

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

May 7, 2019

The following are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Township Council that was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 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 Bobbitt read the following statement of proper notice:

**STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE:** "Adequate notice of this meeting of the Lawrence Township Council being held on Tuesday, May 7, 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, Maffei and Mayor Bobbitt.  
Absent: Councilman Powers.

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

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Special Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations

Mayor Bobbitt stated it is an honor and a privilege to present the following Proclamations in light of FOP Awareness and Support, Building Safety Month and Support for the 2019 Police Unity Tour. He then read each of the following Proclamations on behalf of Council into record:

*Mr. Gary Whyte, 289 Old Tote Road, Mountainside, New Jersey, advised tonight Lawrence Township became the 568<sup>th</sup> town to support their cause for a proclamation in support of FOP (Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva) and thanked the Township Council for the proclamation. Mr. Whyte went on to repeat some of his public comments made at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting with regards to them reaching their original goal of spreading awareness of the disease FOP to 570 municipalities and having only two*

municipalities in the State that have not responded to their request for a proclamation or resolution and a newly elected Congressman, Jefferson Van Drew, who use to be the mayor of Dennis Township in Cape May researching if the Library of Congress is interested in keeping the two Books of Proclamations given it is a movement that has not never been done with the State of New Jersey being the first too have a two books of signatures from every municipality throughout the State if he is able to obtain one from the last two towns.

Proclamation to Raise Awareness and Support of Research to Cure  
Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressive – FOP

*Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) is an extremely rare connective tissue disease in which a mutation of the body's repair mechanism causes soft connective tissue, including muscle, tendon, and ligament, to be ossified spontaneously or when damaged, causing joints to become permanently frozen and producing a "second skeleton"; and*

*WHEREAS, FOP causes loss of mobility to the affected areas of the body, including the inability to fully open the mouth, thereby limiting speech and eating. Breathing complications can also occur when extra bone forms around the rib cage restricting the expansion of a person's lungs and diaphragm; and*

*WHEREAS, the symptoms of FOP usually appear in the first or second decade of life, with the majority of patients diagnosed by the age of 10, depriving children of normal development as well as a normal childhood; and*

*WHEREAS, it is currently estimated that 3500 people worldwide are diagnosed with FOP with 250 confirmed cases in the United States, 12 of which reside in New Jersey; and*

*WHEREAS, there is no cure or approved treatment for FOP and even minor trauma or surgical removal of extra bone growths may provoke additional bone formation; and*

*WHEREAS, as a result of limited treatment options, the median age of survival is 40 years with proper management; and*

*WHEREAS, numerous countries and international organizations have come together to increase public awareness of this rare genetic disorder and to promote the research that is so necessary to find the cure for musculoskeletal impairments.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council, Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby calls upon the medical community to conduct continued research into the causes of FOP and to develop a method of treatment and eventual cure for this extremely devastating disease.*

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Mr. Nerwinski noted that he has a lot of respect for Lawrence Code Enforcement Officials who are dedicated and knowledgeable about their job and they do not bend to the pressure put on them by businessmen and residents who want them to take it easy on codes and safety issues. And, because of that he has so much respect for the Inspectors being it is much more difficult to stay strong and do things the right way; because when something goes wrong the first thing they look for is who did the inspection and how it was done.

Proclamation Recognizing Building Safety Month

*Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, Lawrence Township is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our residents, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and*

*WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of the buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians – building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry – who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and*

*WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a U.S. based organization that brings together local, state and federal officials that are experts in the built environment to create and implement the high quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and play; and*

*WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes that are developed by a national voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world; and*

*WHEREAS, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; which, according to a FEMA-commissioned study by the National Institute of Building Sciences, provide \$11 in future mitigation benefits for every dollar invested; and*

*WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity; and*

*WHEREAS, “No Code. No Confidence.”, the theme for Building Safety Month 2019, requests all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2019 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses; and*

*WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby designate the month of May 2019 as Building Safety Month in the Township of Lawrence.*

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A member of the 2019 Unity Team spoke about how much the Police Unity Tour means to Lawrence Township Police Department and it being their 13<sup>th</sup> year of participation. The Officer stated what an honor it is for him and his fellow officers to be able to ride alongside other law enforcement officers down to Washington DC to honor and pay tribute to the law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as well as support their families and loved ones which is quite an honor; because when they ride down to the Washington Memorial they do meet with the surviving families of the officers killed in the line of duty and their children and over the years they have developed quite a relationship with some of those families which means a lot to the Lawrence Police Department, He then thanked the Township Council for their leadership and all of their support of the event.

### Proclamation in Support of the 2019 Police Unity Tour

#### *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, law enforcement officers across the nation at every moment place their own lives at risk to fulfill their sworn oath 'to protect and serve'; and*

*WHEREAS, there are law enforcement officers who make the ultimate sacrifice giving their lives in the line of duty in order to protect the communities they serve; and*

*WHEREAS, the Police Unity Tour began in 1997 with 18 riders from the Florham Park, New Jersey Police Department and now includes over 2500 riders from across the country each year commemorating the lives and service of officers who have died in the line of duty; and*

*WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty and its secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial bears the names of nearly 19,000 men and women who have given their lives in the line of duty; and*

*WHEREAS, the Lawrence Township Police Department honors the memory of their fallen brothers and sisters by participating in the Police Unity Tour; and*

*WHEREAS, the ride will take place from May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>, leaving from West Trenton, New Jersey to its destination of Washington, DC; and*

*WHEREAS, the Lawrence Township Police Department 2019 Police Unity Tour Team includes Lieutenant Chris Longo, Officer Chris DiMeglio, Officer Andres Mejia, Officer Dylan McClistler and Officer Mark Eggert.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby extend its gratitude and best wishes for a safe and successful event to the Lawrence Township Police Department Police Unity Tour Team for its participation in the 2019 Police Unity Tour.*

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### Public Participation

Ms. Christy Peacock, 17 Pine Knoll Drive, stated in regards to the new Brush Pickup Ordinance she lives in a heavily treed neighborhood where the trees are quite large and quite old which is part of the charm of the Lawrenceville community but because she is on a fixed income she is only able to hire a yard crew two times a year to help her with the brush pickup which does not always correlate with the Township's pickup schedule for her neighborhood. In between that time she puts out what she can in accordance to the appropriate collection date and the rest she saves for the yard crew when they come out twice a year; but, if the weather impacts the day they are scheduled to come out she is rotated to the bottom of their schedule which makes her unable to appropriately put out debris on the requisite date.

Ms. Peacock advised that she has been working with the landscapers to try and coordinate with the Township's zoning schedule with no success. And, because of all the large trees in her neighborhood that are losing limbs from the storm damage as well as the degree of limbs getting larger in her neighborhood so she is asking for the Council to reconsider the new Brush Pickup Ordinance by possibly waiving the Pine Knoll neighborhood from the ordinance to allow them to put out brush with respect to amount and size that they have asked for in fashion that they can and if they cannot waive the ordinance for their neighborhood she requesting that they enlarge the timeframe for the brush pickup to allow for changes due the weather. Some discussion took place relative to size of the lots and other people in the neighborhood having the same problem.

Mr. Mike Gorski, 18 Pine Knoll Drive, stated on a positive note it was very nice to see the police honored this evening and that the police came to his home one evening on an emergency visit and they were the consummate professionals and he could not be more pleased with the police. His second comment has to do with the pickup of leaves and debris as it relates to the new Brush Pickup Ordinance and indicated he sent an email to the Mayor and Council regarding the matter and only received one reply back.

Mr. Gorski indicated he has another complaint regarding the Township's website which is extremely difficult to find anybody's contact information on so he is recommending that telephone numbers along with email addresses be included on the website for members of Council not just their photographs and the email address for every Administrator which is accountability to the public.

Mr. Gorski advised that he has been a resident for 25 years and this is his first time making any grievance before the Township Council which relates to the new Brush Pickup Ordinance and lawn debris and he does not know how familiar the Council is with the enclave of Balsam Court, Pine Knoll Drive all named after trees which is a beautiful neighborhood in the Spring and Fall when everything turns. But with the beauty comes the consequence of lots of leaves and lawn debris and he does not have a landscaper he does the work himself and based on the size of his property he fills 20 large tarps of leaves and carts them to streets and one tarp of leaves from his property would satisfy the 12 foot section changed in the Ordinance.

Mr. Gorski further advised when he wrote to the Director of Public Works he suggested he put 12 foot sections out according the ordinance and store the rest until the next brush pickup. But, if he took that advice he would have a mountain of leaves accruing on his front lawn until the next collection of 12 foot sections which would probably take him a year to get rid of. Furthermore, when the leaves are assembled in front of the houses in the fall his 100 foot section is a piled about 4 to 5 feet high and 3 feet into the street and it is the whole continuous section of 100 feet. And, if everybody else is on the same schedule as he it would follow around the entire neighborhood and proceeded to discuss the 12 foot section regulations is simply unmanageable and impractical without having a backhoe, collection device or dump truck to remove all the large debris, large tree limbs and stumps, mainly in the fall or after a storm, to take it to the Ecological Center as recommended.

In closing, Mr. Gorski stated he is respectfully asking that the Mayor and Township Council rescind the changes to the brush and leaf policy or exempt the Pine Knoll enclave as previously requested based on the unique circumstances of their neighborhood. A general exchange of dialogue took place relative to the number of complaints received from the Pine Knoll Email Group, people on Facebook and residents north of I-295 with large acres of land relative to the new brush regulations and the impact it has had on various neighborhoods throughout the Township as well as the number of citations that have been issued to people for putting out debris and trash in the same customary fashion.

*Ms. Karen Gorski, 18 Pine Knoll Drive,* advised that she is the person that pulls the information from the Facebook and Pine Knoll Email groups relative the comments and complaints against the new Brush Ordinance and today it was 34 people emailing back and forth complaining about the problems with the new pickup policy. One of the elements being the specific timing as it relates to the weather. And indicated whenever they plan to rake the leaves on the weekends to prepare for their zone pickup which is

the weekend right before the first Monday of the month it sometimes rains that weekend and they cannot always conform to the Zone Schedule as required.

Ms. Gorski continued to discuss how they are sometimes bound by the weather and only able to do a yard cleanup when possible which is another element outside of the 12 foot section rule that is not going to work and that her neighbors are outraged by the new ordinance. She then spoke of a neighbor who received a citation for not complying with the ordinance who lives on Balsam Court in back of Turtleback Park which runs between Balsam Court and Pine Knoll and the enormous amount of leaves he and others clean up that blow onto their properties from the park with no option of cutting the trees down the 100 feet tall massive trees that were put there when the area used to be a tree farm. And indicated he and other residents in that neighborhood are doing the Township a great service by cleaning up the large volume of leaves that blow into their front and back yards from the park in addition to having to clean up the debris from the multitude of trees on their own properties and proceeded to elaborate on the new Brush Pickup Ordinance creating a widespread of complaints in their neighborhood and multiple aspects of the ordinance being unmanageable.

Councilwoman Lewis asked the Municipal Manager for clarification purposes if the size of the piles or the timing of collection were already in affect when the Council addressed the brush issue and if the only changes they made to the new Brush Pickup Ordinance were to allow the town to hold landscapers accountable and provide for more options in enforcement.

Mr. Nerwinski replied that the old ordinance was repealed and replaced with the new Brush Pickup Ordinance that specifies the size of the yard waste pile and diameter of the wood that is placed in the street for municipal collection. In addition, the new Ordinance requires all landscaping contractors performing work in Lawrence Township to register annually with the town. He also noted that the Township Council had three public meetings regarding this matter; one in which Mr. Whitehead, Director of Public Works, detailed all the problems the Public Works Department was experiencing with the Brush Pickup Program as it relates to public safety, manpower and the amount of hours his staff spent circling around town picking up large piles of brush that residents put out anytime with blatant disregard to the zone schedule which was detrimental to the parks, sports facilities and building maintenance and he does not recall anyone showing up to those meetings to voice their concerns or objection to the proposed ordinance

Mr. Nerwinski advised that Lawrence Township is 22 miles long, 132 miles of roadway and more than 12,000 households and that crafting a law that fits everybody's particular situation is a difficult task. The thoughts behind the piles not exceeding 12 feet in length was for the piles to be a manageable size and there was a discussion about the Brush Pickup Program not being a requirement of the Township nor provided by many other towns; but, the Township wanting to try and keep the service because the citizens of Lawrence like it and proceeded to discuss the budget and what the Township is faced with in terms of having to hire (5) five new police officers due to looming

retirements, the budget CAP and examining the Ordinance to see if there is a better strategy.

*Mr. Peter Sheridan, 12 Balsam Court*, advised that he lives in the Pine Knoll neighborhood and he is the resident that received the citation of a fine up to \$500 for the first offense and he is scheduled to appear in Court tomorrow. He received a Notice in the mail with a copy of a citation which was a warning, two weeks went by, and his pile was spray painted bright blue, then a summons was delivered in the mail and he has spoken with Mr. Whitehead and the enforcement officer, Mr. Kulak, several times and it seems to be a pointing game going on with saying something different.

Mr. Sheridan further advised that Balsam Court is a little different than Pine Knoll as his front yard faces Turtleback Park and his backyard is in back of Cobblestone Creek Country Club and he has approximately (30) thirty trees on his property, all over 40 feet tall, and the trees at Cobblestone Creek are 60 to 80 feet tall and massive so he accumulates an lot of leaves. And, Mr. Whitehead advised him that the new Brush Pickup Ordinance is not about the pickup of leaves but about brush pickup and conforming to the zone schedule and he was ticketed because his landscaper moves the leaves to the other side of the street not directly in front of his house and proceeded to discuss the size and uniqueness of his street not having curbs or sidewalks and the debris spilling out onto the streets thereby creating a traffic and pedestrian safety issue and Pennington having an ordinance for leave piles and debris that allows piles to be 18 feet long and 4 feet high as a comparison with one of the local towns and complaint is not about branches and other debris as his piles are basically leaves and suggested a change to ordinance regarding the size of the piles or where they may be kept.

*Mr. Jeff Reed, 13 Pine Knoll*, spoke about the letter Mr. Gorski wrote to Mr. Nerwinski and Mr. Nerwinski's response to the letter regarding the new Brush Pickup Ordinance, and indicated the new ordinance was put in place because the Township failed to enforce the prior ordinance and in doing so they made a bad decision and made things worse by having the Public Works Department constantly pick up brush which completely side tracked the department from other work such as maintaining the streets, parks, sports fields, buildings, etc. and reiterated the poor decision on the part of the Township Council to adopt a new Brush Pick Up Ordinance instead of better enforcement of the old ordinance.

Mr. Reed also discussed his dismay with Mr. Nerwinski's response as to how the brush is causing public safety issues for motorist, pedestrians and cyclists using the streets and causing flooding in some of the streets, storm drains to be clogged and the community not looking as nice as it should and indicated there are thousands of cars parked along the streets in Lawrence Township that are wider, longer and taller than the piles of brush that are just as much a safety issue and continued to elaborate on his concerns with the Brush Pickup Policy and Trenton Water Works ongoing water problems that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Nerwinski noted that the brush pictures they see every day with children walking, elderly people driving, distracted drivers and people just not paying attention when they have to navigate through brush piles out in the streets in addition to cars, and debris from those piles getting into the sewage system creating a health and safety issue and public safety being paramount versus the need for the residents that have challenges with the ordinance due to their special circumstance of complying with the Township's Zone Schedule. Additional dialogue took place relative to all the tree stumps and debris causing expensive damages to Public Works equipment which played a pivotal role in changing the Brush Collection Policy as well.

Mayor Bobbitt stated for the record that Lawrence Township is not asleep at the wheel in terms of the Trenton Water Works water situation as he has testified twice before the Trenton Assembly and a Sub-committee and everyone on the Township Council as well as other officials from surrounding towns have done quite a bit to address the matter. As for the Brush Pick Up Policy he inquired if Mr. Nerwinski could have Mr. Whitehead come in and provide an update to the Council on brush pickup and address some of the special circumstances discussed this evening. A general exchange of dialogue followed relative to the old Brush Pick-Up Ordinance versus the new Ordinance as it relates to tweaking the ordinance, previous meetings held regarding the Brush Collection Program and the intent to save the program, educating the public on brush collection, enforcement and the Council not amending the ordinance to meet each resident specific need but working with residents who have genuine brush pickup problem.

*Mr. Paul Larson, 170 Darrah Lane,* stated he is speaking this evening as a Trustee for the Lawrence Historical Society and proceeded to discuss the Award of Bid listed on the agenda for the Archaeological Survey as it relates to the Township having a lot of great firms in the area and a lot of interest in Lawrence history being there were (4) bidders who bid on the project. He then distributed a flier regarding the "Bridge to the American Revolution" musket firing demonstration taking place at the The Bridge Academy on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. which is also on the Agenda and invited all to attend.

Mr. Larson went on to discuss a letter that was presented to the Mayor and Council from the Lawrence Historical Society regarding the Historical Society's concerns, comments and position to the proposed Subdivision Application for the Trail at Princeton Pike, Block 5101, Lot 18, as it relates to the possible impacts the project would have on the 1761 Brearley House, a building on the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places, and surrounding historical area. He then read the letter in detail regarding the Historic Society's opposition to the current proposal, some significant concerns and a position statement by the Society enumerating those concerns as well two independent reviews, one by Michael Mills, FAIA, and the other by Ian Burrow, FSA, longtime champions of the 1761 Brearley House.

Mr. Larson continued to discuss at length the Lawrence Historical Society comments for Council's consideration along with the Society's position statement as it relates to the application for the proposed Trail at Princeton Pike and them working together towards making the proposed development a success without placing undue stress on/or negatively impacting the 1761 Brearley House and its associated archaeological site. He also noted that they are not opposed to thoughtful planned development as they wish to make some potential impacts of the current proposal to properly address and protect the historical presentation and preservation of the Brearley House which the Township and the Historical Society have invested a great deal of time and money in order to maintain and preserve the deep and rich history of for future generations.

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#### Review and Revisions of Agenda

There was no review or revision of the agenda.

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#### Adoption of Minutes

There was no adoption of minutes.

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#### Awarding or Rejecting of Bids

On a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Powers, Resolution (9-A), Authorizing Awarding Bid for Princessville Archaeological Survey to Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., was presented for adoption.

#### Resolution No. 176-19

WHEREAS, on Thursday, April 11, 2019 bids were received and publicly opened for the project known as **Princessville Archaeological Survey**; and

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

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., who submitted a bid in the amount of \$21,935.00, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:50-14, a Certificate of Availability of Funds has been provided and the account to be charged is G-02-41-133-299 (2018 Princessville Archaeological Survey CLG Grant); 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 Principal Planner, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Richard Grubb and Associates, Inc., 259 Prospect Plains Road, Building D, Cranbury NJ 08512 in the amount of \$21,935.00.

Same was carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Kownacki, Lewis, Maffei and Mayor Bobbitt.  
Absent: Councilman Powers.

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Introduction of Ordinances

There was no introduction of ordinances.

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Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2264-17 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6A" FEE: THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE CHAPTER" OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE"

Ordinance No. 2327-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2264-17 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6A, "FEES: THE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE, PERMIT AND FEE CHAPTER" OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

SECTION I. BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that section 6A-23 "Recreation Fees" is hereby amended as follows:

ACTIVITY	Present Fee
Art/Theater Camp, Full Day until April 30	\$260.00
Art/Theater Camp, Full Day after April 30	\$275.00
Art/Theater Camp, Half Day until April 30	\$185.00
Art/Theater Camp, Half Day after April 30	\$195.00
Art, Winter	\$85.00
Basketball, Competitive	\$125.00
Basketball, Summer Teen	\$65.00
Basketball, Youth	\$85.00
Bocce	\$5.00

Camp, After Care	\$60.00
Camp, Before Care	\$50.00
Cheerleading	\$55.00
<u>Children's Triathlon Clinic</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
Field Hockey, Indoor	\$75.00
Fitness Trainer	\$60.00
Garden Plot, Resident	\$45.00
Garden Plot, Non-resident	\$90.00
<u>Golf Camp, Week</u>	<u>\$185.00</u>
Nature Center Camp, Week	\$185.00
Playgrounds, Full Day until April 30	\$290.00
Playgrounds, Full Day after April 30	\$305.00
Playgrounds, Half Day until April 30	\$200.00
Playgrounds, Half Day after April 30	\$215.00
<u>Playgrounds, One Week Full Day until April 30</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
<u>Playgrounds, One Week Full Day after April 30</u>	<u>\$215.00</u>
Safety Town	\$75.00
Senior Instruction	\$3.00 per class
Sports Camps, Full Day until April 30	\$260.00
Sports Camps, Half Day until April 30	\$185.00
Sports Camps, Full Day after April 30	\$275.00
Sports Camps, Half Day after April 30	\$200.00
<u>Sports Camps, One Week Full Day until April 30</u>	<u>\$185.00</u>
<u>Sports Camps, One Week Full Day after April 30</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
Sports Clinics	\$40.00
Swim Lessons	\$80.00
Swim Team	
October – March, Level 1, 2 days/week	\$215.00
October – March, Level 2, 2 days/week	\$190.00
October – March, Level 3, 2 days/week	\$190.00
October – March, Level 1, 1 day/week	\$100.00
October – March, Level 2, 1 day/week	\$85.00
April – May, Level 1	\$70.00
April – May, Level 2	\$70.00
Tennis Instruction, Adult	\$85.00
Tennis Instruction, Youth	\$11.00/HR
Travel Camp, Daily (Resident)	\$85.00
Travel Camp, Daily (Non-resident)	\$100.00
Travel Camp, Week (Resident)	\$295.00
Travel Camp, Week (Non-resident)	\$350.00
Volleyball	\$70.00
Wrestling	\$45.00
PERMIT	
Picnic/Park/Facility	\$45.00
Athletic Field w/o lights	\$90/3 hours

Athletic Field w/lights	\$150/3 hours
<b>SWIMMING POOL</b>	
Family Membership	
School Year	\$165.00
Summer	\$115.00
Individual Membership	
School Year	\$90.00
Summer	\$70.00
Senior Membership	
School Year	\$25.00
Summer	\$20.00
Daily Fee (all year Non-member)	\$5.00
Dip Ticket	\$5.00

**Section 2. Miscellaneous Fee**

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

**Section 3. Financial Assistance for Program Fees**

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

**Section 4. Refunds of Registration Fees**

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

**Section 5. Temporary Food License for Community Day**

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

Section 6. Repealer

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

Section 7. Severability

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of said ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Effective Date

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

Additions are underlined \_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. 2327-19 was introduced and approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,695,000, INCLUDING ANY TRANSPORTATION TRUST GRANT FUNDING TO BE USED TO OFFSET BONDS OR NOTES, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,545,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"

Ordinance No. 2328-19

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,695,000, INCLUDING ANY TRANSPORTATION TRUST GRANT FUNDING TO BE USED TO OFFSET BONDS OR NOTES, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,545,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

**Section 1.** The improvement described in Section 2 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Lawrence, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,695,000, including the sum of \$150,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now 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 improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,545,000 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.** (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds to be issued is the improvement of roads involving: (1) Road improvement program consisting of mill and overlay: Concord, Greenwood, Grandview, Maple & Edgewood Avenue, Green Avenue, Lawrenceville Firehouse Drainage Repair, Anderson Lane, Keefe Road, Cold Soil, Carson Road & Van Kirk Rd, Drainage & Safety Improvements, Keefe Road (Lawrenceville Road to Yeger Drive), Dayna Lane, Bergen Street - LHT Crossing, Denow Road (Federal City to Lawrenceville Pennington Road) Engineering, Road and Drainage Improvements (Various Locations), Graf Avenue, Harmony Avenue, Hopewell Avenue, Slack Avenue and Carr Avenue, Mayflower, Bunker Hill and President Avenue, Whitmarsh Drive, Lawnside Drive and Hillsdale Road, Hillcrest Avenue, Eggert Crossing Road Route 206 into School, Veterans Park Parking Lot and Village Park Parking Lots, including Road Striping and other streets identified in Lawrence Township Road Improvement Plan to the extent of available funds (2) Miscellaneous Guide Rail Replacement/Traffic Signal Improvements; (3) Brunswick Pike Streetscape; (4) Village Park Lighting Replacement; (5) Maidenhead Meadows Lawrence-Hopewell Connector; (6) Concrete Improvements incidental to overlay and all work and materials therefore or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is \$2,545,000.

**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 capital budget of the Township of Lawrence is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

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

(a) The purposes described in Section 2 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, and the reasonable life thereof, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law is 20.00 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 \$2,545,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$40,000 for 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 purpose of improvements. (Is this enough? Section 20 includes design work.)

**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, the 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.** The Town hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Chief Financial Officer on a tax-exempt basis. The Town hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the obligations, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the obligations. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Town to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Town hereby declares the intent of the Town to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

**Section 11.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Ordinance No. 2328-19 was introduced and approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,150,000, FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY"

Ordinance No. 2329-19

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,150,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. \$1,150,000 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund for various capital improvements in and by the Township of Lawrence, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Township") as set forth below:

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost
A. Acquisition of Various Computer and Office Equipment consisting of but not limited to: Computer Upgrades: Software, Hardware, Licenses, Engineering Wide Format Copier, Police: Firewall, SonicWall, Watchguard Server, Mobile Computers, & Software, Inventory Barcode System, Fire Services Mobile Computers, Senior Center Copier	\$128,000
B. Improvements to Municipal Buildings consisting of but not limited to: Slackwood, Lawrence Road and	\$388,500

Lawrenceville Fire Companies Building Repairs and Renovation including HVAC Repair/Replacement, Central Park Facility Repairs, Miscellaneous Building Repairs including HVAC Repair/Replacement, Slackwood and Lawrence Road Fire Key Fob System	
C. Acquisition of Fire / Rescue Equipment consisting of but not limited to: EMS Lucas System, EMS Suction Unit, EMS Box Style Ambulance, Fire Services Vehicle Stabilization Tools, Fire Services Positive Pressure Fan	\$110,000
D. Acquisition of Various Communication Equipment consisting of but not limited to: Lawrence Road Fire Portable Radios, Lawrenceville Fire Portable Radios, Lawrenceville Fire Pagers	\$32,500
E. Various Equipment consisting of but not limited to: 2 Minidumps with Snow Removing Equipment, Heavy Equipment, F150 Pickup, Animal Control Vehicle Upfitting, Senior Center Main Room Guest Chairs, Large Width Park Mower with Attachments	\$461,500
F. Various Park and Recreational Facility Improvements consisting of but not limited to: Hamnet Park Playground Equipment, Eldridge Park Playground Equipment	\$29,500
TOTAL	\$1,150,000

Section 2. 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 3. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by law.

Ordinance No. 2329-19 was introduced and approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Bobbitt read by title, an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE ENTITLED “AMUSEMENT AND PUBLIC EVENTS AND GATHERINGS”

Ordinance No. 2330-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, ENTITLED ‘AMUSEMENTS AND PUBLIC EVENTS AND GATHERINGS’

WHEREAS, pursuant to recently enacted Legislation allowing amusement games to be conducted in bowling alleys containing no less than 16 United States Bowling Congress (USBC) sanctioned bowling lanes; and

WHEREAS, Stanwill Investors, t/a Colonial Bowling Lanes with an establishment located and doing business at 2420 Brunswick Pike (US Route 1), Lawrence Township, New Jersey 08648, meets the requirements established in Assembly Bill No. 621 and Senate Bill No. 2328 supplementing PL1959, c.108 (C.5:8-78 et seq).

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that it hereby grants and extends permission pursuant to the above-referenced legislation that it hereby grants and permits that amusements games be allowed to be conducted by Stanwill Investors, t/a Colonial Bowling Lanes, 2420 Brunswick Pike (US Route 1), Lawrence Township, New Jersey 08648.

Ordinance No. 2330-19 was introduced and approved on the following roll call vote:

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

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**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Nerwinski submitted invoice listings for the month of May 2019 in the amount of \$2,557,736.16.

Mr. Nerwinski reported that the Township had the Kickoff Preview of the new website that will be more interactive and user-friendly and addresses some of the things that were previously discussed this evening with regards to contact information for Township Officials and a host of other online services. Pictures of the changes were sent to the Council to get a sense of the new website and they are working on a link for frequently asked questions. Their next meeting with the website designer is in two weeks, and they are on schedule to have the website completed in a (4) four month period of time.

Mr. Nerwinski advised that they received bids for the (2) two fire apparatus. There were (5) five bidders, all who came in what they estimated it to be so now it is just a matter of reviewing the specifications to determine who the successful bidder will be.

Mr. Nerwinski reported he also spoke with Jack Oakley, Director of Emergency Services, about the proposed Pay Per Call Program for the Volunteer Firefighters which is an incentive to attempt to bolster the volunteer numbers that have been dwindling over the years. And indicated Lawrence is very fortunate to have two-thirds of their day covered by volunteer firefighters so they are working hard at trying to solidify and continue that type of coverage with this program. The Pay Per Call will be \$5.00 per call and there is a whole criteria in place which he will share with the Council once he and Peter Kiriakatis, CFO, review it. He then discussed the Township eventually phasing out the LOSAP Program and Ewing Township and Princeton already having the Pay Per Call Program which seems to be working.

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**Attorney's Report –**

Mr. Roskos reported that the Solar Power Agreement should be finished which has been a protractive process as the Bidder did not recognize that Lawrence Township is public entity and thought they were doing a contract between private parties which took a while but is now coming to an end. Further, he will need a closed session to discuss the matter regarding the Affordable Housing - Mount Laurel Settlement.

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**Clerk’s Report –**

Ms. Norcia advised that the new Code of Lawrence Township has been updated and copies have been distributed to the Council and it is still a work in progress as they might see things that need a little tweaking but the Council can adopt the ordinance and add or amend any section in the book that might not be up to par right now. They welcome the new Code Book that has not been codified since 1997 and was a huge undertaking so review and enjoy it. Mr. Nerwinski noted that the Code Book of Lawrence Township with the entire town’s code of practice will now be available on the internet which was a major accessibility issue that has now been resolved and there will be a link eventually put on the Township’s website.

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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. 154-19 (18-A.1) through 175-19 (18-H.6) were approved by 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> |
|----------------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| <b>Mr. Kownacki</b>  | X          |            |                |               |                |             | X             |
| <b>Ms. Lewis</b>     | X          |            |                |               |                | X           |               |
| <b>Dr. Maffei</b>    | X          |            |                |               |                |             |               |
| <b>Mr. Powers</b>    |            |            |                | X             |                |             |               |
| <b>Mayor Bobbitt</b> | 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 –**

Councilwoman Kownacki reported that the Patriotic Committee had their meeting about a week ago and this year's Memorial Day Parade will have the Lawrence High School band playing, the Princeton High School band that played last year and two Bagpiper Groups. They will also have more groups participating this year and the military will be having some vehicles in the parade as well making the Parade larger this year. The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> with a step off time of 10:00 a.m. starting at Lawrence High School. They will have a Grand Marshal and a ceremony in honor of what Memorial Day is about and at the end they will place the wreath at Veterans Park and indicated the ceremony should be nice and encouraged all to attend.

Councilwoman Lewis stated that people can start their Fourth of July weekend early as Lawrence Fireworks and other activities will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Rider University, the Friday before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mayor Bobbitt reported that the Trenton Waters Works Community Forum will take place on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Township Senior Center.

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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.

8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kathleen S. Norcia, Municipal Clerk

Attest:

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Christopher Bobbitt, Mayor