

The Lakewood Township Committee held a meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2009 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 4:30 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.
Acting Municipal Clerk..... Mary Ann Del Mastro

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2009-118 – Adopted

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

Mayor Singer asked for a moment of silence in memory of Dan DeSessa, a former Township Engineer of the Township of Lakewood, in recognition of his recent passing.

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 March 3, 2009.

ROLL CALL

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to open the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 03/05/09

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

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 03/05/09

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS:

S.T.E.P.S.

Ervin Oross advised that a presentation would be given this evening by STEPS, regarding the beginning of a new homeless initiative regarding the displaced persons living in the woods. They have an energetic pro-active plan on which they have worked very hard. Mr. McNeil proceeded to present their overall plan, as developed.

Lakewood Library – Zarita Mattox, Branch Manager

Zarita Mattox offered a presentation with regard to new programs that will be available in the Lakewood Library, including a reading program, and a summer camp program.

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION: None

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.

Robert Luban, Lakewood Courtyard – Wished everyone a happy holiday. Complained about the traffic on Route 9. Suggested that a pool be built in Lakewood for the children.

Larry Simons – Commented on a recent article in the Asbury Park Press with regard to the Lakewood EMS. Also questioned the hiring of an Administrative Aide to the Committee.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Commented on the presentation this evening with regard to the homeless initiative.

John Newman, 1586 Salem Street – Commented on the recent incident concerning EMS.

Patrick Warshino, Teamsters Local #97 – Advised that Public Works employees have been working without a contract for the past fourteen months, and requested that the Committee sit down and negotiate.

Mr. Edwards advised that they have been negotiating, and have been unsuccessful in coming to a conclusion; they are now in the fact-finding stage of negotiations.

Raymond Montenari, 10 Skylark Lane – Commented on the proposed property reassessment.

Carol Suchno, 59 Foxwood Road – Commented on the many day care facilities in Lakewood.

Mr. Lichtenstein advised that they are governed by State regulations.

Michael Billig, 36 Monterey Circle – Commented on the proposed municipal budget.

Howard Suchno, 59 Foxwood Road – Commented on quality of life issues.

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

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

With regard to the towing issue, Chief Lawson advised that he discussed the issue with the towing operator, and he was satisfied with the response. He has, however, drafted a letter to all towing operators reminding them and advising them of some of the requirements of the towing ordinance.

With regard to rental properties in Coventry Square, Mr. Saccamanno advised there were valid rental CO's for the two rental properties involved.

Mayor Singer commented on the conditions along Route 9. He asked that the Inspection Department look at this, as far as clean up efforts are concerned.

Mr. Miller commented on the exit and entrance ramps to the Garden State Parkway, off Cedarbridge Avenue, and advised that all the streets lights are out along the entire roadway of the entrance and exit ramps.

The Engineering advised they will inform the proper parties.

Mr. Miller advised that concerning the paver stones in the downtown area, the gas company did some repair work in the area of 403 Clifton Avenue, and the paver stones that were replaced have become loose and are a tripping hazard. He asked that the Engineering Department look into this and have the gas company come back to do the necessary repairs.

Mr. Miller asked that the Committee be notified of the exact dates when spraying for Gypsy Moths will take place.

With regard to the towing matter, Mr. Lichtenstein asked Chief Lawson about the letter that has been drafted. He advised that he has reviewed the letter, and he is happy that they are addressing the issue that if you want your car moved to some location other than to their shop, which turns into a big expense, that they would only accept cash. The draft letter indicates that the towing operators have to accept valid credit cards. The Township Ordinance does not at this time reflect that, and he asked that the

Ordinance be amended to reflect state statute, that towers on the scene of an accident have to accept a valid credit card.

Mayor Singer asked the Township Attorney to research this matter.

Mayor Singer asked that the Engineer look at Hope Road, which is a County road. There have been concerns about the new traffic light at North Lake Drive, and at certain times of the day there is a back-up of traffic, and people from A Country Place have concerns about not being able to get out from their block. It has created a problem on South Lake Drive because of the back-up of traffic. He asked that the Engineering Department take a look at it. He knows it is not a Township road, but if they make some suggestions, maybe they can get the County to take a look at it.

Mayor Singer commented they are approaching the end of the paving project on Miller Road, and thanked Chief Lawson for his work concerning the detour efforts.

Mr. Miller also commented that at the Shop-Rite Plaza, there used to be a stop sign and a no left turn sign at the exit onto Route 9. Due to a traffic accident, those signs are no longer there. He asked that the signs be replaced. He asked that the Engineering Department look into this.

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 Performance Guarantee posted by Binyomin Gissinger, in connection with Block 284.11, Lot 20.02.
Resolution No. 2009-119**

2. **Resolution releasing a Cash Maintenance Guarantee posted by Weisberger, Drillik & Abramczyk, in connection with Block 238, Lots 3 & 4.
Resolution No. 2009-120**

3. **Resolution approving a leave of absence, without pay, for Haydee Pinales, from April 3, 2009 to September 6, 2009.
Resolution No. 2009-121**

4. **Resolution appointing a member to the Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority. (Anne Fish)
Resolution No. 2009-122**
5. **Resolution appointing a member to the Lakewood Emergency Planning Council. (Michael Saccamanno)
Resolution No. 2009-123**
6. **Resolution establishing traffic regulations in connection with the Commencement Ceremonies to be conducted at Georgian Court University.
Resolution No. 2009-124**
7. **Resolution authorizing the Lakewood Tax Collector to cancel any and all property taxes on Block 524.10, Lot 7 due to Disabled Veteran Exemption.
Resolution No. 2009-125**
8. **Resolution authorizing a Gypsy Moth Program.
Resolution No. 2009-126**
9. **Resolution appointing members to the Municipal Alliance. (Elizabeth Perez, Reverend Timm Ziegler, Megan Ziegler, Stephanie Campbell, Jodi Brennan, Esabelle Hakspiel, Brenda Hubit, and Filiberto, Gonzalez)
Resolution No. 2009-127**
10. **Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a reimbursement agreement with Eighth & Madison, G T, LLC as a Qualified Private Community.
Resolution No. 2009-128**
11. **Resolution appointing a member to the Lakewood Planning Board. (Joseph Lorenc)
Resolution No. 2009-129**
12. **Resolution authorizing the Lakewood Development Corporation to utilize funding for the Lakewood Blue Claws Stadium sound system repair and replacement, in the amount of \$70,000.00. (UEZ – Blue Claws)
Resolution No. 2009-130**

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 12 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Mr. Langert did not vote on Resolution No. 4.

Resolution Nos. 2009-119 through 2009-130 – Adopted.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, vacating all right, title and interest of and to a portion of West Spruce Street in the Township of Lakewood, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:67-1, Et. Seq. (West Spruce St.)

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Singer opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2009-7 adopted on second reading.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey amending and supplementing Chapter XVI, entitled “Property Maintenance” of the Code of the Township of Lakewood. (16-3.11 b.2 – Fees)

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Singer opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert.

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

Not Voting: Mr. Miller

Ordinance No. 2009-13 adopted on second reading.

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. (Block 11, Lot 11)

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Singer opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

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. 2009-14 adopted on second reading.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing an emergency appropriation pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 for the preparation and execution of a complete reassessment of real property for the use of the local Tax Assessor. (Reassessment)

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Singer opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

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. 2009-15 adopted on second reading.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 04/02/09)

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the acquisition by reversion from Lakewood Economic Action Program, Inc. of property known as Block 536, Lots 104 through 115.

Read by title only for first reading.

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

Mr. Langert recused himself from this discussion.

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

Not Voting: Deputy Mayor Langert

Ordinance No. 2009-16 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on April 2, 2009.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey amending & supplementing Chapter XVIII entitled Unified Development Ordinance of the Code of the Township of Lakewood. (Section 18-905)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Mr. Lichtenstein.

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

Ordinance No. 2009-17 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on April 2, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Per schedule of seventeen (17) items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein, and carried, to approve the above correspondence items.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 03/17/09

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

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

Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Deputy Mayor Langert commented on the budget and budget hearings. Information will be posted on the website, and he announced the dates of the upcoming budget workshops.

Deputy Mayor Langert commented with regard to the proposed reassessment of Lakewood properties, and advised that some information that has been circulating is incorrect. He has asked the Tax Appeal Attorney, Sal Alfieri, to put together a response, and he has e-mailed that response from the Township to the publication asking them to publish it.

Deputy Mayor Langert commended Mayor Singer for his selection of STEPS in dealing with the homeless initiative.

Mr. Miller advised that he attended another census meeting, and it is moving ahead. The LRRC has been designated as the agency that will be working hand in hand with the census bureau, and they have had two meetings already.

Mr. Miller also advised he attended the recent Veterans Advisory Committee meeting. He asked what day was preferred to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade. The Committee suggested that the parade be held on the actual holiday, which is a Monday this year.

Mayor Singer commented on the homeless initiative. They are taking leaps in the right direction. He feels they are dealing with the issue the right way, and he feels very comfortable about it.

Mayor Singer further urged the public to attend the upcoming budget workshops and hearings.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Mr. Coles, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.