

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MAY 12, 2005**

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2005, in the Lakewood Municipal Building at 6:30 P.M. for the Executive Session and 7:30 P.M. for the Conference Meeting, with the following present:

Mayor	Charles Cunliffe
Deputy Mayor	Meir Lichtenstein
Committee Members	Menashe Miller
	Senator Robert Singer
	Raymond Coles
Municipal Manager	Frank Edwards
Municipal Attorney	Steven Secare
Municipal Clerk	Bernadette Standowski

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller.
Resolution No. 2005-204 – Adopted.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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 2, 2005 and published in the Ocean County’s Observer on January 7, 2005.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: None

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF: 5/5/05

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes.
On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Miller, Mr. Coles, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein and Mayor Cunliffe
Abstain: Senator Singer

Mayor Cunliffe commented on the meeting held on May 9th with regard to the Unified Development Ordinance. They are getting closer to getting the Unified Development Ordinances passed in Lakewood. They will be introduced at the next public meeting. Thirty members of the public attended that meeting to review the Ordinances.

PRESENTATIONS:

Senior Health Fair

Mr. Quinn gave a short presentation with regard to the upcoming Senior Fair to be held on Saturday, May 14th, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., at the Library, with approximately twenty exhibitors.

Three Proclamations were presented to the sponsors of the event.

Ervin Oross – Community Development Director for Lakewood Township

Mr. Oross gave a short presentation regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program. They have remaining CDBG funds from two previous year's projects that they would like to reprogram to two roadway projects that are pending. One project would be the Miller Road Improvement, from Central Avenue to Hope Chapel Road. The estimated cost of the project is \$253,000.00 overall. Because only one half of the road exists in a qualified area as designated by the CDBG map, they would only be able to do one side of the street, which would be the east side of the street for the sidewalk and curb improvement. The second project would be the East County Line Road Project, from Twin Oaks Drive to Lucerne Drive. That would be an estimated cost of \$80,000.00 overall, including engineering. He would like to reprogram the prior years' funding totaling \$391,000.00 to these two projects, and it is necessary for him to obtain the Committee's approval, publish it out to the public, and amend the existing CDBG plan, advised HUD of the changes, and then proceed with the projects.

Mr. Edwards advised that \$200,000 of these funds were always identified for sidewalks, but the actual sidewalk area was never identified. So it is a shift of \$191,000 because \$200,000 was there.

Mr. Oross further advised they are in the process of reinvigorating the housing rehab program, which they have now re-established the qualifications on the number of applicants who are on the list but were not sure if they were going to proceed. So now they are going to be re-advertising the program to the general public. There will be a kiosk at the Senior Fair advertising the program.

As to the allocation of previous years' CDBG funding to two pending road improvement projects, a Motion was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein.

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

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION:

No Stopping\No Standing Heathwood Avenue

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein advised he received a phone call from the residents at the corner of Heathwood and West County Line Road. There is a synagogue at the corner that is creating a parking hazard during services. The people that live there sometimes have a hard time getting in and out of their homes, and secondly, when people are making the turn off of County Line Road south onto Heathwood Avenue, it develops into one lane of traffic. The neighbors signed a petition...the two neighbors and the synagogue where the parking would be eliminated directly in front of their houses, he feels that it would be a very safe thing to do.

Mayor Cunliffe advised that Traffic & Safety is recommending that along the west side of the street would be a No Stopping-No Standing Zone for 232 feet. The Ordinance will be on the Agenda for next week's meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC will be heard for a limit of one half-hour. Each speaker will have four (4) minutes at the podium.

Mayor Cunliffe opened the meeting to the public.

Vince LoBello, 4 Mulberry Lane – Commented with regard the Airport, and the tax rate.

Ada Gonzalez, 1309 Ridge Avenue – Commented on the Board of Education Parent Involvement Program.

Maria Esparagara, 221 Neptune Place, Sea Girt – Commented with regard to the Airport.

Esther Santo, 220 Fourth Street – Commented with regard to Rev. Wilcox.

Bruce Mawson, 11 Cornwell Road, Freehold – Commented with regard to the Airport.

Lynn Celli, 571 Patriots Way – Commented with regard to Seagull Square Shopping Center.

Dave Osborne, 314 _____ Lane, Brick – Commented with regard to the Airport.

Larry Simons, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Commented with regard to the Board of Education Parental Involvement Program.

Andrew Howard, Old Pine Acres – Commented with regard to the amount of rental properties in his neighborhood, their quality of life concerns, and their Neighborhood Watch Program.

Rev. Thomas, 304 Monmouth Avenue – Commented with regard to the Board of Education, and the upcoming retirement of Mike Matta from the Community School.

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

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING – None

CONSENT AGENDA

The below listed items 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 authorizing Bingo and Raffle Applications
2. Professional Services Resolution awarding contract to Birdsell Engineering to perform testing at Cross Street Landfill, sum not to exceed \$14,250.00.
Resolution No. 2005-205
3. Resolution awarding a contract to Large Doc Solutions for electronic Document Storage and Retrieval System, sum not to exceed \$235,370.00.
Resolution No. 2005-206
4. Resolution authorizing the Division of Purchasing or its designee, to participate in a contractual relationship with the PropertyBureau.Com for the sale of surplus items.
Resolution No. 2005-207
5. Resolution appointing a Conflict Tax Appeal Attorney.
Resolution No. 2005-208
6. Resolution supporting the 101 Days of Safe Summer Kick-Off Event.
Resolution No. 2005-209

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, to approve Resolutions 2 through 6 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2005-205 through 2005-209 – Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS NOT INCLUDED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution urging the installation of a traffic signal by the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the intersection of Route 9 and Oak Street.
Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein
On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Miller, Senator Singer, Mr. Coles, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein and Mayor Cunliffe
Resolution No. 2005-210 – Adopted.

2. Resolution urging the installation of a traffic signal by the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the intersection of Route 9 and Yale Drive.

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Coles.

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

Resolution No. 2005-211 – Adopted.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: None

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the NJDEP regarding a program to protect the health and safety of New Jersey's school children.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, that this correspondence is received and filed.

Correspondence from William Rieker, CFO, regarding the sale of bonds of the Township.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein and carried, that this correspondence is received and filed.

Letter from Mr. Schwartzman, Original Leisure Village. Their security is reporting an increase of four hundred cars per month that are using their gate at the Village as a jughandle.

Senator Singer is reviewing the matter at his office.

Mayor Cunliffe suggested this matter also be referred to Traffic & Safety.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, to refer this correspondence to Traffic & Safety.

PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Per schedule of five (5) requests attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, to approve the above requests.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Senator Singer advised he will be not be able to attend next Thursday's meeting as he has been asked to be the key note speaker at the Hadassah Installation Dinner at the Sheraton Hotel in Freehold.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein commented with regard to the Airport. Over the past few weeks, he has had the opportunity to go through a lot of documents. There is certainly some confusion, and he has disagreed with the Attorney on certain subjects. They are not talking about putting any sort of a crimp on the current Airport activity. That is not what they are looking to do. However, his concern is taking that piece of land that the Airport is asking for, and allowing a grant to buy that. He feels at this time, and after speaking with the Attorney,

that they are going to have to speak to some higher level people at the FAA and clarify a lot of the issues. They hope to be working on that over the next few weeks.

Mr. Secare added they have done an extensive review of the documents, and have come to the conclusion that the Airport, if it is going to be continued to be used for Airport purposes, may not be sold. If it is not going to be used for Airport purposes, it may be sold, with certain monies going back to the entities that gave the town the grants. There is a disagreement as to who makes that determination as to Airport purposes. That is the further investigation they would like to do.

Mayor Cunliffe thanked the thirty residents who came out and spent over five hours to go over the Lakewood Development Ordinances.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.