

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2007**

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2007 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.....	Raymond Coles
Deputy Mayor.....	Meir Lichtenstein
Committee Members.....	Senator Robert Singer Menashe Miller Charles Cunliffe
Municipal Manager.....	Frank Edwards
Municipal Attorney.....	Steven Secare
Municipal Clerk.....	Bernadette Standowski

CLOSED SESSION

**Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller.
Resolution No. 2007-269 – 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, 2007 and published in the Ocean County Observer on January 10, 2007.

ROLL CALL

OPEN SESSION

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 08/16/07

**Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to approve the above Minutes.
Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein abstained.
Minutes approved.**

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 08/16/07

**Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to approve the above
Closed Session Minutes.
Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein abstained.
Closed Session Minutes approved.**

PRESENTATIONS: Police Summer Youth Group Camp

Chief Robert Lawson advised they held their first Summer Youth Program, which ran for one week, from August 7th through August 10th, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, with fifteen participants. The students went through a series of courses which included a trip to Waretown for a rope and obstacle course; classes in Traffic & Safety; classes in military etiquette; a Police helicopter landing from the NJ National Guard; dogs from the Sheriff's Department performing tracking exercises for explosives and drugs. The cadets also learned how to lift fingerprints, handcuffing, side-handle baton, which were a few of the things that the candidates went through during that week. It culminated in a graduation party that was attended by Mayor Coles, who handed out certificates to the recruits. The parents were also in attendance. Chief Lawson introduced the instructors and the recruits. Next year they are looking forward to expanding the program and possibly taking it from one week to two weeks, and hopefully increasing the number of students in the class. He thanked the Committee for their support.

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION: None

Mr. Cunliffe commented with regard to the incident between Jamarr Dickerson and Rabbi Zimmerman, and the recent Court decision.

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 Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Commented on the Summer Youth Program. Also thanked Mayor Coles for the upcoming meeting at Georgian Court University; commented on the subject of paying Township employees a “living wage”; commented on the Court decision in the Dickerson/Zimmerman case.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Thanked Mr. Cunliffe for his comments.

Jose Bustillos, owner of 154 Woodlake Manor Drive – Stated that the tenant at this property did not pay the rent or the water bill, and the MUA turned off the water, and he did not receive any bills. He further stated that the MUA is charging him for service that was not provided to him.

Mr. Secare advised that although there are two members on the MUA from the Township Committee, the MUA is an independent authority, and the Lakewood Township Committee has no control, and does not pass rules and regulations for the MUA, so his recourse is with the MUA. He offered to contact Norman Smith, the Attorney for the MUA, to see what answers he can get.

Larry Eber, 618 South Lake Drive – Commented on geese crossing South Lake Drive. He observed a construction vehicle hit and kill two geese that were crossing the road. He requested that the Township put some speed bumps on the road to slow down the traffic.

Mr. Secare advised that the Township's insurance company will not permit them to put speed bumps on roadways.

Mr. Eber then asked that "Geese Crossing" signs be placed along the roadway.

Mayor Coles advised he will request that Public Works install signs at various locations along the roadway to let people know that there are geese in the area.

George Lindsey, SAGE Foundation, PO Box 1218, Lakewood - Requested to place a storage trailer at the St. Mary of the Lake Church, to provide food for families in need.

Mayor Coles advised he would need to speak with Mr. Mack, the Zoning Officer, to find out the regulations regarding the placement of a trailer. He further suggested that he may consider working with some of the existing food pantries that are already serving the needy, by raising the money or resources, and donating them to the existing food pantries and bolstering what they can do.

Mr. Lindsey also requested assistance from the Committee in having his driver's license restored.

Mordechai Starashefsky, 39 Whispering Pines Lane – Requested that sidewalks be installed on the east side Squankum Road, approaching County Line Road, where two new homes have been built.

Mayor Coles advised that there are many areas along that road that the County is paving, and the Township is working with them in the installation of sidewalks. He asked that he leave the information with the Clerk, and he will forward it to the Engineering Department. They will review the information and see if it is something that can be worked into the overall plan.

Esther Green, 20 Holly Street – Commented on conditions in her neighborhood. Also commented on the Court decision in the Dickerson/Zimmerman case.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Commented on quality of life issues.

Gerry Ballwanz, Governors Road – Commented on the presentation at the August 2nd Township Committee Meeting, where maps were viewed concerning lands to be considered for preservation. She suggested that the Township not sell any more land in these areas.

Victor Trumper, 119 Shady Lane - Asked if there were any open meetings coming up.

Mayor Coles advised there will be an open meeting on October 15th at Georgian Court University.

Mr. Trumper further advised that houses in his neighborhood are being used for schools and club meetings.

Mayor Coles answered that if it is directly affecting his quality of life, with cars parked improperly, buses, or trash, he can bring that to the attention of Mr. Mack, and it will be investigated. If it is being utilized as a school, they should have all their permits in place.

Mr. Trumper advised that the address of the property is 269 Miller Road. It has been going on for quite some time.

Mayor Coles provided the information to Chief Lawson, and asked that he pass that information on to the Quality of Life inspectors.

Chris Abrams, Coral Avenue – Asked various questions regarding the Initial Plan Endorsement process.

Mayor Coles answered that they did not have the answers to her questions available this evening, but would request Mr. Edwards to provide the information. He asked that she leave her questions with the Clerk and he will research the answers to her questions.

Fanny Ford, 204 Woodlake Manor Drive – Commented with regard to her neighbor's problems with the MUA. Further commented on conditions in her neighborhood.

Frank Gagliano, North Drive, Hearthstone – Commented on quality of life issues in his neighborhood. Further spoke in favor of land preservation.

Janet Payne, 120 Massachusetts Avenue – Spoke in favor of land preservation.

John DeFillipes, 314 Fifth Street – Commented on conditions in the downtown area.

Dave Quinn, 1 Morning Glory Lane – Commended Mr. Cunliffe on his comments this evening.

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

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 Bond posted by Congregation Ner Yisroel in connection with Block 223.01, Lot 71.04
Resolution No. 2007-270
2. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, accepting bids on the following parcel, as a result of the Public Land Sale on Block 804, Lot 2 in The Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.
Resolution No. 2007-271

3. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, accepting bids on the following parcel as a result of the Private Land Sale on Lot 26, in Block 175.01 in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.
Resolution No. 2007-272
4. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, accepting bids on the following parcel as a result of the Private Land Sale on Lots 1, 2, & 4, in Block 176 in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:12-1 et seq.
Resolution No. 2007-273
5. Resolution Authorizing the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the 2007 Municipal Budget for the Baseball Stadium Year 9
Resolution No. 2007-274
6. Resolution Authorizing the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the 2007 Municipal Budget for the Job Link Year 12
Resolution No. 2007-275
7. Resolution amending a Leave of Absence without Pay, for Jaesson Toro, from, July 30, 2007 through August 20, 2007
Resolution No. 2007-276
8. Resolution authorizing a Leave of Absence without Pay, for Thomas Scutro, from August 15, 2007 to November 15, 2007
Resolution No. 2007-277
9. Resolution authorizing a military leave of absence for Eduardo Rodriquez, from August 29, 2007 to March 11, 2008
Resolution No. 2007-278
10. Resolution Authorizing the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the 2007 Municipal Budget for the Business Center Roadway Reconstruction Phase II
Resolution No. 2007-279
11. Resolution authorizing the Liquor License Renewal for Lakewood Liquors, LLC, for the year 2007-2008, License No. 1514-33-032-013
Resolution No. 2007-280
12. Resolution approving the Corporate Structure Change, for Lakewood Liquors LLC, License #1514-33-032-014
Resolution No. 2007-281
13. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, Authorizing the Division of Purchasing or its Designee, to conduct an Auction for the sale of Surplus Items in the possession of Lakewood Township
Resolution No. 2007-282

14. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, authorizing a County Contract purchase of a Skid Steer Loader
Resolution No. 2007-283
15. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, appointing Pat Serpico, as a member, to the Lakewood Development Corporation, said term to expire December 31, 2008
Resolution No. 2007-284
16. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, appointing Marta Harrison as a member, to the Lakewood Township Housing Authority, said term to expire June 30, 2008
Resolution No. 2007-285
17. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, appointing Scott Carter, as EMT Supervisor, on the Lakewood Township EMS Department, effective September 10, 2007
Resolution No. 2007-286
18. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, authorizing the Lakewood Township Tax Collector to cancel any and all taxes, penalties, and, interest due on Block 1587, Lot 868.04 Qual. C100D
Resolution No. 2007-287
19. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, authorizing the purchase of two motorcycles for the Police Department
Mayor Coles removed this Resolution from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 18 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2007-270 through 2007-287 – Adopted.

Resolution No. 19 that was removed from the Consent Agenda was discussed and acted upon as follows:

19. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, authorizing the purchase of two motorcycles for the Police Department

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein.

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

Resolution No. 2007-288 – Adopted.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

- An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing an Ordinance Entitled “An Ordinance Establishing the Annual Minimum and Maximum Salary Ranges for the Offices and Positions of Persons Employed by the Township of Lakewood in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey” and providing for an Effective Date 20 Days After Publication after Final Adoption

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Coles 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. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller.

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

Ordinance No. 2007-42 adopted on second reading.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 09/20/07)

- An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the exchange of certain lands within the Township of Lakewood, in particular, the Township of Lakewood to acquire Block 1044, Lots 5 & 8 and Block 1045, Lots 5 & 8, and to convey Block 1036, Lot 5, and Block 1038, Lot 3 as part of an exchange of lands pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-16

Read by title only for first reading.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2007-43 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on September 20, 2007.

- An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey amending Ordinance 2005-7.

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, for discussion.

Mr. Cunliffe asked Mr. Secare that since this Ordinance pertains to the Police Department salaries, should he abstain.

Mr. Secare answered yes.

Senator Singer brought it to the Committee's attention that if you are going to abstain, you can not move the Ordinance.

The Motion was revised as follows:

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein.

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

Ordinance No. 2007-44 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on September 20, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from New Jersey State League of Municipalities providing information on a decision handed down in Pennsylvania, regarding Ordinances enacted to combat the presence of "illegal aliens" are pre-empted by federal law and unconstitutional.

Correspondence from Pastor Renaldo Osorio Perez of the World Wide Missionary Movement, Inc., requesting the use of Town Square on September 7 and 8, 2007, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to receive and file the first item of correspondence, and receive, file and approve the second item, and also to approve the two following picnic requests.

PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Per schedule of two (2) items attached hereto and made a part hereof.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 9/04/07

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Cunliffe.

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

Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein offered the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment: Abe Halberstam to move into an unfilled unexpired term to expire in 2010; Larry Lazzaro to move into Abe Halberstam's regular position; Moshe Lankry to move from the Alt. 2 position to the Alt. 1 position; and to re-welcome Adam Lieberman back to the Board in the position of Alt. 2.

Motion as to the above appointments by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Cunliffe.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.