

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2017 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 5:30 PM for the Workshop/Executive Session and 7:30 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

Mayor.....Raymond Coles
Deputy Mayor.....Menashe P. Miller
Committee Members..... Meir Lichtenstein
Albert D. Akerman....Absent
Michael D’Elia
Municipal Manager.....Thomas Henshaw
Municipal Attorney.....Steve Secare, Esq
Municipal Clerk..... Kathryn Hutchinson

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, and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 10, 2017 and revised via email on July 10, 2017.

ROLL CALL

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2017-258 Approved

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, with all in favor, to begin open session.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF WORK SHOP AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF: June 22, 2017

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, with all in favor, to approve the above minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION: June 22, 2017

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, with all in favor, to approve the above minutes.

PUBLIC LAND SALE – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

Theresa Breznit, Oak Street School Media Teacher – Ms. Breznit thanked Mayor Coles, the Township Committee, Senator Singer and Michael Inzelbuch for their hard work to help the Lakewood School District, especially the media teachers. She described different ways that librarians and media teachers enhance the learning of their students.

Doctor Michael Rush, retired Superintendent – Dr. Rush expressed his elation for the funding that is being provided to the Lakewood School District. Dr. Rush suggested a committee be established to go to Trenton to discuss and enhance the formula for school funding.

Michelle Jackson, Lakewood resident – Ms. Jackson expressed her gratitude for the funding that is going to be provided. She questioned why the funding for the football team was provided prior to the funding that is being provided tonight.

Mayor Coles stated the funding for the football team was provided first due to timing and that student's scholarships depended on this upcoming season. He mentioned they were waiting to hear from the State regarding this matter.

Tom Gatti, The Enclave – Mr. Gatti applauded Mr. Barry Ian and Ms. Laura Winters for standing up to their efforts. He then suggested the busing issue be focused on to help consolidate expenses. He also suggested the funding be a loan rather than simply given to the Board of Education.

Mayor Coles stated there is no legal way of loaning the Board of Education money. He stated it was looked into, but there is no mechanism that the State allows to do so. Mayor Coles added that there is always discussion going on regarding the private schools and busing. He stated they are hoping the State comes in to assist with the current deficit.

Lakewood resident – This resident thanked the Township Committee for their hard efforts. He added that the separation from the Board of Education and the Township Committee is what is hurting Lakewood. He suggested the Township Committee have some oversight over the Lakewood Board of Education.

Doctor Al Longo, Skyline Drive – Dr. Longo applauded the Township Committee on the school funding, but added it is just a temporary solution. He suggested using Legislators and examining current practices to fix the constant financial issues the Board of Education has.

Barry Ian, Board of Education member – Mr. Ian thanked the Township Committee, Lakewood Township and the Board of Education for supporting the children of Lakewood and the school district.

Laura Winters, Lakewood Superintendent – Ms. Winters thanked the Township Committee, Senator Singer and Michael Inzelbuch for their efforts on saving the Lakewood School District.

Oscar Orellana, Lakewood Guidance Counselor and coach – Mr. Orellana thanked all the students in the audience for showing their Piner proud. He thanked the Township Committee and expressed his excitement for the opportunities they have opened up for the Lakewood students.

Committeeman D'Elia asked the Lakewood Superintendent, Laura Winters, how many students from Lakewood receive scholarships annually.

Ms. Winters stated approximately three to five students in each sport receive a college scholarship.

Mr. Orellana spoke on behalf of the wrestling team, and stated multiple students received scholarships from multiple esteemed universities. He also stated many of the students have gone on to the Marine Corp, the Navy and the Army.

Fred Rush, Lakewood resident – Mr. Rush spoke on the recent publicity regarding the Lakewood School District and added that it helped get the children the proper education.

Avrohom Shubert, 118 Gefen Drive – Mr. Shubert expressed how nice the supportiveness and positive energy is to see at tonight's meeting. He then spoke on his concern regarding the Master Plan Committee wanting to rezone his neighborhood. Mr. Shubert spoke on Block 190 Lot 58.13 in his neighborhood and how they have been waiting for the Township to turn it into a park for many years.

Joyce Blay, 311 Floral Way, Toms River, NJ – Ms. Blay asked for clarification on the ordinance legalizing living spaces in attics.

Mayor Coles stated attic living spaces are legal. This ordinance mandates how many parking spots are allotted when there is a bedroom in the attic.

Ms. Blay asked if this ordinance will allow exterior entrances.

Mayor Coles stated exterior entrances are not allowed.

Yitz Szmidt, Red Oaks development – Mr. Szmidt spoke on the fifteen years it has taken for a park to be implemented in the Red Oaks development. He stated it is

located at Block 190 Lot 58.13. He spoke on ways that this park can be implemented in this neighborhood and urged the Township Committee to take action on this matter.

Steven Secare, the Township Attorney, suggested with the Mayor's permission, that Mr. Szmidt write a letter describing his concerns regarding this issue.

Mayor Coles gave his permission.

Larry Loidman, Lakewood resident – Mr. Loidman spoke on the continuous attack Lakewood has been under regarding scams and frauds. He spoke on his concerns regarding the lack of support the Township Committee has given during this time.

Mayor Coles spoke on the offense he took away from Mr. Loidman's comments. He advised Mr. Loidman he has spoken with the Wall Street Journal, the Star Ledger and many more news outlets regarding this matter. Mayor Coles advised this resident how supportive the Township Committee has been at this time and that they always stand behind Lakewood.

Shlomi Klein, 189 Chateau Park – Mr. Klein spoke about the Master Plan Committee and his views on how this particular committee operates. He also spoke on the Zoning Board and his beliefs on certain members. Mr. Klein ended by discussing Steven Secare, the Township Attorney.

Geshla Silver, Ridge Avenue – Mr. Silver spoke on the potholes across Somerset Avenue and Linden Avenue and the need for repaving. He suggested a light be implemented in the area of Park Avenue and East County Line Road.

John Whiskey, Lakewood teacher and coach – Mr. Whiskey spoke on how important sports are to these students and thanked Mayor Coles and the Township Committee for supplying the additional funding.

Seeing no one else approaching the podium, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Coles took a moment to speak. He stated that the Township Committee members are not the heroes of Lakewood. He said that the teachers, coaches and other school personnel are the heroes to these students. Mayor Coles added that the money is not coming just from the Township Committee. He stated it is coming from every taxpayer, which includes both public and private school parents.

Mayor Coles thanked Meir Lichtenstein for all of his hard work and dedication to the school board. He asked if a Committee member could move Resolution No. 24 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein for purpose of discussion.

Committeeman Lichtenstein asked that a condition be placed in the Resolution that allows the Committee to appoint a professional to have access to the Board of Education finances and can help bring the Lakewood School District and the Township Committee together.

Committeeman D'Elia stated he will change his motion to include that additional condition. Committeeman Lichtenstein seconded the motion with the additional condition.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein,
Deputy Mayor Miller, and Mayor Coles.
Absent: Committeeman Akerman

Resolution 2017-282 approved.

Mayor Coles began a quick recess to allow whoever wished to leave, exit the auditorium.

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 Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Referring An Amendment To The Unified Development Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood To The Planning Board For Review (Attics)
Resolution 2017-259
2. A Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Referring An Amendment To The Unified Development Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood Regarding Off-Street Parking For Offices To The Planning Board For Review (Offices)
Resolution 2017-260
3. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing Dash Mechanical LLC For HVAC Services Pursuant To And In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et Seq.
Resolution 2017-261
4. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey Authorizing The Purchase Of Downtown Streetlight Upgrades Phase I Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 Et. Seq
Resolution 2017-262

5. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Purchase Of An Evidence And Weapons Storage System
Resolution 2017-263
6. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Certification Of The Annual Report Of Audit For 2016
Resolution 2017-264
7. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Insertion Of A Special Item Of Revenue Into The 2017 Municipal Budget For Funding Under The 1st Generation Zone Assistance Funds For The Fiscal Year 2017 For The UEZ Administration Budget 2017
Resolution 2017-265
8. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing A Purchase From Beyer Ford LLC., Of Six (6) 2017 Interceptor SUV's Pursuant To N.J.A.C 5:34-7 And N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2
Resolution 2017-266
9. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Appointing New Police Officers
Resolution 2017-267
10. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Reducing The Performance Guarantee (Second Reduction) Posted By Evergreen Custom Home Developers LLC In Connection With SD #1357, (Evergreen And Balsam Ave.) For Block 1066, Lot 3
Resolution 2017-268
11. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing The Maintenance Guarantee Posted By School Garden Realty, LLC., In Connection With SD #1894 (School Garden St.) Block 243.01, Lots 6-8, 26, 27.01 and 27.02
Resolution 2017-269
12. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Releasing the Maintenance Guarantee Posted by Bergen Equities, LLC., In Connection With SD# 1905 (Bergen Avenue), Block 246, Lot 66 and 69
Resolution 2017-270

13. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Declaring Default Of Performance Guarantee Posted By S&H Builders, For SD#1567A, Whitesville Road, Block 252 Lot 4.04
Resolution 2017-271
14. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean And State Of New Jersey, Declaring Default of Performance Guarantee Posted By Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (c/o T-Mobile USA, Inc.) for SP# 1885, (390 New Hampshire Ave.), Blocks 563 and 564 Lots 1 and 1
Resolution 2017-272
15. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Tax Collector To Re-institute The Billing On A Taxable Line Item
Resolution 2017-273
16. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Tax Collector To Hold An On Line Tax Sale For Lakewood Township
Resolution 2017-274
17. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing A Refund Of Taxes On Mother Lots Due To Subdivision
Resolution 2017-275
18. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Declaring Default Of Performance Guarantee Bond Posted By Pine Projects, LLC., For the Netherwood Drive, Blocks 431 and 432, Lots 1.02 and 3
Resolution 2017-276
19. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Awarding A Bid To Earthworks, Inc., For The Forest Drive Dam Rehabilitation Project Pursuant To And In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et Seq.
Resolution 2017-277
20. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Awarding A Bid To Earle Asphalt Company For The 2017 Lakewood Road Resurfacing Program Pursuant To And In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et Seq.
Resolution 2017-278

21. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Purchase Of Two (2) - Six (6) 2018 Monster Model 337, Options Accessories and Installation Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 11-1 Et. Seq.
Resolution 2017-279
22. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending A Resolution Entitled " Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing Barina Automotive Services To Provide Vehicle Collision Repair Services Pursuant To N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 Et Seq.
Resolution 2017-280
23. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending A Resolution Entitled "Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing The Execution Of A Schedule "C" Agreement With The County of Ocean For 2017
Resolution 2017-281
24. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Providing Additional School Funding For Lakewood Board Of Education For The 2017-18 School Year
Resolution 2017-282

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, to approve Resolution Nos. 1-24 on the Consent Agenda.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein with abstention on Resolution No. 13, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Absent: Committeeman Akerman

Committeeman Lichtenstein asked if the Mayor would allow Tom Henshaw, the Township Manager, to invite Chief Meyer and the new Police Officer appointees to the next meeting to introduce them to the public.

Resolution Nos. 2017-259 through 2017-282 approved.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

1. Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Chapter XXIV (Taxation), Section 24-3.1(Definitions), 24-3.3 (Application For Exemption) And 24-3.4 (Consideration And Approval) Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of Lakewood 1999. (P.I.L.O.T.)

Read by title only for second reading.
Mayor Coles opened the meeting to the public.

Shlomi Klein, 189 Chateau Park – Mr. Klein asked if any of the Committee members could explain this ordinance.

Mayor Coles stated the P.I.L.O.T. is a payment in lieu of taxes and is a form of a tax abatement. He explained this one is due to the 1999 Cedarbridge Development. He added that this ordinance will help calculate the payment the Township will receive.

Seeing no one else approached the podium, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, to approve the above ordinance after second reading and public hearing.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein,
Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.
Absent: Committeeman Akerman

Ordinance 2017-23 adopted after second reading and public hearing.

ORDINANCES FIRST READING: Public Hearing Scheduled For August 31, 2017 For Item #'s 1 and 2, and August 10, 2017 For Item #3

1. An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Article II (Definitions), Section 18-200-B (Definition Of Terms) And Article III (Design Standards), Section 18-808 (Off- Street Parking, Loading And Circulation) Of Chapter XVIII, Unified Development Ordinance.

Read by title only for first reading.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman D'Elia, to approve the above ordinance after first reading.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein,
Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.
Absent: Committeeman Akerman

Ordinance 2017-27 approved after first reading, second reading and public hearing to be held on August 31, 2017.

2. An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Article VIII (Design Standards), Section 18-807.B.3 (Off-Street Parking, Loading And Circulation), And Article IX (Zoning Districts And Regulations)Section 18-903.M.6(g) (Industrial Zone (M-1), Off-Street Parking) Of The Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter XVIII.

Read by title only for first reading.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committee D'Elia, to approve the above ordinance after first reading.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein,
Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.
Absent: Committeeman Akerman

Ordinance 2017-28 approved after first reading, second reading and public hearing to be held on August 31, 2017.

3. An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Chapter II Entitled "Administration" Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of Lakewood, Specifically Section 2-76 (Fees For Miscellaneous Services And Copies Of Public Documents).

Read by title only for first reading.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, to approve the above ordinance after first reading.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein,
Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.
Absent: Committeeman Akerman

Ordinance 2017-29 approved after first reading, second reading and public hearing to be held on August 10, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE – Parks and Events

Per schedule of twenty-one (21) parks, events and correspondence requests attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, with all in favor, to approve the above correspondence.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST: July 12, 2017

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman D'Elia, to approve the Bill List.

On Roll Call: Affirmative: Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein,
Deputy Mayor Miller, and Mayor Coles
Absent: Committeeman Akerman

Bill list of July 12, 2017 approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Deputy Mayor Miller spoke on the census that will be occurring in 2020. He asked the Mayor for his permission to be the liaison of the Lakewood Census Committee.

Mayor Coles gave his permission for said committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D'Elia, with all in favor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.