

The Lakewood Township Committee held a meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2009 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 6:30 PM for the Executive Session and 7:30 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

Mayor.....	Robert Singer
Deputy Mayor.....	Steven Langert
Committee Members.....	Meir Lichtenstein Raymond Coles Menashe Miller
Municipal Manager.....	Frank Edwards
Municipal Attorney.....	Lawrence E. Bathgate II, Esq.
Municipal Clerk.....	Bernadette Standowski

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2009-37 – Adopted.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, by Resolution of the Township Committee adopted January 1, 2009 and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 8, 2009

ROLL CALL

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein, and carried, to open the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 12/18/08 & 01/01/09

As to the Minutes of December 18, 2008, a Motion was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. Miller, Mr. Coles and Mayor Singer.

Abstain: Mr. Langert

Minutes of December 18, 2008 were approved.

As to the Minutes of January 1, 2009, a Motion was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. Miller, Mr. Coles, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Singer.

Minutes of January 1, 2009 were approved.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 12/18/08

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. Miller, Mr. Coles, and Mayor Singer.

Abstain: Deputy Mayor Langert.

Closed Session Minutes approved.

PRESENTATIONS - None

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION: None

Mayor Singer reviewed quality of life items from the last meeting.

With regard to the one-way entrance on Cross Street into the Enclave, the Engineer will follow-up on this item.

With regard to the clearing of the water inlets on Vine Street, Mr. Day advised this has been taken care of.

With regard to the request for a left turn arrow onto North Lake Drive off Route 9, Mr. Day confirmed that there presently is no left turn arrow, and they will proceed with the request to the State.

Mr. Miller advised that at the intersection of Marc Drive and Pine Street there was a water main break and the Water Co. came out and dug up and then restored the area. The responsibility of repairing the pot hole will end up falling on the Township. He would like the Engineer and Public Works to go out there and look at the patch job to see if it is sufficiently restored.

Mr. Lichtenstein commented with regard to the downtown traffic study. The Planner has contacted Deputy Mayor Langert and the Transportation Board, and there will be a presentation to the Transportation Board and then it will be brought before the Township Committee for a public hearing.

Mr. Lichtenstein also commented with regard to the matter of road permits. He advised that he met with the Engineer and Traffic & Safety and they are coming up with different ideas on how to avoid construction disasters.

Mr. Lichtenstein also commented on sidewalk construction issues. The Engineer is working on evaluating what the cost to the Township would be, alternate funding sources, the cost to homeowners, for the various areas that are designated for sidewalk construction.

Mr. Lichtenstein further commented on the matter of the homeless shelters. There are cords of wood, wood burning stoves, teepees, wells, etc. They are worried about the dangers of fire and the safety of the residents.

Mayor Singer stated this is an issue that the Committee has struggled with. Number one, compassion is something that they all have on this issue. Number two, the safety of the residents there, and in the surrounding area, are of utmost concern. And number three, this is becoming more than anyone imagined because they are allowing it to continue. He met with Mr. McNeil from STEPS. He has a group that has been working with the County on a plan. At the next Township meeting, Mr. McNeil will make a short presentation regarding their plans, which is a pro-active plan to work with that group, through the County, using the STEP facility on a regular basis, to bring these people out of the woods. At the end of the plan, which will have a set date, if that is not successful, they will take Court action. He wants to work with the plan and give these people every opportunity. They want to work with all agencies involved. There has to be a better of quality of life for those individuals living in the woods. The County has been out there twice. Every resident has been offered a place to sleep at night; all have been offered flu shots; they have been offered shelter and food; services for drug and alcohol counseling and mental health services have been offered; job rehabilitation services have been offered, etc. Seven agencies have gone out there on a regular basis to try to help these people. Each time, one or two come out of the woods; others have said they prefer to remain there, that they like their lifestyle there. When the County took action, they moved from County property onto Township property, and that is not satisfactory in the long run. It is for their own safety and the safety of the surrounding communities. It is not happening tomorrow, or next week; no one is going to Court tomorrow. The Committee is going to hear a presentation from Mr. McNeil at the next meeting. If the Committee is satisfied with the presentation, they will go forward with that, and then they will have some kind of game plan. It is a priority, and they are working on it.

Mayor Singer advised he received a request that they appoint someone as Aid to the Mayor. Because of tough budgetary issues, he is not hiring anyone as Aid to the Mayor.

Mayor Singer also asked that the Committee offer recommendations to appoint someone to represent the senior communities.

Mayor Singer further advised that he is concerned about energy use of public buildings, and the possibility of utilization of solar and wind energy. He has had a number of companies that have requested to look at the various sites and facilities to do a general assessment, at no cost, for the use of alternatives energy sources. He asked that they be permitted to come in and do this assessment, free of charge.

Comments from the public will be heard for a limit of one (1) hour. Each speaker will have four (4) minutes and shall be limited to one time at the podium.

Mayor Singer opened the meeting to the public.

The professionals introduced themselves to the public.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Followed up on his previous request for additional street lighting at the intersection of Cross Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

Mr. Edwards will check with the Purchasing Agent to see if the hold up is with the County or JCPL, and he will report back to the Committee.

Bert Albert, Lions Head Wood, Executive Director of the Airport Authority – Read a prepared speech with regard to the management of the Airport and the Airport Authority.

Fred Gincel, 144 Carasaljo Drive – Commented with regard to the current combined use Ordinance.

J. Gottlieb, Cannonball Drive – Commented on the benefits of the airport, and the appointment of Airport Authority members.

Maria Asperagera, Sea Girt – Commented on the benefits of the airport.

Colin Lewis, Manchester – Commended Bernadette Standowski for her years of service as Township Clerk.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Singer closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. Langert thanked Mr. Lichtenstein for his help and guidance over the past two weeks.

Mr. Langert commended Mr. Edwards and Mr. Saccamanno with regard to the Inspection Department, and the proposed plans to provide savings to the Township, by way of a fee increase Ordinance, and other changes, including lay-offs.

Mayor Singer clarified certain issues concerning the Airport. He confirmed that the Airport will not be closed down, and they are not replacing the base operator. They are talking about various ways to fund the Airport that is not based on local tax dollars. In these tough budgetary times, they have to look to save the taxpayers as much as possible, and it is his belief that by bringing the Airport in-house, it will save the taxpayers' money.

At this time, the professionals left the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Township of Lakewood and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- 1. Resolution releasing a Performance Guarantee posted by Tamarind Developers, LLC, in connection with Block 189.03, Lots 184 & 186.
Resolution No. 2009-38**
- 2. Resolution releasing a Performance Guarantee posted by Somerset Mam, LLC in connection with Block 761, Lots 1-3.
Resolution No. 2009-39**
- 3. Resolution appointing an Acting Municipal Clerk. (Mary Ann Del Mastro)
Resolution No. 2009-40**
- 4. Resolution canceling the sale of Block 121, Lot 14 and refunding the deposit paid.
Resolution No. 2009-41**
- 5. Resolution approving a Leave of Absence, without pay, for Robert Russo, from December 16, 2008 to January 12, 2009.
Resolution No. 2009-42**
- 6. Resolution releasing a Cash Demo Performance Guarantee posted by Margalit Lankry, in connection with Block 16, Lots 1, and 7.
Resolution No. 2009-43**
- 7. Resolution releasing a Performance Guarantee posted by Pine River Retail Center, in connection with Block 778, Lots 17, 42, and 82.
Resolution No. 2009-44**
- 8. Resolution releasing a Maintenance Bond posted by Advantage Properties of NJ, LLC, in connection with Block 1603, Lot 2.03.
Resolution No. 2009-45**

9. **Resolution authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Lakewood and the Lakewood Municipal Utilities Authority.
Resolution No. 2009-46**
10. **Resolution authorizing the Execution of a Change Order in connection with the NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Project, known as Raintree Phase IV.
Resolution No. 2009-47**
11. **Amending Resolution authorizing the Tax Assessor to Act as Agent of the Township of certain Tax Appeals.
Resolution No. 2009-48**
12. **Resolution making application to the Local Finance Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-20. (Lakewood Airport Authority)
Resolution No. 2009-49**
13. **Resolution authorizing the Advertisement for and Solicitation of Proposals for Township Foreclosure Attorney and Bond Counsel.
Resolution No. 2009-50**
14. **Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood ADA Compliance Committee and Disabilities Commission.
Resolution No. 2009-51**
15. **Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Selection Committee.
Resolution No. 2009-52**
16. **Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Civil Rights Commission.
Resolution No. 2009-53**
17. **Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Community Center Advisory Board.
Resolution No. 2009-54**
18. **Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Emergency Planning Council.
Resolution No. 2009-55**

19. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Environmental Commission.
Resolution No. 2009-56
20. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Heritage Commission.
Resolution No. 2009-57
21. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Industrial Commission.
Resolution No. 2009-58
22. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Development Corporation.
Resolution No. 2009-59
23. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Municipal Alliance.
Resolution No. 2009-60
24. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Parks & Recreation Advisory Board/Special Events.
Resolution No. 2009-61
25. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Planning Board.
Resolution No. 2009-62
26. Resolution appointing Chaplains to the Lakewood Police Department.
Resolution No. 2009-63
27. Resolution appointing a Lakewood Public Agency Compliance Officer.
(Bernadette Standowski)
Resolution No. 2009-64
28. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Rent Control Board.
Resolution No. 2009-65
29. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Transportation Board.
Resolution No. 2009-66
30. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Zoning Board of Adjustment.
Resolution No. 2009-67

31. Amending Resolution Appointing a Representative of the County Housing Advisory Committee for the Township of Lakewood. Resolution No. 2009-68

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 31 on the Consent Agenda.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. Miller, Mr. Coles, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Singer.

Mr. Lichtenstein abstained on Resolution No. 4.

Mr. Coles abstained on Resolution No. 8.

Resolution Nos. 2009-38 through 2009-68 – Adopted.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING – None

ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 02/05/09)

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1, et. seq. Granting Abatement to local property taxes to Rockford Wellington Corporation, for facilities located at Block 120, Lots 22 and 11, and authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and proper to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement. (Rockford Wellington Corporation)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Miller, Mr. Coles, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Singer.

Abstain: Mr. Lichtenstein

Mayor Singer advised that the applicant will be present at the second reading of this Ordinance to answer any questions concerning this abatement.

Ordinance No. 2009-1 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 5, 2009.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1, et. seq., Granting a Continuance of an Abatement to Local Property Taxes to 139 Ocean Avenue, LLC, for facilities located at Block 248.01, lots 64 and 65, Authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and proper to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement. (139 Ocean Ave, LLC)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. Coles, Mr. Miller, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Singer.

Mayor Singer advised that the applicant will be present at the second reading of this Ordinance to answer any questions concerning this abatement.

Ordinance No. 2009-2 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 5, 2009.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the Sale of an undersized parcel in the Township of Lakewood, at a Private Sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et. seq. (Michnoff)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. Coles, Mr. Miller, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Singer.

Ordinance No. 2009-3 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 5, 2009.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter II, entitled Administration of the Code of the Township of Lakewood. (Vital Statistics – 2-76.1)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. Coles, Mr. Miller, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Singer.

Ordinance No. 2009-4 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 5, 2009.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XI entitled Traffic of the Code of the Township of Lakewood. (No Parking - Snow Emergency 11-3.3 - Pine River)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. Coles, Mr. Miller, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Singer.

Ordinance No. 2009-5 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 5, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

Per attached list of one (1) correspondence item, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to move all correspondence and accept the recommendations of any professionals, and that the correspondence concerning the resignation is accepted with regrets.

PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Per schedule of one (1) picnic request, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to approve the above picnic request.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 1/13/09

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, to approve the above Bill List.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Coles, Mr. Miller, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Singer.

Negative: Mr. Lichtenstein

Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Singer announced that this is Bernadette Standowski's last meeting, and it has been his extreme pleasure to serve with her over the years. She has been a great friend, a big supporter, and commended her on a fine job.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.