

continues to hold to the Agreement that was originally signed, that they are bound by, that bussing will continue in its present state until the end of this school year. He hopes that this resolves a lot of their fears.

Mayor Miller thanked Committeeman Lichtenstein, and he appreciates all the hard work that he put into the resolution of this matter.

Mayor Miller further advised there will be a public portion after the presentations.

PRESENTATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – Michael Stewart

Mayor Miller presented the Employee of the Month Award for March 2016 to Michael Stewart, an employee of the Department of Public Works.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Ervin Oross presented the annual grant awards to the recipients of federal CDBG funding.

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION - 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 Miller opened the meeting to the public.

Tom Gatty, 547 Bennington Lane – Thanked Committeeman Lichtenstein for his work on the bussing matter, and they appreciate the fact that bussing will continue. His concern is how it is going to be paid for, and he is anxious to find out how the 2.5 million dollars is going to be paid for.

Mayor Miller responded that the Township would not have that information, but it could be obtained from the Board of Education as to how they are going to do it. The Township was just told that the bussing will continue.

Pastor Glenn Wilson – Thanked the Committee and Committeeman Lichtenstein for their hard work on this bussing issue. He would also like to know the details but will contact the Board of Education for that information.

Committeeman Lichtenstein added that while he appreciates the “thanks-yous”, this form of government is one where different people take the lead on different issues, but all five Committeemen share in the hard work. He was in discussions with the other

four Committee members during this time. He will take some of the blame, but he does not want all of the credit.

Beth McGlocklin, 11 Eldorado Drive – She is glad the bussing matter is starting to be resolved, but her question is how it is being paid for. She understands that the Township says they do not know how it is being paid for but thinks it is ridiculous that she can not be told how it is being paid for.

Mayor Miller responded that the Committee is not the Board of Education.

Ms. McGlocklin advised she understands that but the Township is willing to ante up 2.5 million dollars to pay for it.

Mayor Miller responded that is incorrect. That was on the table but was never even brought to this Committee as a question.

Ms. McGlocklin stated that is not what they were told at the Board of Education meeting yesterday.

Mayor Miller responded that he does not believe that the question was ever posed to the entire Committee about the 2.5 million dollars. It never made back to this Committee as anything official.

Ms. McGlocklin further advised that the Board of Education made it sound like it was a done deal.

Mayor Miller responded that he could not answer for them.

Ms. McGlocklin continued that this solves the problem until June but asked what happens next year, and the year after that, etc., and this will go on forever. If Lakewood does not have the money, then they have to say they do not have the money, and can not pay for it. If you take some of the surplus money you have and maybe put it into sidewalks, that will be forever, then they would not have to deal with this every year.

Mayor Miller responded that the Township did actually put aside approximately six million dollars for roads and sidewalks this past year. They have focused on approximately the same amount for this coming year.

Committeeman Lichtenstein added that as far as the question about the future years, Senator Singer gave him the message that he delivered before, and he actually called him to explain why he could not be here. He would share the information now as it will surely be in the newspapers, that there is currently an active shooter situation going on in a university in Massachusetts and his daughter is in that university currently in lock down in the dormitory. So while they are here talking about the safety of children, he asked that everyone please keep Senator Singer's daughter in their prayers.

Alejandra Morales, representing her community, thanked the Committee, and further voiced her opinions on the resolution of bussing issue.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Thanked the Township Committee for their work on the bussing issue and further offered his comments on this bussing issue.

Noreen Gill, 192 Coventry Drive – Stated she is part of the crowd, with the retired people. Stated that they are here to say that the Township cannot afford it any more. When you have more homes being built, and not enough industry, and schools being allowed in the Industrial Park, something is wrong. The Township must make it right. Advised that the retirement communities have joined together on this issue. Further complained about double parking on Clifton Avenue.

_____ Flores – Stated they are offended, and complained about having to wait to speak. Also asked about the CDBG grant awards, who received checks, and why was their community not recognized.

Mayor Miller responded there is an Agenda, and they are following the Agenda. And the people who came earlier were here for a Presentation. They were told to come at 7:30 PM and be out by 7:45 because that is their slot. He did make the announcement about the bussing because there were so many people present on that issue, and that is why he started off with the announcement about bussing. And that is why they went in that order, because they are following the Order of the advertised Agenda. He offered his apologies, as it was not meant to offend anyone.

Mayor Miller further explained the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) process which means that every year, any organization can apply for this grant, and the grant is given to all parts of the community. Some people who actually were supposed to get checks tonight, such as Christ United Methodist Church, Omega 13, the ARC, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, New Life Christian, and there are other organizations that may not have been here, so he did not understand the comment that their community is not being serviced. This is open to all and anyone, and he is proud to say, that every application that was submitted to Mr. Oross was actually funded this year. And he invited anyone who would like to apply for 2016 to feel free to do so.

Mayor Miller advised they would take a two minute break at this time, to allow anyone who wishes to leave the meeting.

The meeting continued with further comments from the public.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Read a letter he wrote to Senator Singer and Assemblyman Ribble and Kean with regard to bussing, and offered his suggestions regarding education.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Commented on the bussing issue and education.

George Leggitt, 13 Bay Hill Road – Commented on the bussing issue and the recent referendum, stating that it was a misleading referendum for 6.2 million dollars for courtesy bussing, and asked if the Committee approved it. Stated that many residents came out for this referendum, and he thought it was the Township’s responsibility to approve the referendum, and asked if the Committee did approve it. Is that correct?

Mayor Miller responded that was incorrect.

Mr. Leggitt asked who was responsible for the referendum.

Mayor Miller explained there are three elected boards in Lakewood: the Township Committee, who is in charge of Township services such as garbage, snow plowing, street lights; the Board of Education, who is in charge of bussing, education, etc; and then you have the Fire Commissioners. The Township Committee is involved with the Police Department, etc. The reason that the bussing issue came to the Township was because if in deed the Board of Education stopped the bussing, then the Township needed to figure out how to provide safe passage with regard to additional police officers, possibly hiring more, and crossing guards. Anything to do with the referendum, the Township would not know the answer to the questions because this Committee is not the Board that deals with it. That is the Board of Education. He does know, but not first hand from the Board of Education, but from hearing from members of the Board of Education, but they actually knew the referendum would go down. Lakewood taxpayers have had it, and are done with having to pay more taxes, so the Board of Education knew it would not pass, but the State Monitor pushed ahead for that referendum. Any questions about the referendum should be directed to the Board of Education.

Mr. Leggitt confirmed that the Township has no idea what the cost of the referendum was.

Mayor Miller responded, no.

Mr. Leggitt stated there are many people in Lakewood who are upset over the fact that the referendum did come up. It was voted down 99%. And they know this issue will come up again. The Committee should not be spending any more taxpayers’ dollars on the issue of courtesy bussing. His understanding from comments this evening is that the Township will not be involved in spending any more taxpayer dollars on this issue in the future, and asked if that was correct.

Mayor Miller said he did not say that. What he said tonight was that this Committee was not asked about the 2.5 million, although it was one of the items on the table, and this Committee will not be spending 2.5 million dollars on that. The only thing this Committee has right now is a contractual agreement dated back to August, 2015, and that is the only thing this Committee is bound to.

Mr. Leggitt stated in six months they will be back here on the same issue, or before six months for the next school year. What is the stance of the board as far as funding courtesy bussing.

Mayor Miller responded that he can not speak for the rest of the Committee members, but he knows for himself he is very much not in favor of putting money into an empty hole. There needs to be some insight and there has to be some direction as to where it is going. They are not throwing money into a sewer and not throwing money into a black hole. There has to be concrete evidence of what is being done. He knows that Committeeman Lichtenstein mentioned about being in touch with Senator Singer. There are some ideas that were mentioned to him briefly before the meeting, which are at the idea stage, so he not going to put them out publicly. These ideas do not include the Township right now as paying any money towards it as far as this Committee is concerned, but there are some ideas out there that may be of assistance.

Mr. Leggitt stated that it seems that the Committee has not started or even talked about the root causes of the problems here in Lakewood. And the root cause of many of the problems here, and it will continue, until its unbridled growth is abated or stopped. Township has approved many projects through the Committee, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board, and both of those bodies are approved by the Committee, and asked if that was correct.

Mayor Miller answered that individuals are appointed to the Planning Board and Zoning Board by the Township Committee. They are not directed how to vote. They are autonomous bodies.

Mr. Secare explained they are autonomous bodies, and it would be illegal and improper for the Committee to talk to the board members on matters that are before the boards.

Mr. Leggitt continued that the reality is that many projects are approved by those two bodies, and unbridled growth continues, and is causing the problem that large vehicles such as school busses, ambulances and fire trucks are unable to get in, or out, of these projects safely. He asked if the leadership is up to par, and if are they capable of running the town. Many residents, especially in the senior communities, feel that they are unable to keep up with what is going on this town. The Committee members took an Oath of Office to represent all taxpayers. That includes all races and religions.

Annette Kearney, St. Andrews Court – Applauded the Committee for delivering the news that bussing will continue until June, and she also echoes what everyone is saying, and that being this is not the first year they have been here, nor the second, third, etc. They will continue to have this problem over and over again as there is no plan. They just have bandaids. It was further suggested that they all sit down and talk, not behind closed doors, to calm some of the fears of the parents. That is what is important, whether they are public school, or non-public, a parent's fear of their child walking in this town is beyond anything anyone can imagine. They barely want to drive in this town, so imagine a child having to walk in this town. She asked that the

Committee consider that they all come together to get something resolved, because they do not want to be here in six months. They should be protecting the seniors. Some seniors are paying ten thousand dollars in taxes per year, with no children in the district. She applauds them for supporting the town. That is a lot of money. They have to do something that the entire community can benefit from.

Rene Cora, 241B Lois Lane, an employee of the Department of Public Works, commented on warning notices that were recently issued to employees of the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Secare advised Mr. Cora that as they are in the middle of labor negotiations, and have a meeting tomorrow, that what he is doing is committing an unfair labor practice.

Mayor Miller requested that the record reflect that Mr. Cora was advised by the Township Attorney, Steven Secare, Esq., that what is happening right now is an unfair labor practice.

Mr. Cora continued with his comments, and asked that the employees, not the Union, be permitted to meet with the Committee members so that they know what is going on in Public Works.

Sandy Accamando, 169 Sterling Court – Commented on the Master Plan for the town, and stated she has never seen development like what is going on in Lakewood. Asked about the status of the Master Plan, and has the Committee appointed a sufficient number of people to make it effective.

Mayor Miller responded that the status of the Master Plan is that they are looking to move forward, the first step being the Plan Endorsement.

Committeeman Lichtenstein advised they met with State representatives, and it would be appropriate for the Master Plan Committee to be activated within thirty days. They are considering appointees, but have not yet decided as to how they will advertise for interested individuals to apply for appointment. They have the professionals they want to be on board, and as soon as they put together the committee, they hopefully will have representation across the community as well as some sub-committees that can represent their particular needs as well as look into other issues that the Committee may want researched and presented to the Committee. His goal is, that within two meetings from now, they should be able to have a list of names to appoint to the Master Plan committee.

Ms. Accamando stated she hopes they take into consideration diversity, both ethnically and gender wise.

Lourdes _____ - Asked that consideration be given to providing more lighting in Woodlake. And that consideration also be given to the poor condition of the roads. She also stated that sometimes there are shootings, and people selling drugs. She asked

the Association of the community to put up cameras and was told by them that she had to come to talk to the Committee. Also, additional lighting is needed along New Hampshire Avenue. If in the future the children have to walk to school, there is no place safe to walk along New Hampshire Avenue. She asked the Committee to consider them as part of the town, and for the Committee's support. She also asked that they look into the food that the children are receiving in school. She is a taxpayer and asking for help.

Mayor Miller thanked her for coming, and is thankful that the professionals are present. He requested that the Police Department, through Lt. Finnegan, step up patrols in Woodlake to increase the safety in that area. He also advised that the Association in Woodlake is responsible for the road resurfacing on those streets. As to New Hampshire Avenue, which is a County road, and the good news is that this past year, when the town professionals were going through the list of the streets in need of sidewalks, Committeeman Coles had requested that New Hampshire Avenue be included on that list. New Hampshire Avenue will be getting new sidewalks, but he does not know when the County will be doing the work, but they have included it in their plans as well. The sidewalks that are being done by the town will be constructed this year, but the County will be doing New Hampshire Avenue.

Rebecca Spinelli, Bay Hill Road – Commented on the issue of tree clearing, that there used to be an Ordinance regarding the clearing of trees, indicating that you could not cut down all the trees when developers came in. You had to leave a certain amount of trees, not only along the perimeter, but all around the homes. She asked if that Ordinance was still in effect. She also asked how many signatures are needed on a petition to initiate a moratorium on the building in Lakewood. The explosion of building is unprecedented and someone has to put a stop to it, and take a step back and plan it. Obviously the schools can not be supported by it, and the taxpayers do not want to pay for it anymore. She asked how they go about getting a moratorium on the building.

Mr. Secare responded that Lakewood is not a form of government that calls for initiative in referendums. There is no set number. It is non-binding. Some towns have initiative referendums which put questions on the ballot. This is not that form of government. So there is no set number of signatures. Any petition will be welcomed by the Committee. You would have to go around town and get signatures, and get as many as possible, and present it to the Committee. There is no formal manner that is laid out by state statute, or town ordinance that says you need any specific number of people to sign anything.

Committeeman Coles suggested that when the Master Plan Committee is up and running that she try to attend as many of those meetings as possible. All of the meetings will have a portion for public comment. The Committee is designed to get a community consensus, of what the community wants to see, as far as the future development of the town. So he is saying it is very important for as many people as possible to come out and state their point of view, to the Committee, to get their points across to the Committee.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: FEBRUARY 4, 2016

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D'Elia, and carried, to approve the above Minutes. Committeeman Coles abstained.

**MOTION TO APPROVE WORKSHOP AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:
FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D'Elia, and carried, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes. Committeeman Coles abstained.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Committeeman Lichtenstein advised he is in receipt of a petition with over five hundred signatures requesting traffic control at the intersection of West County Line Road and Teaberry Court. West County Line Road is a County road, and it intersects with a Township Road, Teaberry Court. He gave the petition to the Clerk, and requested her to forward the petition to the Chief of Police and to the Engineering Department, for review, and asked that Engineering forward it to the County and then get back to the Committee with a report from both the Police and the County Engineer's Office. And also that he be provided with a copy.

At this time, the professionals left the meeting.

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, in Support of New Jersey Working Families
Resolution No. 2016-114**
2. **Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Rejecting Bids for Information Technology Support Services.
Resolution No. 2016-115**
3. **Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Submission for Grant Monies to the Recycling Fund Pursuant to the Recycling Enhancement Act, P.L. 2007, Chapter 311.
Resolution No. 2016-116**

- 4. Resolution Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing Application For 2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant
Resolution No. 2016-117**
- 5. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Accepting a Bid for Block 1087 Lot 2 as a Result of the Private Land Sale 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. 2016-118**
- 6. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acceptance of a Donation.
Resolution No. 2016-119**
- 7. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Releasing a Performance Guarantee Posted by Accurate Builders, in Connection With SD #1406, Primrose Estates, Block 11.01, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7.01, 15, 18 and 19.
Resolution No. 2016-120**
- 8. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Releasing a Performance Guarantee Posted by Esther Jachimowitz, in Connection with SD #1511, West Kennedy Boulevard, Block 27, Lots 46.07 and 58.
Resolution No. 2016-121**
- 9. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Releasing the Maintenance Guarantee Posted by Congregation Mayan Hatorah In Connection with ZB #3551, Joe Parker Road, Block 189.03, Lot 174.
Resolution No. 2016-122**
- 10. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Releasing a Performance Guarantee Posted by Platinum Developers @ Waverly, LLC, in Connection with SD #1817, Block 548, Lots 30, 31, 270 and 271.
Resolution No. 2016-123**
- 11. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Releasing a Performance Guarantee Posted by 319 Lincoln, LLC, in Connection With SD #1332A, Maple Estates (Arlington Estates), Block 771, Lot 1; Block 772, Lot 1; and Block 774.01, Lots 4, 5 and 10.
Resolution No. 2016-124**

- 12. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood County of Ocean State of New Jersey, Rejecting Bids For A 2017 Truck Refuse Front Loader Services. Resolution No. 2016-125**
- 13. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood County of Ocean State of New Jersey, In Support of the New Jersey Veterans PTSD Taskforce. Resolution No.2016-126**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D'Elia, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 13 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2016-114 through 2016-126 – Adopted.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter XVIII (Unified Development Ordinance) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood, Specifically Section 18-200, Section 18-812, Section 18-903 and Article X. (Billboards)

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller 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 Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

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

Ordinance No. 2016-11 adopted on 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 Miller 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 Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

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

Ordinance No. 2016-12 adopted on second reading.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter X (Personnel), of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood Reestablishing Under Section 10-11.2 the Compensation for Waiver of Employee Coverage of Health Benefits.

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller 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 Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman D'Elia.

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

Ordinance No. 2016-13 adopted on second reading.

An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Chapter XI (Traffic), Section 11-14 (Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours On Certain Streets) Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of Lakewood 1999.

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Miller 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 Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Akerman.

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

Ordinance No. 2016-14 adopted on second reading.

Mayor Miller requested that the Clerk forward this Ordinance be forwarded Tony Arrechi at Public Works, in order that the signs be installed as soon as possible.

ORDINANCES FIRST READING – Second Reading and Public Hearing to be held on March 3, 2016

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Private Sale of Block 830, Lots 42 and 43, in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, at Private Sale Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq.

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Akerman, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

Committeeman Coles asked if the purpose of this land sale is to create area for a school or for a housing development. It mentions a school, but also mentions townhouses, so he is not sure.

Discussion continued. As this Ordinance was for first reading, the Motions were amended, and further, the Ordinance died due to lack of Motion.

CORRESPONDENCE – PARKS AND EVENTS

Per schedule of nine (9) parks/events requests, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Akerman, and carried, to accept and process the above correspondence items.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman D'Elia, to approve the above Bill List.

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

Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Miller reminded everyone that he has the CDBG Purchase Orders, and all have been signed, and requested that a Motion that instead of having to wait for the next Township meeting for the checks to be cut, he would like to ask the Committee to please approve these checks to be manually cut so they can get the checks out to the participants. The Motion was offered by Committeeman D'Elia, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Akerman, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.