

**The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, May 21, 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.....Arrived at 7:40 PM..... Menashe Miller**  
**Raymond Coles**  
**Absent..... Meir Lichtenstein**  
**Municipal Manager..... Frank Edwards**  
**Municipal Attorney..... Lawrence E. Bathgate, II, Esq.**  
**Jan Wouters, Esq.**  
**Acting Municipal Clerk..... Mary Ann Del Mastro**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution No. 2009-173 – 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 Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to open the meeting.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 05/06/09**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 05/06/09**

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

**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.

Mike McNeill, 201 Lincoln Street – Commented with regard to the STEPS program and homeless issues. They are awaiting the preparation of “No Trespassing” signs from the Department of Public Works.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Commented with regard to homeless issues, and the recent school board meeting.

Rev. D’Angelo Pringle, 5 Lisa Robin Circle – Introduced himself and advised that he has been working closely with Mr. McNeill to help with the homeless situation, and offered his assistance to the Township.

Lynn Liotino, Toms River – Commented with regard to homeless issues.

Gerry Ballwanz, Governors Road - Advised that the Agenda was not on the website in a readable format. Commented with regard to the former Peterson’s Sunset Cabin site, the proposed Township Budget, and various Resolutions on the Agenda.

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

## **PRESENTATION**

Mr. Miller presented Capt. Berdugo with a Proclamation in recognition of his service in the military and to the Township.

## **QUALITY OF LIFE**

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

As to the issue of the paver stone in the downtown area, Mr. Day advised that the NJ Natural Gas Company has taken care of this issue.

As to the issue of street lights on Pine Street, Mr. Day advised that there are three lights that need to be installed by the Developer. He has been in touch with the Developer as to when the lights will be installed. They will have discussions with the Developer as to the remaining lights to be installed in the development as it is built.

Deputy Mayor Langert asked Chief Lawson about when a business owner complains about littering in front of his business.

Chief Lawson advised that certain officers are assigned to the downtown area; those officers can issue summonses for these violations.

Mr. Coles advised the Public Works Department that on Ridge Avenue, just north of County Line Road, there are a couple of No Parking signs that are washed out and are unreadable. He asked that these signs be replaced.

Mr. Miller asked that the Public Works Department replace the grates on top of the drains on Commonwealth Drive, for the safety of the children.

Bill Hobday asked for a street light on the south east corner of Cross Street and Massachusetts Avenue to be installed by JCPL, and requested that the Township intervene and make that request, as the original request was made months ago. Mayor Singer requested Mr. Edwards to send a letter to JCPL with regard to this issue.

Mike McNeill commented with regard to overcrowding conditions in rental properties, and who is to be held responsible.

Mayor Singer suggested to Mr. McNeill that he request an inspector to attend one of his meetings, to provide information as to what information should be provided to tenants from landlords.

Larry Simons asked about the issuance and enforcement of summonses to undocumented aliens.

Chief Lawson explained the process.

Mr. Simons also complained about business owners putting out garbage on Sunday nights, which is not collected until Monday.

Mayor Singer explained that they are permitted to put out their garbage after 6:00 PM on the night before the collection.

Mr. Simons further asked about the requirements of builders to get permits; if tax liens are required to be paid before the issuance of a permit.

Mr. Kielt explained the requirements for tax liens to be paid upon application to a land use board.

Noreen Gill, 192 Coventry Drive – Voiced her concerns about the conditions in the downtown area. Complained about business owners putting out garbage on Sundays.

## **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 in support of Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month.  
Resolution No. 2009-174**
- 2. Resolution authorizing a Military Leave of Absence for Andres Rodriguez, from May 30, 2009 thru June 27, 2009.  
Resolution No. 2009-175**
- 3. Resolution approving a Leave of Absence, without pay, for Gary Schiavone, from June 4, 2009 thru June 15, 2009.  
Resolution No. 2009-176**
- 4. Resolution awarding a contract and authorizing the appointment of Peter J. Van Dyke, Esq. and Kelaher, Garvey, Ballou, Van Dyke & Rogalski as Special Township Counsel.  
Resolution No. 2009-177**
- 5. Resolution authorizing the advertisement for and solicitation of proposals for Municipal Public Defender.  
Resolution No. 2009-178**
- 6. Resolution authorizing the award of a Professional Services Contract to Remington & Vernick, in the amount of \$110,840.00. (NJDOT – Cedarbridge Campus Project)  
Resolution No. 2009-179**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Mr. Coles, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 6 on the Consent Agenda.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Coles, Mr. Miller, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Singer.  
**Resolution Nos. 2009-174 through 2009-179 – Adopted.**

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING - None**

**ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 6/04/09)**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, repealing Chapter III (Police Regulations), Section 3-23 (Sex Offender Residency Regulations), of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood. (Section 3-23)**

Read by title only for first reading.

Mayor Singer advised this Ordinance is being done to adhere to the Supreme Court ruling on this issue.

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

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-27 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on June 4, 2009.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XVIII of the Unified Development Ordinance, Article IX (design standards), Section 18-806 (nonconforming uses and lots) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood. (Section 18-806)**

Read by title only for first reading.

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

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-28 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on June 4, 2009.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Per list of nine (9) correspondence items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

## **PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE**

Per schedule of twenty-nine (29) items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to approve the above correspondence and picnic/event requests.

Deputy Mayor Langert did not vote on correspondence item Nos. 6 through 9.

## **MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 05/19/09**

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.

**Bill List approved.**

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Deputy Mayor Langert advised that they have received a report from Frank Edwards regarding the recommendations of the Budget Advisory Committee. He requested to be permitted to set up a meeting through the Manager's Office with the Budget Advisory

Committee to go over their recommendations and to discuss what actions the Committee will, or will not, take on their recommendations.

Mayor Singer publicly acknowledged that the Budget Advisory Committee did submit a list of numerous cuts and recommendations, and their work is appreciated.

Deputy Mayor Langert further advised that as far as the tax appeals are concerned, a comprehensive report will be prepared by the Tax Assessor's Office detailing exactly what has been going with the appeals, how many have been settled, the costs, and what they are looking at as far as monetary issues with regard to the effect of the tax appeals on this year's and next year's budget. That report should be ready by the next Township Committee meeting.

Mayor Singer advised that a third, fourth, and fifth member were approved by the Senate today, so they will have a full Tax Board. Also, they received a letter from the State approving the Township going through a reassessment.

Mr. Miller advised that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, and invited all to attend and join in the festivities.

Mr. Miller further advised they have officially formed the Lakewood Township Complete Count Committee for the census. Mr. McNeill and Mr. Hobday are on the committee, and he thanked them for their time and volunteerism. The remainder of the committee is comprised of people from the various communities and groups in the Township. One of the recommendations from the Committee is to come up with a slogan for the census. They would like to open it up to the schools, and let the students participate.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.