

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING (LEISURE VILLAGE EAST)
MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2005**

The Lakewood Township Committee held a meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at Leisure Village East, at 7:30 P.M., 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 - None

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 2, 2005 and published in the Ocean County's Observer on September 22, 2005.

ROLL CALL

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: None

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 9/22/05

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

PRESENTATIONS:

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION:

Mayor Cunliffe thanked the residents of Leisure Village East for inviting the Committee to hold their meeting in their community this evening.

Mayor Cunliffe introduced the professionals and members of the Township Committee.

Mayor Cunliffe reviewed quality of life issues from the last meeting with the professionals.

Mr. Lines reported he has received a response from the power company with regard to the extensive tree cutting. They will be reviewing the extensive clearing and removal of trees in the Cross Street area with a Forester, to come up with some type of a replenishment program.

With regard to the issue of the railroad crossing, Mr. Lines reported that where Fourth Street crosses the railroad tracks, the pavement drops four to six inches into the railroad tracks. There is really no way to fill that in, and because it is a railroad track, there is no way to barricade-off the area to keep people from driving over it. It is a driver awareness problem more than anything.

Mr. Miller stated there must be something they can do about that area, to bring it up to the same standards as all other railroad crossings in this town.

Mayor Cunliffe requested Mr. Lines to look at the area again, and to make another attempt to contact Conrail. He also requested that Mr. Secare send them a letter advising of the existing conditions and liability situation.

With regard to the resident who complained of an excessive fine, it was found that the fine was justified. There was excessive trash and debris on the property that needed to be removed, as well as general clean-up of the property. The town has to hire contractors who are insured and properly licensed.

With regard to the complaints by storeowners on Clifton Avenue and Second Street concerning trespassing and drinking in public, Director Peters advised he visited the areas himself and the problems are being addressed.

Mayor Cunliffe asked Director Peters to advise the Committee of the amount of enforcement involved and summonses that are issued, for their review at the next meeting.

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.

Woodrow Woolsey, 339 Laurel Avenue – Commented on the quality of life issues in his neighborhood.

Mayor Cunliffe advised Mr. Woolsey to provide specific information and the matters will be investigated.

Rev. Kevin Nunn, 476 Prospect Street – Commented with regard to the issuance of summonses in the downtown area, the need for additional housing, and the process for Section 8 and HUD housing.

Minister Jim McGraw – Commented with regard to the lottery process for the affordable housing.

Mayor Cunliffe advised that the lottery will be done in public. Most information, with the exception of privacy issues, will be public information.

Marilyn Fontinetta, 1188B Clydebank Court – Commented with regard to the Oyster Creek Plant. As it is only twenty-five miles from her home, she is concerned about the release of radiation. She asked about an evacuation plan in case of emergency, and asked for the support of the Township Committee in closing the plant.

Bill Hobday, Schoolhouse Lane – Commented with regard to the work being done by JCP&L on Cross Street, wherein they are placing new poles very close to the roadway. He asked if the power lines could be moved back from the road.

Mayor Cunliffe asked Mr. Lines to look at the site.

Noreen Gill, 192 Coventry Drive – Commented with regard to the proposed widening of Route 9. Requested that the set back requirement be observed concerning all the construction along Route 9.

Mayor Cunliffe advised he will ask Mr. Lines to follow up with the State with regard to this project.

Senator Singer stressed the importance of the dualization of Route 9.

Mayor Cunliffe asked Mr. Secare to prepare a letter to the State thanking them for coming down and listening to the Township's recommendations, and including a list of the Township priorities with regard to the dualization of Route 9.

Claire Winter - Commented with regard to overcrowded living conditions in some of the Township's single-family homes.

Mayor Cunliffe advised that anyone with specific information with regard to overcrowded living conditions, to please provide the information to the Inspection Department.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Commented with regard to school budget issues, and drug addition.

Steven Langert, 776 South Lake Drive – Commented with regard to the salary guidelines for management positions in the Department of Public Works.

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

At this time, the professionals left the meeting.

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: The Company of Dance Arts, North Dover PTO, Lakewood Band Boosters, PTO Joseph A. Citta Elementary School, Women's Club Howell, O.C. Mother's Of Twins Club.
Resolution No. 2005-385
2. Resolution amending the 2005 Capital Budget.
Resolution No. 2005-386
3. Resolution accepting bid on Block 842 Lot 1 as a result of a Public Land Sale.
Resolution No. 2005-387
4. Resolution authorizing the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2005 Municipal Budget for Lakewood Development Corporation Funds.
Resolution No. 2005-388
5. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Lakewood and Lakewood Township Local 71 Policemen's Benevolent Association.
Resolution No. 2005-389
Mayor Cunliffe removed the above Resolution from the Consent Agenda.
6. Resolution supporting and authorizing the participation in the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program.
Resolution No. 2005-390
7. Resolution appointing a member to the Lakewood Township Emergency Management Services.
Resolution No. 2005-391

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein to approve Resolutions 1 through 7, excluding 5, on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2005-385 through 2005-388, and 2005-390 and 2005-391 – Adopted.

Item 5 that was removed from the Consent Agenda was discussed and acted upon as follows:

5. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Lakewood and Lakewood Township Local 71 Policemen's Benevolent Association.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller.

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

Abstain: Mayor Cunliffe

Resolution No. 2005-389 - Adopted

RESOLUTION NOT INCLUDED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA - None

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

- An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter II of the Code of the Township of Lakewood. (Fees for Copies)

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Cunliffe 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. Miller, Senator Singer, Mr. Coles, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein and Mayor Cunliffe.

Ordinance No. 2005-101 adopted on second reading.

- An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XI of the Code of the Township of Lakewood, entitled "Traffic" (No Parking Heathwood Ave.)

Read by title only for second reading.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2005-102 adopted on second reading.

ORDINANCES FIRST READING (2nd Reading and Public Hearing 10/27/05)

- Ordinance reappropriating \$19,000.00 proceeds of obligations not needed for their original purposes in order to provide for acquisition of Risk Management computer system hardware and software and related expenses for the Township of Lakewood, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey. (Police)

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, Senator Singer, Mr. Coles, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein and Mayor Cunliffe.

Ordinance No. 2005-103 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on October 27, 2005.

- Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, establishing the salaries and positions of persons employed by the Township of Lakewood in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey for certain employees of Local 71, Policemen's Benevolent Association.

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, Senator Singer, Mr. Coles, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein.
Abstain: Mayor Cunliffe

Ordinance No. 2005-104 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on October 27, 2005.

- An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the acquisition of a portion of Lot 4, Block 554, as shown on the tax map of the Township of Lakewood, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (Cedarbridge Ave.)

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, Senator Singer, Mr. Coles, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein and Mayor Cunliffe.

Ordinance No. 2005-105 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on October 27, 2005.

- An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the acceptance of a Deed of Easement for a sidewalk easement through Block 555 Lot 1 in the Township of Lakewood. (Cedarbridge Ave.)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance 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.

Ordinance No. 2005-106 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on October 27, 2005.

- An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the acceptance of a Deed of Easement for a sidewalk easement through Block 548 Lot 182 in the Township of Lakewood. (Cedarbridge Ave.)
Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer.
On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Miller, Senator Singer, Mr. Coles, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein and Mayor Cunliffe.

Ordinance No. 2005-107 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on October 27, 2005.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from L.E.A.D. requesting to use Town Square on October 15 and 29, 2005 to minister to the people of Lakewood.

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

Letter from Jennifer Lesniak requesting to use Town Square to film her thesis for the New York Film Academy on October 7, 2005. Jennifer is a Lakewood resident.

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

Memo from Phyllis Stubbs on behalf of the Lakewood Transportation Board. Leisure Hack is requesting a 30% surcharge be approved due to the recent increases in the cost of fuel.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, advising that the Committee is not inclined at this time to consider a surcharge.

Letter from Marlene Atkins, Transportation Board, regarding the Vine Street road project, and the amount of speeding, and the illegal ATV traffic.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, to forward the above correspondence to the Public Safety Director.

Letter from Coventry Square Board of Directors requesting permission from the Township and Police Department to close off Princeton Avenue both coming into and going out of Coventry Square on Monday, October 31, 2005 from 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, to approve the above request.

Letter from Lakewood Exempt Firemen's Association requesting to float a Christmas Tree on Lake Carasaljo for the holiday season. They are also requesting use of the raft.

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, to approve the above request.

Letter from Cornerstone Calvary requesting to use Town Square on November 5, 12, 19, 2005 from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 P.M. to pass out free food and clothing.

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

Letter from Jack Lettiere of NJDOT advising that the Township has received funding from the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2006 Municipal Aid Program for Second Street, Phase II in the amount of \$172,000.00.

Letter from Charles Cichman, NJDOT, stating that the Township has been approved to receive a grant of \$10,520.00 from the Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities Program. Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, that the above two items of correspondence are received and filed.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 10/4/05

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

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

Negative: Senator Singer

Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Miller thanked Leisure Village East for hosting the meeting this evening.

Senator Singer advised he will not be able to be present for the meeting of October 27th as he will be attending the 50th Anniversary of ARC.

Mr. Coles thanked Leisure Village East for hosting the meeting this evening. He also advised that the Strand Theater recently celebrated their 83rd Birthday, and announced coming events.

Mr. Coles also commented with regard to the Regional Contribution Agreements. While the Committee has not agreed to accept them yet, they did hire a consultant, Shirley Bishop, to review them. She would like permission from the Committee to begin talking to other municipalities who are looking to give Lakewood money. There will be no obligation on the part of Lakewood in order to begin these conversations, but a Resolution from the Township Committee is needed to authorize permission for her to talk to these municipalities. A Motion was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Senator Singer, and carried, with regard to this matter.

Mr. Secare advised he will speak with Ms. Bishop with regard to her contractual obligations.

Mayor Cunliffe also asked that Mr. Secare prepare a Resolution for the Committee's review.

Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein thanked Leisure Village East for hosting the meeting this evening.

Mayor Coles thanked Leisure Village East for hosting the meeting this evening, and thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.