

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2005 • 7:30 PM**

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2005 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 6:00 P.M. for the Executive Session and 7:30 P.M. for the Public 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 Senator Singer.
Resolution No. 2005-408 – 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 2, 2005 and published in the Ocean County’s Observer on October 19, 2005.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: None

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: None

PUBLIC LAND SALE:

Mr. Secare advised there are three proposed land sales on the Agenda this evening. There are some questions that remain with regard to the sales of Block 1098, Lot 2, and Block 1099, Lot 4. He respectfully requested that the Committee table these two land sales.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, to table the Land Sales of Block 1098, Lot 2, and Block 1099, Lot 4.

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

Land Sales tabled.

Block 178 Lot 1, Block 179 Lot 1

Mr. Secare asked if there was anyone present who was interested in bidding on the above properties, and if so, requested that they please come forward to the microphone.

Rev. Wesley Lindquist, Calvary Lighthouse, 1133 East County Line Road, Lakewood, New Jersey, came forward.

Mr. Secare asked Rev. Lindquist if he had read the Notice of Sale and the restrictions with regard to this land sale, the minimum bid is \$42,500.00, and the successful bidder must have ten percent of that bid in cash or certified check.

Rev. Lindquist answered yes.

Mr. Secare asked Rev. Lindquist to submit his bid for the record.

Rev. Lindquist offered a bid of \$42,500.00.

As Rev. Lindquist was the sole bidder, Mr. Secare thanked Rev. Lindquist for his bid, and to see the Clerk to submit the ten percent deposit.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Police Officer - Peter LaRosa

The Township Committee honored Ptl. Peter LaRosa on his return from Iraq. Mayor Cunliffe presented a Proclamation to Ptl. LaRosa for his contribution and service to his country and the Township of Lakewood.

- Tax Abatement: W.W. Adcock (Rutgers Blvd.) Block 1607 Lot 11

A brief presentation was given by Carson Adcock, Brian Harper, Branch Manager of the Lakewood Division, and John Murray, with regard to their request for tax abatement.

- Tax Abatement: Ruby Tuesday, Rare Hospitality & Parkway Lodging

For the record, Deputy Meir Lichtenstein advised he would abstain on this application.

A brief presentation was given Carey Tajfel, 399 Monmouth Street, East Windsor, NJ, with regard to their request for tax abatement on the Hilton Garden project, on Route 70, East of the Garden State Parkway.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein returned to the dais.

- Russell Corby & Charles Anthony - Muster Zone

This presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

- Girl Scouts of Ocean County - 50th Anniversary

Mayor Cunliffe presented a Proclamation in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of Ocean County.

- S.T.E.P.S.

A presentation was given by Mike McNeil with regard to the Parental Involvement Program, helping the children, and helping the parents to help their children to do better with school work, and to take a deeper responsibility for their success in life, and school.

- CDBG - Ervin Oross

Ervin Oross gave a brief presentation regarding Community Development Block Grant information and funding awards for Program Year 2005.

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION:

Mayor Cunliffe followed on quality of life items from the previous meeting. Both Mr. Mack and Mr. Franklin, for personal and medical reasons, could not be present this evening, but the Director of Public Safety and Township Engineer were present.

Mayor Cunliffe advised he wrote a letter to Conrail with regard to the problems at railroad tracks in town.

With regard to the cutting of trees for the JCPL lines, and the replanting of trees in the area of Cross Street and Chestnut Street, Mr. Lines advised he will be meeting with a representative of JCPL on Tuesday at Cross Street and Massachusetts Avenue to try and resolve the problem.

With regard to the parking situation on Ninth Street, Mayor Cunliffe advised that the Ordinance is on the Agenda this evening for first reading.

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 Cunliffe opened the meeting to the public.

Jeff Golub – Commented with regard to trucks decelerating and causing a loud and annoying noise.

Mr. Secare advised that the Township does not have any jurisdiction on this matter.

Director Peters advised it falls under Title 49. The Police Department is not certified to enforce Title 49. A request would have to be made to US DOT.

Mayor Cunliffe asked Mr. Golub to provide the specific information to Director Peters.

Mr. Golub also complained about a new grocery store on Route 9, where security lots are pointed at Route 9 and are blinding the drivers. The lights need to be redirected.

Mayor Cunliffe asked that this information be forwarded to Mr. Mack for action.

John Newman, 1586 Salem Street – Complained about the way you have to exit Healthcare Way, where you can now only make a right hand turn going north because of the volume of traffic.

Mayor Cunliffe advised he would request the Engineer to send a letter to the County, because that was required by the County for the new construction.

Mr. Newman suggested a traffic light be placed at this location.

Mayor Cunliffe advised that the County is now looking at Cedarbridge Avenue all the way down to Route 70. They are doing a traffic study of the area.

Mr. Newman asked when the Pine Acre Section will get fire protection. There are no fire hydrants in the area.

Mayor Cunliffe asked if he meant that the entire Pine Acres does not have any fire hydrants.

Mr. Newman confirmed that there are no fire hydrants in the entire area of Old Pine Acres.

Mayor Cunliffe asked Mr. Lines to look into this matter.

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:
2. Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services Resolution awarding contract to Mathtech, Inc. to conduct an information technology assessment study of the Police Department, sum not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Resolution No. 2005-409
3. Resolution adopting changes required by the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 to the Township of Lakewood Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust with Great-West Retirement Services.
Resolution No. 2005-410
4. Resolution authorizing the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2005 Municipal Budget for a New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant. (Second St.)
Resolution No. 2005-411
5. Resolution authorizing the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2005 Municipal Budget for a New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant. (Vine St.)
Resolution No. 2005-412
6. Resolution authorizing the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2005 Municipal Budget for a Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities Grant.
Resolution No. 2005-413

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Coles, to approve Resolutions 1 through 6 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2005-409 through 2005-413 – Adopted.

RESOLUTION NOT INCLUDED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA – None

ORDINANCES SECOND READING - None

ORDINANCES FIRST READING (2nd Reading and Public Hearing 11/17/05)

- 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". (Parking for Handicapped Persons)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Coles.

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

Ordinance No. 2005-109 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on November 17, 2005.

- 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 north side of Ninth St. from the westerly curb line of Forest Ave. for a distance of 55 ft. and beginning at a point 360 ft. west of the northwest corner of Forest Ave. and Ninth St. continuing for a distance of 1470 ft.)
Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer.

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

Abstain: Mr. Miller

Ordinance No. 2005-110 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on November 17, 2005.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Memo from William Rieker, CFO, regarding notes sold.
Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, that the above correspondence is received and filed.
- Letter from State of New Jersey DOT regarding the renewal of the Aeronautical Facility License on the Airport.
Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, that the above correspondence is received and filed.
- Letter from Richard Orne of the Airport Authority regarding a disaster plan for Lakewood.
Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, that the above correspondence is received and filed.
- Letter from Ava G. Guy, Advisor of Lakewood High School Student Government Association, requesting to hold a bonfire on Wednesday, November 23, 2005, at the site of the Clifton Avenue Grade School.
Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, to approve the above request.
- Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein and carried, that next three letters are received and filed.

Letter from Joyce Connor of Lakewood requesting to have a choice of cable companies.

Letter from Warren Burgess of Lakewood requesting to have a choice of cable companies.

Letter from Walter Turlansky of Lakewood requesting to have a choice of cable companies.

Senator Singer suggested that possibly for the next Conference Meeting they have a discussion as to exactly what Verizon is proposing statewide, and how it will affect Lakewood.

Mr. Secare advised that the League of Municipalities has taken a stand on this matter, and suggested that the Township Clerk obtain a copy.

Mayor Cunliffe requested the Township Clerk to obtain that information.

- Letter from Mr. Auch, Director of Marketing of Internet by the Sea notifying the Township that he will be at the NJLOM Conference in Atlantic City from November 15, 2005 to November 18, 2005.

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, that the above correspondence is received and filed.

- Letter from New Jersey Communities First has been received regarding a Resolution from Verizon.

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

- Letter from Girl Scouts of Ocean County requesting that the Township recognize the Girl Scouts 50th Anniversary of service to Ocean County.

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

- Letter Mayor Cunliffe to A.J. Vitola, of Conrail, regarding maintaining the right of way of the railroad system in Lakewood.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, second by Senator Singer, and carried, that the above correspondence is received and filed, and that a copy be sent to Jack Lettiere.

- Letter from Laura Benson, Assistant County Counsel for the County of Ocean regarding the Route 9 Corridor and NJDOT-DTS.

Mayor Cunliffe advised that they wish to take some action on this correspondence, and they may want to request the Attorney to draft a Resolution.

Senator Singer advised he attended the meeting with Mr. Edwards. All the towns along the corridor are passing a Resolution in support.

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, that the Attorney prepare the necessary Resolution.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: None

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Lichtenstein, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.