

The 2017 Reorganization Meeting of the Lakewood Township Committee was held on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 12:00 PM in the Lakewood Municipal Building with the following present:

Committee Members.....Albert D. Akerman  
Raymond Coles  
Meir Lichtenstein  
Menashe P. Miller  
Michael J. D’Elia  
Municipal Clerk.....Kathryn Hutchinson

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG...LED BY: FRAN KIRSHNER**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM...SUNG BY: CANTOR SHUA KESSIN**

**INVOCATION...LED BY: RABBI AVI SCHNALL, AGUDAH REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

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**OATH OF OFFICE FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMAN: ALBERT D. AKERMAN  
ADMINISTERED BY: SENATOR ROBERT W. SINGER**

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Miller, nominating Raymond Coles to the position of Mayor for the year 2017.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Miller, Committeeman D’Elia, Committeeman Coles. Negative: Committeeman Akerman.  
Motion Carried.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR MAYOR: RAYMOND COLES  
ADMINISTERED BY: SENATOR ROBERT W. SINGER**

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Motion by Committeeman D’Elia, second by Committeeman Akerman, nominating Menashe P. Miller to the position of Deputy Mayor for the year of 2017.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman Miller, Committeeman D’Elia and Mayor Coles. Motion Carried.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR – MENASHE P. MILLER  
ADMINISTERED BY: SENATOR ROBERT W. SINGER**

**APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – STEVEN SECARE, ESQ.**

Motion by Mayor Coles appointing Steven Secare, Esq., to the position of Township Attorney for the year 2017.

**PRESETATIONS:**

**OUTGOING MAYOR – MENASHE P. MILLER**

Committeeman Miller presented Mayor Coles with a ceremonial gavel on the occasion of the beginning of his term as Mayor for the year 2017. Mayor Coles presented Committeeman Miller with a ceremonial gavel on the occasion of the expiration of his term as Mayor for the year 2016.

**“GOD BLESS AMERICA”...SUNG BY: CANTOR SCHRIEBER**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2017 MEETING DATES OF THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
Resolution No. 2017-1
2. **RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2017 MEETING DATES OF THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH**  
Resolution No. 2017-2
3. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2017**  
Resolution No. 2017-3
4. **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD**  
Resolution No. 2017-4
5. **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C., AS TOWNSHIP AUDITOR**  
Resolution No. 2017-5
6. **RESOLUTION SETTING INTEREST RATES ON TAX DELINQUENCIES AND DESIGNATING EFFIE PRESSLEY AS TAX SEARCHER**  
Resolution No. 2017-6
7. **RESOLUTION IMPOSING YEAR END PENALTIES ON TAX ARREARAGES**  
Resolution No. 2017-7
8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS OR DELINQUENT AMOUNTS LESS THAN \$10.00**  
Resolution No. 2017-8

9. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHRYN HUTCHINSON AS LIQUOR LICENSE ADMINISTRATOR**  
Resolution No. 2017-9
10. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHRYN HUTCHINSON AS LIABILITY ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER**  
Resolution No. 2017-10
11. **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD**  
Resolution No. 2017-11
12. **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD.**  
Resolution No. 2017-12
13. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER – THOMAS L. HENSHAW**  
Resolution No. 2017-13
14. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONERS - MENASHE P. MILLER and MEIR LICHTENSTEIN**  
Resolution No. 2017-14
15. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR - ROBERT LAWSON (3-YEAR TERM)**  
Resolution No. 2017-15
16. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COORDINATORS TO THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES - MICHAEL J. D'ELIA, DOV DEMBITZER, MOSHE EHRMAN, ISRAEL BURSZTYN (CERT), CHIEF GREGG MEYER, MENASHE P. MILLER, MEIR LICHTENSTEIN, YISROEL SCHENKOLEWSKI AND SGT. FRANK WORK (1-YEAR TERM), MOSHE HEINEMAN**  
Resolution No. 2017-16
17. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT C.E.R.T. COORDINATOR – ISRAEL BURSZTYN**  
Resolution No. 2017-17
18. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPUTY C.E.R.T. COORDINATOR MOSHE EHRMAN (1-YEAR TERM)**  
Resolution No. 2017-18

19. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE – DANIEL F. SAHIN, ESQ. (1-YEAR TERM)**  
**Resolution No. 2017-19**
20. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL II POLICE OFFICERS – DANIEL BARTOLOMEIS, JOSEPH CURRY JR., BRIAN GUZMAN AND STEVE WEXLER, TYRON TOWNSEND, NICHOLAS CUSSANELLI AND MICHAEL MILANO.**  
**Resolution No. 2017-20**
21. **RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY - SALVATORE ALFIERI, ESQ.**  
**Resolution No. 2017-21**
22. **RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY - CHRISTOPHER W. ALGEO, ESQ.**  
**Resolution No. 2017-22**
23. **RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER - LEIB KLEIN, ESQ.**  
**Resolution No. 2017-23**
24. **RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACTS TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS – MICHAEL B. BERMAN, ESQ., SEAN D. GERTNER, ESQ., YEHUDAH L. GORDON, ESQ., TERRANCE L. TURNBACH, ESQ.**  
**Resolution No. 2017-24**
25. **RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR - ROBERT A. ROTHSTEIN, ESQ.**  
**Resolution No. 2017-25**
26. **RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACTS TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS - MICHAEL BURNS, ESQ. AND REBECCA KOLAS, ESQ.**  
**Resolution No. 2017-26**

27. RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL TOWNSHIP COUNSELS – JAN L. WOUTERS, ESQ. AND MICHAEL DICICCO, ESQ., AND BATHGATE, WEGENER AND WOLF; SECARE AND HENSEL; SEAN T. KEAN, ESQ., AND CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI & JACOBS, LLC; DASTI, MURPHY, MCGUCKIN, ULAKY, KOUTSOURIS & CONNORS; AND GERTNER, MANDEL AND PESLAK, LLC, GEORGE R. GILMORE, ESQ., AND GILMORE & MONAHAN; AND GLUCK WALRATH, LLP  
Resolution No. 2017-27
28. RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR MEDIATION - MICHAEL B. BERMAN, ESQ.  
Resolution No. 2017-28
29. RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY - STEVEN SECARE, ESQ., AND SECARE & HENSEL  
Resolution No. 2017-29
30. RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR THE LAKEWOOD INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION-SEAN T. KEAN, ESQ., OF CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI & JACOBS, LLC  
Resolution No. 2017-30
31. RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP BOND COUNSEL – GLUCKWALRATH, LLP  
Resolution No. 2017-31
32. RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP PLANNER - T & M ASSOCIATES  
Resolution No. 2017-32
33. RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REHABCO  
Resolution No. 2017-33
34. RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SELECTION COMMITTEE - ERVIN OROSS  
Resolution No. 2017-34
35. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR AND DEPUTY TAX ASSESSORS TO ACT AS GENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR TAX APPEALS  
Resolution No. 2017-35

36. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LAKEWOOD PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER – KATHRYN HUTCHINSON**  
Resolution No. 2017-36
37. **RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC., FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES**  
Resolution No. 2017-37
38. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING REMINGTON, VERNICK & VENA ENGINEERS TO THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**  
Resolution No. 2017-38
39. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHRYN HUTCHINSON AS MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON, FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM**  
Resolution No. 2017-39
40. **RESOLUTION AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES AT LAKEWOOD AIRPORT – DY CONSULTANTS**  
Resolution No. 2017-40
41. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO DATAMAP INTELLIGENCE, LLC FOR POLICE GIS ROAD MAP MAINTENANCE**  
Resolution No. 2017-40(a)

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman D’Elia, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 41 on the Consent Agenda.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Lichtenstein (abstained on Resolution Nos. 25 and 26), Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D’Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

**Resolution Nos. 2017-1 through 2017-40(a) – Adopted**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**ADA Compliance Committee and Disabilities Commission: (Liaison -Raymond Coles)**

3 year term-Dr. Stephen Sche; 1 year terms- Dov Kreiswirth and Joan Lorenc; 1 year alternate terms-William Sette, Thomas Barry and Jean Hannon

**Board of Health: (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)**

1 year terms-Dr. Hillel Peltz, Raymond Coles, Menashe Miller, Meir Lichtenstein, Albert Akerman, Michael D’Elia

**CDBG Selection Committee: (Liaison - Menashe P. Miller/Raymond Coles)**

1 year terms-Yosef Shafer, Joseph DiMattina, Nathan Eisen, Osher Perlow , Eli Rennert, Robert W. Singer and Bruce Stern

**Civil Rights Commission: (Liaison - Raymond Coles)**

3 year terms-Enrique Percal, Thomas O'Malley

**Emergency Planning Council: (Liaison - Meir Lichtenstein)**

1 year terms-Morty Berger, Mark Berkowitz, Patrick Donnelly (DPW), Leon Bursztyn, Crystal Van de Zilver (EMS), Michael J. D'Elia, Anita Doyle (LIC), Police Chief Gregg Meyer, George J. Leggett, Meir Lichtenstein, Ranato Madarang, Fire Chief Michael D'Elia, Menashe P. Miller, Ruth Molnar, Avi Pollack (BMG), Saul Rotberg, Michael Saccomanno (Code Enforcement), Yisroel Schenkolewski, Shneur Stefansky, Motty Twerski, Pastor Glenn Wilson, Sgt. Frank Work, Thomas Zambrano (GCU)

**Environmental Commission: (Liaison – Michael J. D'Elia)**

1 year term-Patrick Donnelly, 1 year term-Alt.2/Planning Board Liaison-Albert Akerman

**Heritage Commission: (Liaison - Raymond Coles)**

3 year terms-Rita Michel, Steve Wexler, Howard Butensky Esq., Dr. Sherril Schuster and Jane Sims; 3 year Alternate term-Robin Taylor Wellett

**Housing Authority: (Liaison – Raymond Coles)**

No New Appointments -Board is Full

**Industrial Commission: (Liaison – Michael J. D'Elia)**

No New Appointments -Board is Full

**Lakewood Development Corporation: (Liaison - Raymond Coles/Albert D. Akerman)**

2 year terms-Mike McNeil and Eli Rennert

**Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority: (Liaison – Raymond Coles)**

No New Appointments -Board is Full

**Municipal Alliance: (Liaison – Raymond Coles)**

No New Appointments -Board is Full

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board/ Special Events: (Liaison - Albert D. Akerman)**

4 year term-Michael Cohen; 3 year term-John Doyle; 1 year terms-George Esmart, Toni Ponti, Fred Ponti, and Sgt. Frank Work

**Planning Board: (Liaison – Albert D. Akerman)**

4 year unexpired term till 12/31/17-Justin Flauncebaum; 4 year unexpired term till 12/31/17- Israel Grunberger

**Shade Tree Commission: (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)**

5 year term-Sarah Rendler

**Transportation Board: (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)**

No New Appointments

**Zoning Board of Adjustment: (Liaison –Michael J. D’Elia)**

2 year term-Judah Ribiat and Hal Halvorsen; 2 year Alternate 1-Moshe Ingber; 2 year Alternate 2- Mordy Gross

**MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

One Year Terms:

**Cable Advisory Committee**

Ed Decker, Myrna Geller, Arlene Gietter, Noreen Gill, Najiran Holland, Colin Lewis, Bob MacGregor, Jim Trischitta, Laura Winters

**Mayor's Council of Presidents of Adult Communities:**

Current Presidents of Adult Communities

**Tourism Advisory Committee:**

Michael Billig, Mary Cranwell, Lorraine Franklin, Ruth Schreiner

**Utilities Advisory Committee:**

Shmuel Binder, Hal Halvorsen, Bill Hobday, Mike McNeil, Moshe Raitzik, Bruce Stern, Larry Simons, Gregg Stafford-Smith and Elana Lansky

**Veterans Advisory Committee:**

John Z. Balla, US Air Force Chaplain Major Raphael Berdugo, Michael B. Berman, Nathan Eisen, Bill Keating, Bernie Lesiak, Thomas Lorenc, Joe Rangell, Captain Mark Seigel

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Planning Board**

Class I/Mayor's Designee Appointment (one year term) – ANGELA KOUTSOURIS, Esq  
Class I Appointment(one year term)–RAYMOND COLES, Mayor  
Class III Appointment (one year term) - ALBERT D. AKERMAN

**2017 MAYOR'S LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

**MENASHE P. MILLER**

- AIRPORT
- ADVERTISING AND CIVIC DISPLAY
- BOARD OF HEALTH
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS
- COMPLETE TOWN COMMITTEE
- PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
- REGISTRAR
- SHADE TREE COMMISSION
- TOWNSHIP CLERK
- TRANSPORTATION
- VERTERNAS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**ALBERT D. AKERMAN**

BUDGET MANAGEMENT  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
INSPECTION DEPARTMENT  
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF ADULT COMMUNITIES  
PARKS AND RECREATION/SPECIAL EVENTS  
PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC RELATIONS  
TAX ASSESSOR

**RAYMOND COLES**

ADA COMPLIANCE & DISABILITIES  
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
HERITAGE COMMISSION  
HOUSING AUTHORITY  
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
PLANNING BOARD  
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES  
TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

**MEIR LICHTENSTEIN**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
FIRST AID & EMT  
MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF ADULT COMMUNITIES  
MUNICIPAL COURT  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
POLICE COMMISSIONER  
STREET LIGHTING  
TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES  
UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MICHAEL J. D'ELIA**

BUDGET MANAGEMENT  
CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
LEGAL DEPARTMENT  
RENT CONTROL BOARD  
SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS  
TAX COLLECTOR  
ZONING BOARD

**COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committeeman Lichtenstein congratulated Committeeman Akerman on his reappointment and he is looking forward to working with him in 2017. He looks forward to working with everyone on the Township Committee, especially excited to work under Mayor Coles for the duration of 2017. Committeeman Lichtenstein is eager to work hand and hand will all the other members as well. He commented that he wants to continue the work he started in 2016 involving traffic, road improvement and mass transit. Committeeman Lichtenstein stated he wants to expand the Office of Emergency Management as the Township of Lakewood continues to grow. He wished all in attendance a Happy New Year and is enthusiastic to work together.

Committeeman Akerman began by thanking his parents and family for being in attendance. He also thanked the Township Committee for having confidence in him. He commented that last year was a contentious year and wants to work together with Mayor Coles to show the public the Township Committee will work toward positive goals for the town as a whole. He is confident in Mayor Coles and wished him a successful year.

Deputy Mayor Miller congratulated Committeeman Akerman on his re-election. He acknowledged the presence of Freeholder Haines and Senator Singer, former Township Committee members Marta Harrison and Phil Waxman, and his family. Next, he thanked Committeeman D'Elia and stated it is a great pleasure to work with him. Deputy Mayor Miller congratulated Mayor Coles on his new position and reminisced on the last thirteen years they have worked together. He also congratulated Committeeman Akerman on his re-election. Lastly, he told Committeeman Lichtenstein it has been and always will be a pleasure to work with him. He ended by wishing all a Happy New Year.

Committeeman D'Elia began by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. He congratulated Deputy Mayor Miller and is looking forward to working with him and all of his energy. He expressed his appreciation for Committeeman Lichtenstein and requested the committeeman to support more projects he is working on. He then congratulated Committeeman Akerman on his re-election. Committeeman D'Elia gave his full support to Mayor Coles and is looking forward to working with him. He thanked all in attendance for their support over the last few hectic weeks. He stated Lakewood must be looked at as a whole and the Township Committee is here for the entire town. He acknowledged the presence of Freeholder Haines, Senator Singer and Republican Committee Chairman Craig Theibault. Lastly, he thanked his wife for all her support and expressed his appreciation for her.

## **MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

Mayor Coles acknowledged the commitment he has for working for the good of Lakewood, not for a specific party. He commented on his desire to bring the town back together and wants all five Township Committee members to work as a team to address issues. He expressed his admiration for the Township of Lakewood. Next, he thanked his wife and daughter for being in attendance, as well as his two other children not present. Mayor Coles will work with the zoning and planning board to help the town thrive in all aspects. He addressed the issue of traffic and stated he has met with the County and Freeholder Haines to improve these problems. Mayor Coles commented that the Township Committee will succeed or fail together and cooperation amongst each other is vital for a successful year. Lastly, he thanked all in attendance for coming and thanked them for their support.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WILL BE HEARD. EACH SPEAKER WILL HAVE A FOUR (4) MINUTE TIME LIMIT AT THE PODIUM**

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Mr. Drukaroff discussed his view on whether accountants should be required to be licensed. He continued by stating he now comes to all Township Committee meetings and hears complaints of traffic and over-development.

Aaron Weinburger, 19 Washington Avenue – Mr. Weinburger mentioned he resides in a senior development off of Pine St. He commented on the plans for a large retail development in the area of Cedarbridge Avenue and Pine Street. He believes it will be of a large nature, reportedly planning to create eight hundred and seventy seven parking spots. Mr. Weinburger expressed his dislike for the plan due to possible traffic issues. He pled for the rejection of said proposal by the committee.

Tom Gatti, The Enclave – Mr. Gatti congratulated the Township Committee on their new appointments. He stated based on the audience of the meeting he will hold his serious questions and concerns for the next meeting. He congratulated Committeeman Akerman for voting with his conscious.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Mr. Hobday expressed his joy for hearing the Township Committee's plans to address the planning and zoning issues. He stated the issues the Township has with traffic and that he is pleased that the Township Committee is serious about fixing this problem.

Moisha Zienman, 112 Elmhurst Boulevard – Mr. Zienman stated he is very proud to be a part of Lakewood, partially due to the five men of the Township Committee. He congratulated Committeeman Akerman for voting with his conscious and stated Committeeman Akerman is a role model to him.

Alice Kelsey, 295 B Malvern Court East – Ms. Kelsey began with her disbelief that a Democratic Mayor won election with a Republican majority committee. She acknowledged the group "Take Lakewood Back" as well as the issue of traffic congestion. She requested that something be done about the environment with the ongoing developing. She suggested that trees should be saved and that the committee should be more conscious of environmental issues. Lastly, she noted that the traffic on Route 9 is in need of being addressed.

Resident of Lakewood – This resident advised he did not want to speak originally but wanted to thank Committeeman Akerman for all his hard work. He stated Committeeman Akerman does so much for the Township and never boasts about what he has accomplished. He stated that Committeeman Akerman is a good man and the committee should follow his lead.

Mike McNeil, 14 South Clifton Avenue – Mr. McNeil began by thanking and congratulating the Township Committee. He stated that the LRC and Steps need more recognition for the good they serve upon the population of Lakewood. He stated the two organizations help the homeless with rent and various issues. He thanked the Township of Lakewood for all the support that has already been received and hopes for continued cooperation this year.

Marta Harrison, 946 Princewood Avenue – Mrs. Harrison congratulated Mayor Coles on becoming Mayor, as well as Deputy Mayor Miller and Committeeman Akerman. She thanked Mayor Coles and his wife for their support and acknowledged that he is the longest serving member on the committee.

Shlomo Klien, resident of Lakewood – Mr. Klein questioned the Cedarbridge Avenue development. He stated the original plans called for a high tech industrial park. Mr. Klien noted that in addition, traffic issues will arise with this project. He requested an explanation from Mayor Coles, who was on the committee in 2000 when the plan began.

Mayor Coles stated he was sworn into office in 2001 as a Committeeman and as Mayor in 2002.

Mr. Klein stated the Asbury Park Press claimed Mayor Coles as an architect of the then new development.

Mayor Coles stated he was on the Development Corporation and worked with the committee to envision a corporate park. He stated originally the idea was so people can get a decent paying job while still living in Lakewood. Mayor Coles stated the events of 9/11 stopped the developing as well as the recession. He advised Mr. Klein that two to three corporate buildings are going up as originally promised. He stated he is unfamiliar with the plans about a retail development, however it is allowable in that zone.

Miriam Dietsch, 10 Goldcrest Drive – Mrs. Dietsch congratulated the Township Committee. She requested a stop or hold on the shopping center development on Pine Street. She stated she went through the issue years back when the age limit was being lifted for a different development in the works. Mrs. Dietsch believes the quality of life of the senior community will suffer. She advised the Township Committee of the potential traffic issue as well as noise issues. She asked Mayor Coles to look at the plans seriously and to stop the retail development.

At this time, Mayor Coles invited Senator Singer to say a few words.

Senator Singer congratulated the Township Committee on their new appointments. He thanked the Township Manger and the Township Clerk for all of their hard work. He mentioned the letter he sent to the Governor in reference to the traffic issues in Lakewood. He is hopeful for drafts of resolutions to come to surface about the traffic issue in the upcoming weeks. Senator Singer advised he will work together with the Township Committee, the County and the State on these issues. He expressed his support to the LRC for all of their hard work. He wished Mayor Coles the best of luck and thanked Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Miller, Committeeman Lichtenstein and Committeeman D'Elia for all of their hard efforts,

Mayor Coles invited all in attendance to join the Township Committee over at the Strand Theatre for a reception.

## **BENEDICTION – RABBI WISEBERGER**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.