roads, and fire departments. So, it is imperative that every resident in Lawrence Township be counted because if there is a miscount Lawrence Township will have to live with those numbers for next 10 years which will be in 2030.

Ms. Hamilton advised that she had the privilege of being the Partnership Specialist for the 2010 Census and now again in 2020 and that the State of New Jersey loss representation in Washington being the State as a whole was undercounted in 2010; especially, children under 5 years old as they were undercounted in a large way and there are many reasons for that – single family homes, grandparents raising grandchildren, etc. and she implores the community to urge the Complete Count Committee to give some attention to counting children under 5; because in that \$675 billion that is going to be allotted children under 5 years of age make up a large group of people who use those services – such as single parents who might need family assistance or services but the funds are not there due to the children being undercounted...but the need still exist.

Ms. Hamilton further advised that the Census provides a lot of insight for government and business as all kind of organizations looks at census numbers and data and determines what to do in a particular community. And, she wants the Council and everyone to understand that the Census is safe, easy and important something she will touch on before the end of her presentation. She then discussed the Census Bureau responsibility to count everyone, only once, where they are for the 2010 and 2020 Census and the U.S. Census Bureau being one of the largest collector of data in the Federal Government for statistical purposes and the Bureau protecting and never sharing information under Title 13 (U.S. Code) which is a federal law stating that the U.S. Census Bureau will not share anyone's personal information. She went on to discuss the Patriotic Act that was once frequently used and some of the federal agencies requesting people's personal information under the Act and not being able to obtain it under Title 13 which is iron clad and has not been successfully breached and advised that everyone in the Census Bureau Office takes an Oath to protect and not share information which is encrypted, protected and if breached a federal crime which holds up to a \$250,000 fine and (5) five year prison sentence.

Ms. Hamilton proceeded to review the following items relative to her presentation:

- Preparation of the 2020 Census since 2018 as it relates to establishing where to count and how the community has changed with new developments since the 2010 Census.
- Creating Complete Count Committees and partnering with others to help motivate and spread the word on how safe, easy and important it is for everyone to be counted.
- The four ways people can respond to the census - by telephone which includes 12 non-English languages and someone to help fill out the census form and 59 other non-English guides for people with language issues, the paper form sent by mail, a visit from an enumerator or census takers going door-to-door to enumerate the household or by email which will begin in March 2020 which will be the first time people can complete the census form online.
- The U.S. Census Bureau endeavor of having everyone counted by April 1, 2020 and all information turned into data prior to December 2020 and those results being sent to Washington and at that point the complex undertaking of the census being over.
- The establishment of the Complete Count Committees and other partnership program such as a recruiting subcommittee, government subcommittee, education subcommittee, faith-based subcommittee, media subcommittee, community-based organizations subcommittee, business subcommittee and anyone in Lawrence Township who has an interest in joining the Complete Count Committee.
- The Complete Count Committee strategizes about how they are going to get the hard to count population to buy into the idea that they need to be counted in the U.S. Census Bureau which can be done in a variety of ways; the census advertising and media campaign starting in January 2020 and by January 2021 the federal government will decide where to redistrict using the data and statistics collected to redraw the boundaries of congressional and legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.
- Recruiting and applying for census jobs on the website and how the local government can support and partner with the U.S. Census Bureau by taking advantage of useful tools on their website to help get the message out about the 2020 census including the free ROAM system that helps identify hard survey areas.
- The use of census data specialist and workshops that can help towns plan for their communities by getting grants and better grant funding; other surveys that the U.S. Census Bureau does in between the Decennial Census (10 years) such as the American Fact Finding Service and Business Surveys.
- Social media and how to connect to the U.S. Census Bureau – 2020census.gov or census-partners @census.gov

- A study that showed approximately \$30 billion that was allotted to New Jersey as well as how the money was disseminated and to what programs and services is available online.

A general question or comment period took place relative to Ms. Hamilton presentation related to counting people where they sleep, the process for counting college students and completing a census form being a civic responsibility like voting but no penalty for refusal to complete the form.

Mr. Terry West, 242 Jackson Street, Trenton, NJ, thanked Ms. Hamilton for coming to speak before the Council about the 2020 Census and he further thanked the Council and Municipal Clerk for their help to arrange the meeting and advised approximately 6 months ago the Secretary of State reached out to the County Executive wanting them to participate heavily in this process for Mercer County and in that process they wanted them to create a County Complete Count Committee and so far they have (8) eight of the (12) twelve municipalities engaged so Mercer County with having only twelve municipalities is doing quite well in the State.

Mr. Terry went on to discuss Trenton being one of the first Complete Count Committees and them reaching out to their faith-based leader, organizations such as Arm in Arm and Isles, Inc. and they all gathered to see what they could bring to table as it relates reaching hard to survey people in the community. And, when Ms. Hamilton came aboard she identified key hard to count areas such as Trenton, Ewing Township and a portion of Hamilton Township because of transients and people moving around and Lawrence Township being a little different given it is a stable community and indicated the idea would be for Lawrence to reach out to their faith-based to leaders, local organizations, senior center, etc. Further, by September 1st, the County wants to have a census page which they are working on and there will be a button for each municipality to click on and sign up to be a member of the Complete County Committee for that Township then they will start to coordinate meetings and give links to everything they need and indicated they are not in charge of the employment aspect of the job but they will have links for those who would like to work for the U.S. Census Bureau. In closing, Mr. West thanked the Council again for having them, after which Ms. Hamilton concluded the presentation.

Public Participation

Mr. Gary Karpf, 64 Van Kirk Road, advised that he is has been a resident of Lawrence for 37 years and he is speaking on behalf of himself and the many residents in the audience about the environmental affects and quality of life issues they have with the Trenton-Mercer Airport as it relates to the noise and the environmental effects; especially, on the animals, wildlife and human life. He then discussed the compass and the landing pattern being set right in the path of Van Kirk Road and asked if the Council could provide an update on any communication or plans that have taken place between

the Township Council, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Mercer County since their last discussion concerning the noise and environment impact from the Trenton Airport.

Mr. Nerwinski replied that he did meet with Mr. Schostak who provided him with all the documents he could gather and he did work with him on the matter which at the time was more about the noise from the planes caused by the flight pattern and how it affected the people who live on Van Kirk Road. Additional discussion took place about the planes being rerouted over I-295 and a strong sense during that meeting that Hopewell Township was involved in getting the air traffic switched which Mr. Schostak did an OPRA request on and found that there were only two emails between the Mayor and Business Administrator which showed very little involvement, if any, the municipality had to do with the change in air traffic patterns.

Mr. Nerwinski continued to express his opinion with regards to the Township Council not getting involved or participating in this type of issue given the role of the Council is to represent the township as a whole given they do not have wards. The matter is a FAA issue and federally elected officials should be advocating for their constituents to resolve the issue. In addition, Lawrence Township does not have an advocacy department to take on that type of issue and his concern is any efforts that he or the Township Council might make may result in air traffic change being diverted to another part of Lawrence which would be a disservice to those residents; therefore, he thinks the Council should not have a role in this particular issue. Mr. Karpf retorted that there is a matter of fairness Mr. Nerwinski is dismissing in his position being the air traffic from the planes significantly impacts the quality of their lives as well as other life and why should they be singled out because of location to suffer from the environmental changes and proceeded to elaborate on the impact of the planes flying over within a 1,000 feet of their homes.

An at length discussion took place relative to the matter being previously addressed back to 2014 under former Municipal Manager, Richard Krawczun, that included a letter generated by Mr. Krawczun, communication between the Federal Aviation Administration, Aaron Watson, Deputy Administrator, who oversees the Trenton-Mercer Airport and other County officials and the conclusion was that the matter should be handled by the FAA not by the municipality. Additional discussion took place relative to Lawrence Township having no power over the Airport and Mr. Karpf soliciting help from his elected official Congresswoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman and Mercer County officials to get a better understanding of the flight pattern and rotation of flights. Mr. Nerwinski also read a letter from April 8, 2014 addressed to John Hepper pertaining to the flight paths at the Trenton-Mercer Airport.

Ms. Debra Baseman, 5 Van Kirk Road, advised that she has lived in Lawrence for 25 years and she loves living in Lawrence; but, if the Trenton-Mercer Airport expands it will seriously affect their quality of life and indicated that she wrote to Congresswoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman a few weeks back and has yet to receive a response back although she is on her mailing list advising of all the wonderful things

she has been doing in Congress. Ms. Baseman continued to discuss her dismay with Congresswoman Watson and her staff not having the courtesy of responding back to her and her concerns about the Congresswoman being fair and impartial being her brother, Aaron Watson, is the Executive Administrator over Transportation & Infrastructure which oversees the Trenton-Mercer Airport.

Ms. Baseman went on to discuss a 69-page report that showed a direct link between airport exhaust and hospital admissions for asthma and heart attacks and her concerns regarding data about air quality, noise pollution, environmental and public health concerns as it relates to food, plants and animals. Mr. Nerwinski asked Ms. Baseman copy him on correspondence sent to Congresswoman Watson and inquired as to their endgame regarding the airport matter.

Mr. Glen Schostak, 43 Van Kirk Road, advised that the FAA did not decide on its own to expand the Trenton-Mercer Airport Mercer County went to the FAA and hired consultants to talk about increase commercial flights and expansion of the airport; a program they have been working on since 2014. And, all of the analysis has been a farce and completely inaccurate as he has gone to multiple meetings with urban engineers and have written letters to them advising them that their projections were already out of date being their 17.8 percent increase of flights for 20 years (2035) are already at that amount. In addition, Frontier announced last week that they are expanding their commercial flights by 16 flights a week which already puts them far past the 2035 projection which poses a real problem for Lawrence Township and Mercer County as they will possibly have hundreds of planes flying over the township and surrounding municipalities once the airport expansion is completed.

Mr. Schostak advised that they can speak to the FAA all they want but the train has left the station being the FAA responsibility is to create a safe airspace not about how many flights are flying over a county or how it impacts their community as that is not their concern. Their only concern is safe air traffic. As for noise and air pollution the way to measure it is so obscure that you would have to be at the end of the runway of JFK to be qualified for any of those measurements that would create a problem for the airport. So, it is important to understand that the matter has not been a transparent situation at all between the Federal Aviation Commission, Mercer County and all of their consultants being the Trenton Airport has hired various different consultants and have done it in a way that they do not have to communicate with each other and present all the information in one big summary. They have broken it up in little bits and pieces so there is no significant impact along the way and the matter has been addressed multiple times and for some reason it is ignored.

Mr. Schostak questioned why the State of New Jersey bothered to preserve all the farmland in the area and create funding resources for dedicated open space for Mercer County parks when those areas are in a flight path of commercial flights and proceeded to discuss Frontier Airlines flying at a low altitude of 800 to 1000 feet over the park, farmlands and peoples' homes after 10:00 p.m. and sometimes later if there is a delay; thereby, violating Lawrence Township's noise control ordinance and advised of

other cities having a cutoff time for flights coming into the airport and how the Trenton Airport expansion could dramatically increase what will happen in Lawrence Township down the road as they could possibly have planes landing every 20 minutes all day long. A general discussion followed relative to Mr. Schostak's comments as it relates to the expansion of the airport and Lawrence Township Council as local elected officials having no jurisdiction over the decision-making of the airport which is regulated by the Mercer County Freeholders and Federal Aviation Administration and the residents taking the matter to the County elected officials who could possibly address their concerns.

Mr. Karpf inquired if they put together a package about all of their concerns as it relates to environmental impact and possible expansion of Trenton-Mercer Airport would the Municipal Manager or the Township Council take a position by going with them to the County to present their concerns. Mr. Nerwinski replied "yes" depending on the issue and how it will affect the town and suggested the residents consider doing a meeting with someone from the elected office of the County, Federal and Lawrence Township so when everyone get together they will have the kind of presence from their local officials to support what they are saying.

Review and Revisions of Agenda

The Municipal Clerk requested that the Agenda be amended to include Resolution 264-19 (18-B.4), Authorizing Partial Release of Performance Bond for Carriage Park - Phase II, IP-26/15; Introduction of Ordinance (10-D) - An Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence Authorizing Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14A Use and Occupancy Agreement for a Portion of the Garage in the Storage Building at Central Park to Youth Sports Club and amend the Closed Session Resolution (18-H.15) to include discussions dealing with land acquisition and labor negotiations.

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 Kownacki, Lewis and Powers.
Nays: Councilman Maffei and Mayor Bobbitt.

Adoption of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 2, 2019 were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Kownacki, the Minutes of Closed Session Meeting of May 7, 2019 were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Kownacki and Lewis.  
Abstain: Councilman Powers.  
Absent: Councilman Maffei and Mayor Bobbitt.  
Nays: None.

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Minutes of Closed Session Meeting of June 18, 2019 were approved on the following roll call vote:

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-A), Authorizing Awarding Contract for the Village Park Pole Replacement, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 219–19

WHEREAS, on Thursday, June 27, 2019 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Village Park Pole Replacement**; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was HBC Company, Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$79,740.00, 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-04-55-458-230	2328-19	Village Park Lighting Replacement	\$79,740.00

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 HBC Company, Inc., 131 Washington Street, Lodi NJ 07644 in the amount of \$79,740.00; 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 Kownacki, Lewis and Powers.
 Absent: Councilman Maffei and Mayor Bobbitt.

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On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-B), Authorizing Awarding Contract for the 2019 Concrete Improvement Program, was presented for adoption.

Resolution No. 220-19

WHEREAS, on Thursday, June 27, 2019 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **2019 Concrete Improvement Program**; and

WHEREAS, six (6) bids were received and reviewed by the appropriate Township Officials; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was S. Batata Construction who submitted a bid in the amount of \$422,015.00, 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-04-55-454-241 | 2328-19  | Various Road Improvement (Green Lane)                                   | \$30,000.00  |
| C-04-55-454-242 | 2328-19  | Lawrenceville Fire House                                                | \$20,000.00  |
| C-04-55-454-247 | 2328-19  | Various Road Improvements (Dayna Lane)                                  | \$20,000.00  |
| C-04-55-454-291 | 2328-19  | Various Road Improvement (Graf, Harmony, Hopewell, Slack, Carr)         | \$97,015.00  |
| C-04-55-454-292 | 2328-19  | Various Road Improvement (Mayflower, Bunker Hill & President Avenue)    | \$150,000.00 |
| C-04-55-454-293 | 2328-19  | Various Road Improvement (Whitemarsh, Lawnside Drive, Hillsdale Avenue) | \$50,266.40  |
| C-04-55-456-242 | 2328-19  | Concrete Program                                                        | \$54,733.60  |

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 S. Batata Construction, 238 Ernston Road, Suite 1R, Parlin NJ 08859 in the amount of \$422,015.00; 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 Kownacki, Lewis and Powers.  
 Absent: Councilman Maffei and Mayor Bobbitt.

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Introduction of Ordinances

Councilman Kownacki read by title, an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 435 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED 'VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' – Federal City Road Speed Limit

Mr. Nerwinski advised that the Ordinance is being amended due to safety concerns on Federal City Road and that the Municipal Engineer and the Lawrence Township Police Department had a full study of existing speed limits, speed data, crash statistics, roadway characteristics and adjacent residential property uses and based on

the examination conducted they are recommending that the speed limit on Federal City Road be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph for its entire length.

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

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

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Councilman Kownacki read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 435 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED ‘VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’ – Eggert Crossing Road

Mr. Nerwinski stated again this Ordinance is being amended due to safety concerns and the Municipal Engineer and the Lawrence Township Police Department recommendation after a full examination was conducted that the speed limit on Eggert Crossing Road be reduced from 40 mph where designated to 35 mph for its entire length except for the reduce speed to 25 mph in the school zone.

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

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

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Councilman Kownacki read by title, an ordinance 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. Roskos advised that the Ordinance provides for a Special Assessment for Service Line Replacements illuminating from a settlement between the City of Trenton and NJDEP over numerous conditions in the water system. There has been an Agreement reached with the City for a significant loan with the Infrastructure Bank and they have hired contractors who will offer to replace lead service laterals in numerous areas – the City of Trenton, Hamilton Township, Ewing Township and Lawrence Township. There will be a Notice published by the Township in the newspaper and a mailing will be issued by the City of Trenton allowing people to understand they can

participate in the program. And indicated that the lateral from the street to the homeowner’s house is not part of the water utility infrastructure; but, lead service lines are a public health hazard; therefore, the City is offering to do the work. The Agreement they executed establishes that no homeowner will pay more than \$1000 towards the work that is being done and there will be analysis/assessment done where the work might cost less than \$1000. If the homeowner choses to get the lead lateral replaced it will be paid back through a special assessment over (5) five years and the City of Trenton will administer the program where they will do the billing and the collection and that it is good program for public health that the citizens of Lawrence can take advantage of. Some discussion followed relative to the property list of who still have lead laterals, recommendation of galvanizes steel replacement and the replacement being the choice of the homeowners.

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

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

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Councilman Kownacki read by title, an ordinance entitled, – “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:12-14A USE AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE GARAGE IN THE STORAGE BUILDING AT CENTRAL PARK TO YOUTH SPORTS CLUBS”

Mr. Nerwinski stated that the Ordinance authorizes a Use and Occupancy Agreement for a portion of the garage in the storage building at Central Park to local youth sports clubs and extends it to an additional group.

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

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

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Adoption of Ordinances

Councilman Kownacki read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2319-19 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE –UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2018-2019”

Ordinance No. 2331-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2319-19  
 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR  
 EXEMPT, SEASONAL, EMERGENCY (NON-UNION) EMPLOYEES FOR 2018-2019

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section I. Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be recited as “The Salary Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence – Unclassified and/or Exempt, Seasonal, Emergency (non-union) Employees for 2018-2019.”

Section II. Salaried Employees

The attached list of salaried positions and job titles, Schedule A and Schedule B, are hereby authorized and assigned the appropriate salary ranges for 2018-2019 and are determined by date of hire as an employee of Lawrence Township.

This ordinance will continue the Township’s consistent policy of providing comparable fringe benefits to exempt employees during their active service as that provided to Supervisors, CWA Local 1032, through their collective bargaining agreement. The Township will still maintain the flexibility of granting retiree benefits to exempt employees hired after January 1, 2011. Accordingly, employees covered by this ordinance that are eligible for health and/or prescription benefits shall contribute to the cost of the said health benefit premium for medical and prescription coverage as required by law, specifically Chapter 78, P.L. 2011. All employees hired on or after January 1, 2014 shall contribute based upon the year four rates specified by said law and to be made an Appendix to a successor Agreement.

Section III. Part-Time or Seasonal Employees

The following part-time or seasonal positions and job titles are hereby authorized and assigned the following pay maximums commencing January 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019:

| Position of Job Title        | Basis  | 2018                               | 2019                               |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Armed Court Attendant        | Hourly | \$25.04                            | \$25.54                            |
| Emergency Medical Technician | Hourly | \$22.16                            | \$22.60                            |
| Firefighter                  | Hourly | \$18.16                            | \$18.52                            |
| Laborer (Seasonal)           | Hourly | \$11.39                            | \$12.50                            |
| Life Guard                   | Hourly | Federal Minimum Wage up to \$15.56 | Federal Minimum Wage up to \$15.87 |

| Recreation Aid                       | Hourly           | Federal Minimum Wage up to \$36.45                       | Federal Minimum Wage up to \$37.18                       |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Recycling Coordinator                | Per Annum        | \$8,243                                                  | \$8,408                                                  |
| Municipal Alliance Grant Coordinator | Per Annum        | \$2,500                                                  | \$2,500                                                  |
| Fire Crew Coordinator                | Per Annum        | \$4,243                                                  | \$4,328                                                  |
| School Traffic Guard                 | Hourly           | \$17.40                                                  | \$17.75                                                  |
| Secretary/Board & Committee          | Per Annum*       | \$1,800.00                                               | \$1,800.00                                               |
| Tax Search Officer                   | Per Annum        | \$11,557                                                 | \$11,788                                                 |
| Zoning Officer                       | Per Annum        | \$5,376                                                  | \$5,484                                                  |
| <u>Affordable Housing Liaison</u>    | <u>Per Annum</u> | -                                                        | <u>\$5,000</u>                                           |
| Deputy Registrar Vital Statistics    | Per Annum        | \$2,500                                                  | \$2,500                                                  |
| Municipal Court Attendee             | Hourly           | \$22.46                                                  | \$22.91                                                  |
| SLEO Class III                       | Hourly           | \$26.00                                                  | \$26.52                                                  |
| Park Attendant                       | Hourly           | \$15.56                                                  | \$15.87                                                  |
| All Others                           | Hourly           | Federal Minimum Wage up to Step1 In Applicable Job Title | Federal Minimum Wage up to Step1 In Applicable Job Title |

\* Denotes title paid monthly. All other titles bi-weekly.

**Section IV. Eligibility**

The ranges in Section II of this ordinance shall pertain to individuals employed by the Township of Lawrence on or after the effective date of this ordinance.

**Section V. Longevity**

- A. Each employee hired before January 1, 2013 and covered by this agreement shall in addition to his/her regular wages and benefits, be paid longevity based upon years of service as of December 31, 2013 with the Township in accordance with the following amounts. Said amounts to be paid to an employee shall not be adjusted beyond the longevity amount being received by an eligible employee as of December 31, 2013. Longevity shall be pensionable and included as part of the employee's regular pay. Any employee hired on or after January 1, 2014 shall not be eligible to receive longevity pay at any time in the future. Length of Service

|                                                     |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Beginning in year 8 through year 11                 | \$ 800  |
| Beginning the 12 <sup>th</sup> year through year 15 | \$1,100 |
| Beginning the 16 <sup>th</sup> year through year 19 | \$1,400 |
| Beginning the 20 <sup>th</sup> year through year 23 | \$1,700 |
| Beginning the 24 <sup>th</sup> year through year 27 | \$2,000 |
| Beginning the 28 <sup>th</sup> year and beyond      | \$2,300 |

**Section VI. Other Personnel and Working Conditions**

All other functions, responsibilities and rights not specifically enumerated in prior sections of this ordinance shall be judged to be within the province of management, subject only to the laws, rules and regulations of the New Jersey Department of Personnel, the

provisions contained in applicable agreements (if any) or policy manuals, and by the issuance of Administrative Directives by the Municipal Manager.

Section VII. Repealer

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances adopted prior to the date of this ordinance that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed insofar as they relate to or concern the job classifications, salaries and benefits listed in this ordinance.

Section VIII. 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 IX. Effective Date

- A. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption.
- B. All salary or compensation provided for and by this ordinance shall be effective the first day of January.

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

Ordinance No. 2331-19 was introduced and approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Councilman Kownacki read by title, an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUTNY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES"

Ordinance No. 2332-19

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

§ 1-1. Adoption of Code.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-4, the ordinances of the Township of Lawrence of a general and permanent nature adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, as revised, codified and consolidated into chapters and sections by General Code, and consisting of Chapters 1 through 442 are hereby approved, adopted, ordained and enacted as the "Code of the Township of Lawrence," hereinafter known and referred to as the "Code."

§ 1-2. Code supersedes prior ordinances.

This ordinance and the Code shall supersede all other general and permanent ordinances enacted prior to the enactment of this Code, except such ordinances as are hereinafter expressly saved from repeal or continued in force.

§ 1-3. When effective.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

§ 1-4. Copy of Code on file.

A copy of the Code in loose-leaf form has been filed in the office of the Township Clerk and shall remain there for use and examination by the public until final action is taken on this ordinance; and, if this ordinance shall be adopted, such copy shall be certified to by the Clerk of the Township of Lawrence by impressing thereon the Seal of the Township, as provided by law, and such certified copy shall remain on file in the office of the Clerk of the Township, to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while said Code is in effect.

§ 1-5. Amendments to Code.

Any and all additions, amendments or supplements to the Code, when passed and adopted in such form as to indicate the intent of the governing body to make them a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated into such Code so that reference to the "Code of the Township of Lawrence" shall be understood and intended to include such additions and amendments. Whenever such additions, amendments or supplements to the Code shall be adopted, they shall thereafter be printed and, as provided hereunder, inserted in the loose-leaf book containing said Code as amendments and supplements thereto.

§ 1-6. Publication; filing.

The Clerk of the Township of Lawrence, pursuant to law, shall cause this Adopting Ordinance to be published, in the manner required, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. Sufficient copies of the Code shall be maintained in the office of the Clerk for inspection by the public at all times during regular office hours. The enactment and publication of this Adopting Ordinance, coupled with availability of copies of the Code for inspection by the public, shall be deemed, held and considered to be due and legal publication of all provisions of the Code for all purposes.

§ 1-7. Code book to be kept up-to-date.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk or someone authorized and directed by the Clerk to keep up-to-date the certified copy of the book containing the Code required to be filed in his or her office for the use of the public. All changes in said Code and all ordinances adopted subsequent to the effective date of this codification which shall be adopted specifically as part of the Code shall, when finally adopted, be included therein by reference until such changes or new ordinances are printed as supplements to said Code book, at which time such supplements shall be inserted therein.

§ 1-8. Sale of Code book.

Copies of the Code, or any chapter or portion of it, may be purchased from the Clerk, or an authorized agent of the Clerk, upon the payment of a fee authorized by the Township. The Clerk shall also arrange for procedures for the periodic supplementation of the Code.

§ 1-9. Altering or tampering with Code; penalties for violation.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to improperly change or amend, by additions or deletions, any part or portion of the Code or to alter or tamper with such Code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the Township of Lawrence to be misrepresented thereby. Anyone violating this section or any part of this ordinance shall be subject, upon conviction, to one or more of the following: a fine of not more than \$2,000,

imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, in the discretion of the Judge imposing the same.

§ 1-10. Severability of Code provisions.

Each section of the Code and every part of each section is an independent section or part of a section, and the holding of any section or a part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

§ 1-11. Severability of ordinance provisions.

Each section of this ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

§ 1-12. Inconsistent ordinances repealed.

A. Except as provided in § 1-13, Ordinances saved from repeal, below, all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions contained in the Code adopted by this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall only be to the extent of such inconsistency, and any valid legislation of the Township of Lawrence which is not in conflict with the provisions of the Code shall be deemed to remain in full force and effect.

B. Repeal of specific ordinances. The Township Council of the Township of Lawrence has determined that the following ordinances are no longer in effect and hereby specifically repeals the following legislation:

- (1) Former Chapter 2, Administration, Article VI, Other Committees, §§ 2-93 and 2-94, of the 1971 Code.
- (2) Former Chapter 2, Administration, Article VIII, First Aid Squad, of the 1971 Code.
- (3) Former Chapter 4A, Anti-Discrimination, of the 1971 Code.
- (4) Former Chapter 5, Building, Article I, §§ 5-8 through 5-11, of the 1971 Code.
- (5) Former Chapter 5, Building, Article IV, of the 1971 Code.
- (6) Former Chapter 8, Fire Prevention, Article I, §§ 8-1 and 8-2, of the 1971 Code.
- (7) Former Chapter 10A, Historic Landmarks, of the 1971 Code.
- (8) Former Chapter 15, Offenses - Miscellaneous, Article I, § 15-2, of the 1971 Code.
- (9) Former Chapter 15, Offenses - Miscellaneous, Articles II, III and IV, of the 1971 Code.
- (10) Former Chapter 17A, Pedestrian Walkways, of the 1971 Code.
- (11) Former Chapter 20A, Soil Removal, Erosion and Sedimentation Damage, of the 1971 Code.

§ 1-13. Ordinances saved from repeal.

The adoption of this Code and the repeal of ordinances provided for in § 1-12 of this ordinance shall not affect the following ordinances, rights and obligations, which are hereby expressly saved from repeal:

- A. Any ordinance adopted subsequent to March 5, 2019.
- B. Any right or liability established, accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of this ordinance or any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of such right or liability.
- C. Any offense or act committed or done before the effective date of this ordinance in violation of any legislative provision or any penalty, punishment or forfeiture which may result therefrom.
- D. Any prosecution, indictment, action, suit or other proceeding pending or any judgment rendered, prior to the effective date of this ordinance, brought pursuant to any legislative provision.
- E. Any franchise, license, right, easement or privilege heretofore granted or conferred.
- F. Any ordinance providing for the laying out, opening, altering, widening, relocating, straightening, establishing of grade, changing of name, improvement, acceptance or vacation of any right-of-way, easement, street, road, highway, park or other public place or any portion thereof.
- G. Any ordinance or resolution appropriating money or transferring funds, promising or guaranteeing the payment of money or authorizing the issuance and delivery of any bond or other instruments or evidence of the Township's indebtedness.
- H. Ordinances authorizing the purchase, sale, lease or transfer of property or any lawful contract, agreement or obligation.
- I. The levy or imposition of taxes, assessments or charges or the approval of the municipal budget.
- J. The dedication of property or approval of preliminary or final subdivision plats.
- K. All currently effective ordinances pertaining to the rate and manner of payment of salaries and compensation of officers and employees.
- L. Any ordinance adopting or amending the Zoning Map.
- M. Any ordinance relating to or establishing a pension plan or pension fund for municipal employees.
- N. All currently effective land use ordinances and amendments.

§ 1-14. Changes in previously adopted ordinances.

- A. In compiling and preparing the ordinances for adoption and revision as part of the Code pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-4, certain grammatical changes and other minor changes were made in one or more of said ordinances. It is the intention of the

Township Council that all such changes be adopted as part of the Code as if the ordinances so changed had been previously formally amended to read as such.

- B. In addition, the changes, amendments or revisions as set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof are made herewith, to become effective upon the effective date of this ordinance. (Chapter and section number references are to the ordinances as they have been renumbered and appear in the Code.)

Ordinance No. 2332-19 was introduced and approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Councilman Kownacki read by title, an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – MEETINGS OF COUNCIL"

Ordinance No. 2333-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE – MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Administrative Code be amended as follows:

Section 10-8. Meetings of Council

- A. Regular Meetings. The Council shall hold regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at [7:00] 6:30 p.m. and that during the months of June, July and August the Council meetings will commence at 6:00 p.m., except that Council may, by resolution, reschedule the meeting within the same month. All regular meetings of the Council shall be held in the Municipal Building of the Township.

Deletions []
 Additions _____

Ordinance No. 2333-19 was introduced and approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Councilman Kownacki read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE”

Ordinance No. 2334-19

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER, NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

WHEREAS, certain land as described hereafter more particularly as owned by the Township of Lawrence but not needed for public use, and said municipality desires to sell said land by private sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-12(b) and 40A:12-13.2; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence hereby determines that the said sale is in each instance a parcel both less than the minimum size required for development under the Land Use Ordinance, and without any capital improvements thereon, and must therefore be offered for purchase to the owner or owners of real property contiguous thereto on the basis of first refusal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12-13.2;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, that:

(1) The Township Clerk is authorized, subject to the terms and conditions hereafter set forth, to offer for private sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b) all of the Township's right, title and interest in and to the certain land at the assessed value, hereby determined to be the fair market value thereof, to the owner or owners of real property contiguous thereto, as per the attached list.

(2) This Ordinance shall be published twice in a newspaper approved for legal publications, once not less than seven (7) days prior to the public hearing thereof in accordance with law applicable to the adoption of ordinances generally, and a second time within five (5) days after adoption hereof, at which time it shall also be posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall of the Township of Lawrence and remain so posted for at

least twenty (20) days thereafter. Sworn proof of such publication shall be filed by the Township Clerk with the Director of the State Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

(3) Offers by such contiguous owner(s) to purchase the said contiguous parcel may be made in writing addressed to the Township Manager, Township of Lawrence, P. O. Box 6006, Lawrenceville NJ 08648, for a period of twenty (20) days following the second advertisement hereof. The Township reserves the right to reject all bids in each instance where the highest bid is not accepted, and to re-advertise the parcel concerned for public sale following reconsideration within thirty (30) days of the date of adoption of this ordinance.

(4) In the event that more than one bid is received for the parcel from multiple contiguous owners thereof, only the highest such bid will be considered for acceptance or rejection.

(5) The conveyance of any such parcel to any successful bidder shall be for the total parcel without the subdivision of or sale of a portion thereof, shall be by standard municipal Bargain and Sale Deed without covenants of the Grantor, subject to any statement or facts which an accurate survey would show, subject to all covenants, conditions, easements, liens and restrictions of record, as well as applicable ordinances of the Township of Lawrence shall be without obligation of the Township of Lawrence to provide access, public private, or any improvements thereon or thereto, with all sales being "as is" without any representation whatever as to character, quality or condition or otherwise, bidder being deemed to have inspected the premises bid upon and waived any objections to the conditions thereon.

(6) The parcel to be conveyed shall be deemed to merge and become one parcel for all purposes, including taxation and land use control, with the adjacent parcel owned by the successful bidder. In the event the successful bidder is the owner of more than one adjacent lot, the successful bidder shall be entitled to designate which of the adjacent parcels shall be consolidated with the subject property. The deed of conveyance shall contain a restriction governing the subject property that neither it nor the property with which it is consolidated shall thereafter be subdivided or, without subdivision, utilized for the construction of an additional dwelling or other structure other than an accessory building (e.g., a storage shed), if otherwise permissible. The property offered hereunder shall not be utilized by the successful bidder to support an application for relief from prevailing land use restrictions (e.g., single-family residential vs. multi-family residential), other than bulk restrictions (e.g., set back requirements for structures otherwise permitted) which, by reason of the size of the previously owned property, would not reasonably qualify for consideration by the Planning Board or Zoning Board for a variance absent the additional property purchased hereunder.

(7) The acceptance of any bid by the Township shall be subject to receipt within ten (10) days of such acceptance of a certified deposit check of the bidder (or cashier's check) in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the accepted bid price, which shall be non-

refundable, the balance to be paid not later than ninety (90) days from the date of bid, again by certified or cashier's check, at which time title shall be conveyed to bidder by the Township and the Deed delivered therefore by the Township. Concurrently, with payment of the ten percent (10%) deposit, bidder shall execute an agreement to accept the terms and conditions of sale set forth herein on a form to be prescribed by the Township.

(8) In the event the bidder should for any reason not pay the balance due as above provided, the Township reserves the right to cancel the sale and retain the ten percent (10%) deposit as liquidated damages for non-performance. In the event title is not insurable by the bidder at prevailing rates by a reputable title insurance company, bidder's sole remedy shall be to give written notice of cancellation of the bid to the Township within ninety (90) days of the date of bid. The Township shall refund the deposit, and there shall be no further obligation by either party to the other respecting said bid or any obligations created by the giving or acceptance of said bid.

(9) In addition to the bid amount, made in accordance with the process outlined above, the Bidder must pay the Township \$500.00 for legal fees and other costs necessary for the property transfer, said cost to be paid prior to title conveyance.

(10) All ordinance or provisions thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

(11) If any section or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

(12) This ordinance shall take effect after adoption and final publication in accordance with law.

**TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTIES**

| <b>PARCEL</b> | <b>ADDRESS</b> | <b>BLOCK</b> | <b>LOT</b> | <b>ASSESSMENT</b> | <b>LOT SIZE</b> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1             | Johnson Avenue | 2301         | 19         | \$1,575           | 2,100 sf        |

Ordinance No. 2334-19 was introduced and approved on the following roll call vote:

| <b>COUNCIL</b> | <b>AYE</b> | <b>NAY</b> | <b>PRESENT</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> | <b>MOVE</b> | <b>SECOND</b> |
|----------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Mr. Kownacki   | X          |            |                |               |                |             |               |
| Ms. Lewis      | X          |            |                |               |                |             | X             |
| Dr. Maffei     |            |            |                | X             |                |             |               |
| Mr. Powers     | X          |            |                |               |                | X           |               |
| Mayor Bobbitt  |            |            |                | X             |                |             |               |

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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Nerwinski reported on the Bid that was awarded for (2) two fire apparatus and indicated they are working towards the specifics with regards to the initial meeting that already took place and there will be follow-up meeting with regard to the process of the layout of the two vehicles which should occur within a year and he wants to engage the Volunteer Fire Company Chiefs who are going to be utilizing the apparatus. They will be included in the process further along in the design part.

Mr. Nerwinski stated he is a little apprehensive about speaking to this matter being Councilman Maffei and Mayor Bobbitt are not present but he feels they need to discuss in an open setting a reaffirmation that they are all on the same page with regards to the acquisition of the Sheft's property and advised that the Township has done their due diligence. They executed a contract based upon the terms and the went through a series of executive session meetings where they discussed negotiations and the authority for him to act in order to get a binding contract and he was always under the impression that he had the full support of the Council. The due diligence period required the town to do a Phase I Environmental Study, a 774 page document, that the professional concluded based upon his review that there was no additional Phase II that would be required and that the property was appropriate for their acquisition. So, he would like one member of the Council to make an oral motion to reaffirm that they are committed to the acquisition of the Sheft's property at this time. Councilman Kownacki stated months back when they started talking about it all five Councilmembers were in agreement. So, for the record he will make that motion again to vote "yes". Councilwoman Lewis further stated that the land acquisition of the Sheft's property was included in the 2019 Municipal Budget which all members of Council voted for so this would be the third time they voted yes on this matter.

Mr. Nerwinski reported that they are getting close to the first initial rollout of the new website; so, hopefully, by August he will have some type of presentation for the Council to view. He further reported that a few months ago he advised of Andy Link, Business Advocate, retirement and upon Mr. Link's retirement outsourcing the Affordable Housing Program to Frank Piazza which is working well; but the change will also give them an opportunity to hire a staff member on a part-time basis as a Human Business Development Professional, a business liaison, who they can install for 20 hours a week to assist new businesses who wants to come into Lawrence and help them navigate through the process and just make Lawrence community more business friendly. And, he feels a recently retired individual who has a lot of experience would be idea for the position and he will be providing a job description to the Council in the near future.

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**Attorney's Report –**

Mr. Roskos reported the Township is finally done with the Court Collection Agreement after waiting sometime for the AOC to approve the agreement and advised that last holdup was the AOC insisting on a clause in the contract where the vendor could be terminated without cause at any time. Meanwhile, the same vendor is working in other New Jersey municipalities had those contracts approved by the AOC without such a clause and he does not know who at the AOC was trying to pose this condition or why; but the matter is finally finished.

Mr. Roskos further reported that the Solar Power Agreement is finally done and it has changed overtime as properties dropped out, the structures have changed and a lot of work that went into the contract which is now completed.

Mr. Roskos stated in reference to the Fire Substation he has finally been able to convince the general counsel at K. Hovnanian to give the Township a Quit Claim Deed for that piece of property because of an improper reverter clause placed in that deed in 1987 and was not caught in time when the Deed got recorded. So, it took a while for him to convince the general counsel but for now has their oral promise to issue a Quit Claim Deed which would allow them to move forward with that piece of property.

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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. 219-19 (18-B.1) through 266-19 (18-H.15) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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**Council Initiatives/Liaison Reports –**

There were no 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.

7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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James S. Kownacki, Councilman