

The Lakewood Township Committee held its Annual Re-Organization Meeting on Tuesday, January 1, 2013 at 11:00 AM in the Lakewood Municipal Building, with the following present:

Committee Members..... Albert D. Akerman  
Raymond Coles  
Steven Langert  
Meir Lichtenstein  
Menashe P. Miller  
Municipal Manager..... Michael Muscillo  
Deputy Municipal Manager..... Steven Reinman  
Municipal Clerk..... Mary Ann Del Mastro

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG.....LED BY: CRAIG THEIBAULT**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM.....SUNG BY: SHUA KESSIN**

**INVOCATION.....BY: RABBI MOSHE LICHTENSTEIN**

**PRAYER FOR ARMED SERVICE MEN & WOMEN  
BY: CAPTAIN MARK SEIGEL**

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**OATH OF OFFICE...TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMAN – MEIR LICHTENSTEIN  
ADMINISTERED BY: SENATOR ROBERT W. SINGER**

**OATH OF OFFICE...TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMAN – MENASHE P. MILLER  
ADMINISTERED BY: SENATOR ROBERT W. SINGER**

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Coles, nominating Albert D. Akerman to the position of Mayor for the year 2013.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman Langert, and Committeeman Miller.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR – ALBERT AKERMAN  
ADMINISTERED BY: SENATOR ROBERT W. SINGER**

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Coles, nominating Steven Langert to the position of Deputy Mayor for the year 2013.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Langert, Committeeman Miller and Mayor Akerman.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR – STEVEN LANGERT**  
ADMINISTERED BY: SENATOR ROBERT W. SINGER

**APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – LAWRENCE E. BATHGATE, II, ESQ.,  
AND BATHGATE, WEGENER & WOLF, P.C.**

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, appointing Lawrence E. Bathgate, II, Esq., and the firm of Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, P.C. to the position of Township Attorney for the year 2013.

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

**Resolution No. 2013-1 – Adopted.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) **RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2013 MEETING DATES OF THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
Resolution No. 2013-2
- 2) **RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2013 MEETING DATES OF THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH**  
Resolution No. 2013-3
- 3) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2013**  
Resolution No. 2013-4
- 4) **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD**  
Resolution No. 2013-5
- 5) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HOLMAN & FRENIA, P.C., AS TOWNSHIP AUDITOR**  
Resolution No. 2013-6
- 6) **RESOLUTION SETTING INTEREST RATES ON TAX DELINQUENCIES AND DESIGNATING EFFIE PRESSLEY AS TAX SEARCHER**  
Resolution No. 2013-7
- 7) **RESOLUTION IMPOSING YEAR END PENALTIES ON TAX ARREARAGES**  
Resolution No. 2013-8
- 8) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARY ANN DEL MASTRO AS LIQUOR LICENSE ADMINISTRATOR**  
Resolution No. 2013-9
- 9) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARY ANN DEL MASTRO AS LIABILITY ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER**  
Resolution No. 2013-10

- 10) **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD**  
Resolution No. 2013-11
- 11) **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD.**  
Resolution No. 2013-12
- 12) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER – STEVEN LANGERT**  
Resolution No. 2013-13
- 13) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONERS – MICHAEL MUSCILLO, ALBERT D. AKERMAN, MENASHE P. MILLER, STEVEN REINMAN**  
Resolution No. 2013-14
- 14) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT C.E.R.T. COORDINATOR AND C.E.R.T. DEPUTY COORDINATOR – KENNETH DIX (1-YEAR TERM), AND MOSHE EHRMAN (1-YEAR TERM)**  
Resolution No. 2013-15
- 15) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COORDINATORS TO THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES – DEPUTY CHIEF FRED CAPPER, DOV DEMBITZER, KENNETH DIX, MICHAEL D’ELIA, MOSHE EHRMAN, MEIR LICHTENSTRIN, MENASHE P. MILLER, YISROEL SCHENKOLEWSKI, AND SGT. FRANK WORK (1-YEAR TERM)**  
Resolution No. 2013-16
- 16) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE – SCOTT J. BASEN, ESQ. (3-YEAR TERM)**  
Resolution No. 2013-17
- 17) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE – DANIEL F. SAHIN, ESQ. (1-YEAR TERM)**  
Resolution No. 2013-18
- 18) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY – SALVATORE ALFIERI, ESQ.**  
Resolution No. 2013-19
- 19) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER – LEIB KLEIN, ESQ.**  
Resolution No. 2013-20
- 20) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR – ROBERT A. ROTHSTEIN, ESQ.**  
Resolution No. 2013-21

- 21) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS – VALTER MUST, ESQ. AND MICHAEL BURNS, ESQ.**  
Resolution No. 2013-22
- 22) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL TOWNSHIP COUNSELS – STEVEN SECARE, ESQ., AND SECARE, RYAN & HENSEL; GEORGE R. GILMORE, ESQ., AND GILMORE & MONAHAN; KELAHER, VAN DYKE & MORIARTY; GLUCK WALRATH, LLP; SEAN T. KEAN, ESQ., OF CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI & JACOBS, LLC; DASTI, MURPHY, MCGUCKIN, ULAKY, CHERKOS & CONNERS**  
Resolution No. 2013-23
- 23) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR MEDIATION – MICHAEL B. BERMAN, ESQ.**  
Resolution No. 2013-24
- 24) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY – STEVEN SECARE, ESQ., AND SECARE, RYAN & HENSEL**  
Resolution No. 2013-25
- 25) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR THE LAKEWOOD INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION – SEAN T. KEAN, ESQ., OF CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI & JACOBS, LLC**  
Resolution No. 2013-26
- 26) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – REMINGTON, VERNICK & VENA, ENGINEERS**  
Resolution No. 2013-27
- 27) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – PETER R. AVAKIAN**  
Resolution No. 2013-28
- 28) **RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP PLANNER – T & M ASSOCIATES**  
Resolution No. 2013-29
- 29) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REHABCO**  
Resolution No. 2013-30

- 30) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD – ERVIN OROSS**  
Resolution No. 2013-31
- 31) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO ACT AS AGENT OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR TAX APPEALS**  
Resolution No. 2013-32
- 32) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LAKEWOOD PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER - MARY ANN DEL MASTRO**  
Resolution No. 2013-33
- 33) **RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STARMARK APPRAISALS FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES**  
Resolution No. 2013-34
- 34) **RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC., FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES**  
Resolution No. 2013-35
- 35) **RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GAGLIANO APPRAISAL, LLC, FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES**  
Resolution No. 2013-36
- 36) **RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF INTEGRA REALTY RESOURCES, COASTAL NJ, FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES**  
Resolution No. 2013-37
- 37) **RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP BOND COUNSEL – DILWORTH PAXSON LLP**  
Resolution No. 2013-38

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman Coles, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 37 on the Consent Agenda.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein (abstained on Resolution Nos. 20 and 21), Committeeman Miller, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Akerman.

**Resolution Nos. 2013-2 through 2013-38 – Adopted.**

Mayor Akerman advised that the Township Committee Liaisons would now read the appointments to the various Township Boards and Commissions.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

### **ADA Compliance Committee and Disabilities Commission: (Liaison -Raymond Coles)**

Committeeman Coles offered the following appointments: Thomas Barry, Jean Hannon, William Sette, as Alternates, each for a one year term; Dov Kreiswirth, Joan Lorenc, each for a one year term.

### **CDBG Selection Committee: (Liaison – Steven Langert/Raymond Coles)**

Deputy Mayor Langert offered the following appointments: Chava Chase, Nathan Eisen, Aaron Hoberman, Joseph DiMattina, Eli Rennert, Bernard Williams, each for a one year term.

### **Civil Rights Commission: (Liaison – Raymond Coles)**

Committeeman Coles offered the following appointments: Cager Brown, Thomas O'Malley, each for a two year term.

### **Complete Town Committee: (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)**

Committeeman Miller advised he would like to revamp this Committee this year, and at this point in time, he would like to postpone the appointments and they will redo this committee in the future.

### **Emergency Planning Council: (Liaison – Meir Lichtenstein)**

Committeeman Lichtenstein offered the following appointments: Kimball Medical Center Representative, Morty Berger (Lakewood First Aid), Scott Carter, Michael D'Elia, Kenneth Dix, Anita Doyle (LIC), Al Burdge (DPW), Bernard Gindoff, Danny Goldberg, Police Chief Robert Lawson, George J. Leggett, Meir Lichtenstein, Ranato Madarang, Menashe P. Miller, Ruth Molnar, Avi Pollack, Saul Rotberg (Hatzolah), Michael Saccamanno (Inspections), Yisroel Schenkolewski, Fire Chief Todd Stark, Jacob Sussman (OEM), Pastor Glenn Wilson, Sgt. Frank Work, Thomas Zambrano (GCU), each for a one year term.

### **Environmental Commission: (Liaison – Albert D. Akerman)**

Mayor Akerman offered the following appointments: Menashe P. Miller, as Alt. 2/Planning Board Liaison, for a two year term; David J. Hibberson, Michael Sernotti, Morris Weinberg, each for a three year term; Jerry Tischler, as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate to fill an unexpired two year term to expire December 31, 2013; and Motty Twerski, for an unexpired three year term to expire December 31, 2014.

**Heritage Commission:** (Liaison – Raymond Coles)

Before offering appointments, he asked to take a moment to remember Sheldon Wolpin, who passed away recently. Sheldon spent many years dedicating himself to Lakewood Township, in particular, the Heritage Commission. One of his lifelong dreams was to see a museum established in town which is very close to being done. He asked that everyone please keep Sheldon and his wife, Edith, in their thoughts.

Committeeman Coles offered the following appointments: Betty Aptekar, Rich Errickson, Armen Hagopian, Sanford Kalb, Robert Kirschner, Charles H. Mandell, Esq., Edith Wolpin, Dr. Claribel Young, each for a three year term; John Barron, William C. Brown, Sr., Oksana Hagopian, as Alternates, each for a three year term.

**Housing Authority:** (Liaison – Raymond Coles)

Committeeman Coles offered the following appointment: Gregg Stafford-Smith, Sr., for a five year term.

**Industrial Commission:** (Liaison – Steven Langert)

Deputy Mayor Langert offered the following appointments: Justin Flancbaum, Edwin Schuster, Sr., each for a five year term.

**Lakewood Development Corporation:** (Liaison – Raymond Coles/Albert D. Akerman)

Committeeman Coles offered the following appointments: Albert D. Akerman and Raymond Coles, each for a one year term; Mike McNeil, Dan Czermak, each for a two year term.

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board/ Special Events:** (Liaison – Albert D. Akerman)

Mayor Akerman offered the following appointments: Fred Ponti, Toni Ponti (PALS Liaison), Sgt. Frank Work, Jorge Esmart, each for a one year term; William Lindsey, Donna Santoli-Riegel, each for a three year term; Michael Cohen, for a four year term.

**Planning Board** (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)

Committeeman Miller offered the following appointment: Eli Rennert, Alt. 2, for a two year term.

**Rent Control Board:** (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)

Committeeman Miller offered the following appointments: David Garfield (Non Landlord Member), Moshe Raitzik, (Tenant Member), Jonathan Rubin (Landlord Member), Lisa Skinner (Landlord Member), Nathaniel Small, Sr. (Tenant Member), Yitzchok Szmidt (Non-Landlord Member), and Yitzchok Willroth (Non-Landlord Member), each for a one year term.

**Transportation Board:** (Liaison – Albert D. Akerman)

Mayor Akerman offered the following appointments: David Garfield, Steven Reinman, John Stillwell, each for a three year term; Jerry Tischler, to fill an unexpired three year term to expire December 31, 2014; Eugene Cautillo, to fill an unexpired three year term to expire December 31, 2013.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** (Liaison – Steven Langert)

Deputy Mayor Langert offered the following appointments: Lee Mund, Judah Ribiat, for a two year term; Joel Schwartz, Alt. 1, to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2013; Howard Pomerantz, Alt. 2, for a two year term.

### **MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Mayor Akerman offered the following appointments, for a one year term:

**Cable Advisory Committee:**

Ed Decker, Myrna Geller, Arlene Gietter, Noreen Gill, Najiran Holland, Phil Kuznitz, Colin Lewis, Bob MacGregor, Jim Trischitta, and Laura Winters.

**Mayor's Council of Presidents of Adult Communities:**

(Current Presidents of Adult Communities)

**Tourism Advisory Committee:**

Stanley Banas, Michael Billig, Mary Cranwell, Lorraine Franklin, Ruth Schreiner

**Utilities Advisory Committee:**

Shmuel Binder, Hal Halvorsen, Bill Hobday, Mike McNeil, Moshe Raitzik, Yonasan Sanders, Larry Simons, and Gregg Stafford-Smith

**Veterans Advisory Committee:**

John Z. Balla, US Air Force Chaplain Major (S) Raphael Berdugo, Michael B. Berman, William Doyle, Nathan Eisen, Bill Keating, Bernie Lesiak, Thomas Lorenc, Joan Ordino, Joseph Qualiano, Sr., Joe Rangell, Captain Mark Seigel

### **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Akerman offered the following appointments:

**Planning Board**

Class I/Mayor's Designee Appointment (one year term) –  
Class I Appointment (one year term) – **Albert D. Akerman, Mayor**  
Class II Appointment (one year term) –  
Class III Appointment (one year term) – **Menashe P. Miller**



Mayor Akerman advised he would now deviate from the Agenda and offered the following presentation.

Mayor Akerman advised that traditionally the Municipal Manager presented the gavel to the outgoing Mayor. He decided that since he served under Menashe Miller as Deputy Mayor last year, he would like to make the presentation to Menashe Miller and thanked him for the past two years as Mayor, and presented him with the ceremonial gavel.

Committeeman Miller thanked everyone, and was appreciative of the gesture.

#### **2013 MAYOR'S LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

##### **ALBERT D. AKERMAN**

BOARD OF HEALTH  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
INSPECTION DEPARTMENT  
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF ADULT COMMUNITIES  
PARKS AND RECREATION/SPECIAL EVENTS  
PUBLIC RELATIONS  
TRANSPORTATION

##### **STEVEN LANGERT**

BUDGET MANAGEMENT  
CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS  
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
LEGAL DEPARTMENT  
MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF ADULT COMMUNITIES  
TAX ASSESSOR  
TAX COLLECTOR  
ZONING BOARD

##### **RAYMOND COLES**

ADA COMPLIANCE & DISABILITIES  
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
HERITAGE COMMISSION  
HOUSING AUTHORITY  
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES  
TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

##### **MEIR LICHTENSTEIN**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FIRST AID & EMT  
MUNICIPAL COURT  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
POLICE COMMISSIONER  
STREET LIGHTING  
TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES  
UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MENASHE P. MILLER**

AIRPORT  
ADVERTISING AND CIVIC DISPLAY  
COMPLETE TOWN COMMITTEE  
PLANNING BOARD  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
REGISTRAR  
RENT CONTROL BOARD  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS  
TOWNSHIP CLERK  
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committeeman Lichtenstein wished everyone a Happy New Year and he appreciates all those who have come out to support him today. He thanked the people of Lakewood for entrusting him to another term on the Township Committee. He will serve to the best of his ability to continue to work with this growing town over the next three years. He recognized his family members who are always there for him and who came out to support him today. He thanked those in the Democratic party who helped with his re-election. He thanked his office staff and for putting up with the constant interruptions. He thanked Senator Singer for taking the time to administer his Oath of Office. He recognized his fellow Committeemen Steven Langert and Ray Coles, and looks forward to continue working with them for the betterment of Lakewood. To his dear friend Menashe, it was a pleasure serving with him for the past two years. He knows how hard he worked, and how much he truly cares about people. He hopes he will be able to enjoy more time with him family, and he looks forward to their continued friendship and working relationship. He congratulated Mayor Akerman on his election as Mayor. He will enjoy working under his direction, and with his agenda. He can count on him to be there for him, and offered best wishes to his family.

Committeeman Lichtenstein also commented on matters that need to be addressed this year. They have spent extensive time and effort working with the downtown business owners to continue to encourage a strong and vibrant downtown. He will continue to work with Mayor Akerman on this matter. Another very pressing issue is Tent City. Those in Lakewood are a compassionate citizenry, and have a history of caring for all of those who are less fortunate. They are, and have been, involved in a host of programs and initiatives to better the lives of the less fortunate and those who have fallen on hard times. However, the ongoing issue with Tent City is becoming a hazard to the residents of Tent City, the residents of the surrounding areas, and to the first responders. There have been violent crimes and illegal activity. The very fires used to warm the residents have caused injury and death. In discussions with the first responders, it is becoming more and more obvious that the geographical conditions in the area make it very challenging at best and unsafe at worst to properly provide these vital services. The Township Committee must act quickly to rectify these conditions. They have a scheduled meeting with County Officials, and will impress upon them the need to work together on this topic expeditiously and get it resolved as quickly as possible. He will also continue to work with the Office of Emergency Management to improve response. Their conditions were tested during Hurricane Sandy, and they certainly learned how to improve their performance even more. He hopes to continue to work with the Police Department to continue to ascertain the needs of the citizens and interactions with them, so that Lakewood is a safer and better place for all. He thanked his family for always being there

for him, and apologized for all the missed family time. He thanked his wife for keeping the house and his life together, and for her constant support. He hopes that the year 2013 will be a year when the town will continue to move in a positive direction. He is so encouraged by the volunteerism and dedication and the good people of this town. He thanked everyone for coming out today, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Committeeman Miller thanked the public for putting their trust in him, and electing him to another term. He sincerely appreciates that and feels honored to sit in this capacity. He recognized elected officials in the audience. He congratulated Committeeman Lichtenstein on his re-election. He thanked Republican Party members for their work on his campaign. He thanked his colleagues on the Township Committee. He congratulated Mayor Akerman on his appointment as Mayor. They have tremendous faith in him, and will stand by him in this coming year. He thanked his family for their support, and apologized for the missed family time.

Committeeman Coles commented that it has been eleven years since he joined the Committee as the “young kid”. Looking at it now, he realizes he is the senior member both in time served and in years lived. It has been an incredible journey for him so far, exciting, scary, frustrating, but most of all it has been rewarding. The four other members of the Committee are probably the most dedicated people that he knows. They will fight like cats and dogs with each other, but when it comes down to doing the right thing for the Township, they come together as a family. He reads about problems in other towns and looks at how they come together on the dais, and all the bickering and personal matters get put aside, and they get down to work for what is right for the people of the Township of Lakewood. And that is one of the highest honors that he can have, to serve with people like that. He congratulated Mayor Akerman and offered him his support and guidance. He thanked everyone for their well wishes on his recent surgery. He looks forward to working as hard as ever for the people of Lakewood, and it is a great honor for him to be here.

Deputy Mayor Langert congratulated Committeeman Lichtenstein and Committeeman Miller on their re-election. He congratulated Mayor Akerman on his appointment as Mayor. It will be a very challenging year, but under his direction, they will come through it extremely well. He wished Committeeman Coles a speedy and healthy full recovery. He thanked the Committee, his fellow Republicans, for asking him to serve as Deputy Mayor this year. He pointed out that this Committee tries to work together, and always tries to find solutions together, and for that, he appreciates the bipartisan support. He thanked the Committee members for the nomination as Deputy Mayor. He thanked Senator Singer for administering his Oath of Office, and for always being there for him personally whenever he needed advice or guidance. He thanked his wife and family for their constant unwavering support. He thanked his office staff. As Deputy Mayor, he pledged to Mayor Akerman that he will work with him to further his cause and agenda, will be there for him, and will try to offer any help and assistance, with the understanding that is the Mayor’s agenda that they are trying to accomplish.

## **MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

Mayor Akerman stated they expect this to be a fairly challenging year, and they have a lot to try to accomplish. He appreciates the vote of confidence from the Committee and public. He thanked everyone. Obviously they need this to be a collective effort as he can not do it alone. He is looking for their input, which will always be welcome, and very important to him. He hopes they meet the challenge and that they come out looking very good from this. The tougher the year, the better they can end up looking, and he is confident that they will come through, and will do a good job. He addressed some of the concerns they face as a town. Some of the ideas are his own, some are ideas that the Committee has been working on in the past, and he wants to bring them up in a general way right now, and hopefully the Committee can work together to bring them to fruition. The number one issue is taxes. It is expected to be a very tough budget year. He will announce that Deputy Mayor Langert is the Budget Liaison. It does not mean he is on his own, and if taxes should go up it does not mean that he will take the blame. There are five Committeemen and all have taxes on their minds, as they are all taxpayers and none of them want to see their own taxes go up. So they all take full responsibility, and turn to the Deputy Mayor Langert for his help and guidance, but they all take responsibility and have their own ideas, and are counting every penny. He does not want anyone to think that because they are on the Committee that they are any different. They try their hardest to keep the budget down, as they will do so this year, and hope that they can bring a flat budget, if not, a lower budget as they have in the past two years. There are a lot of ways to bring in revenues and he does not want to get into too many ideas they have going. But one of them is that they intend to chase grants. There are hundreds of grants out there that they can tap into. Not all apply, some are matching grants, some are full grants. For the most part, most are matching grants. The Engineer has presented a full list of grants, and they hope to pursue many of them. He hopes to combine certain departments in order to save costs. They have discussed implementing impact fees on builders. As they build, more traffic lights, through roads, etc., are needed, and it costs the Township a lot of money. The Township has been footing the bill, and they hope to bring the matter of impact fees to fruition as well. Recently Deputy Mayor Langert discovered they have a lot of uncollected funds, which are due to the town through the Municipal Court. They will definitely try to collect it, as it is a significant amount of money. They passed a Resolution to do a reverse auction on their utilities through a company called EMEX, and this is something he would like to pursue. He would like to price shop for products and services, and they will continue to work on bringing new businesses into town, in an effort to expand their commercial ratables. With regard to traffic, this may be the year that public transportation comes to Lakewood. It is already in the works, and he hopes it will be brought to fruition this year. They are working on bringing more street lights to town, and finishing roads such as Vine Street, to create more pass-through roads. But most importantly, they intend to bring a full-core press, with the help of their representatives, Senator Singer and Sean Kean, to finally try to somewhat widen Route 9. As Committeeman Lichtenstein stated, Tent City is of great concern. For the sake of the residents living in Tent City, there have been many incidents lately... and for their own safety, and for the sake of the residents living in surrounding areas... they had a meeting recently where people complained about health and safety issues, and they take all their concerns seriously and he definitely intends, with the help of the Committee, it may be time for them to take a tougher stance and find out what their rights area, but they

definitely want to tackle this issue head on, both for the safety of the residents of Tent City, and for the sake of the residents in the neighborhood. Parking may have been hard to find today. Many businesses are suffering because of the insufficient parking, and he hopes to increase the number of parking spaces in the municipal and downtown areas. They lost a lot of trees to development over the years, and recently due to Hurricane Sandy, the Republican Club President, Craig Theibault, is already working on bringing twelve thousand trees to town. He hopes to look at other ways, as well, for people to bring trees to town, so they can bring back some beauty to Lakewood. He hopes to promote buying in Lakewood, as well, as Committeeman Miller started last year, starting with the Township itself. It is his intention that they advertise in local papers and media to make shop vendors and service providers aware of what the town is doing so that they may submit bids as well. There is so much to talk about, but the clock keeps ticking, and it is New Years Day. He hopes that the public feels that they should help shoulder the burden of responsibility of making Lakewood an even better place to live. If anyone has a good idea, they should feel free to e-mail him at his Township e-mail address, which is on the website. He expects to hear from people as he can not do it alone. They give as much time as they have, and they need more help. If anyone has an idea, he wants to hear it. He is going to be setting up a direct phone line at the Mayor's Office so people can call and submit their ideas. There are five Committeemen, and this is a wonderful town with many volunteers, and many concerned citizens. He thanked his wife for her unrelenting support, and apologized to his children for the missed family time. He commended his parents, and thanked them for their support, as they are not fond of politics. He is here today with their blessings, and he thanked them very much. He thanked his in-laws and family members for their support and for coming today. He thanked everyone and the Republican Club members who helped with his campaign and for their constant support. He appreciates the moral support and for what they have done for him, and for hopefully making him the capable person that he is in taking the seat as Mayor.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WILL BE HEARD. EACH SPEAKER WILL HAVE A FOUR (4) MINUTE TIME LIMIT AT THE PODIUM.**

Mayor Akerman opened the meeting to the public.

Steve Secare, Toms River – Congratulated the Committee members, and thanked them for his reappointment. He does not take these things lightly, and does not take it for granted, and wished everyone a great year.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Commented on the homeless issue. Also, on the issue of saving money, he suggested that they make the investment and automate the Inspection Department, and they will recover the money by the time you save in the processing of paperwork.

Bill Hobday – Congratulated Committeeman Miller and Committeeman Lichtenstein on their re-election. Congratulated Mayor Akerman on his appointment.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Congratulated Mayor Akerman and Deputy Mayor Langert on their appointments. Offered his assistance in any way.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Congratulated Mayor Akerman on his appointment.

Shmuel Binder, 11 Brisk Lane and Gregg Stafford-Smith, 1200 Cross Street – Congratulated Committeeman Miller and Committeeman Lichtenstein on their re-election. Congratulated Mayor Akerman and thanked him for their reappointment to the Utilities Advisory Committee. Commented on the Township’s lawsuit with JCPL, and service by JCP&L to the town. Thanked the legislatures for their letter to the BPU requesting a rate case meeting on the proposed JCP&L rate increase in Lakewood. Thanked Committeeman Miller for issuing a letter on behalf of Lakewood, to the BPU requesting the rate case meeting to be held in Lakewood. They look forward to the Committee’s support on this matter.

Mike McNeil – Congratulated and thanked the Township Committee, and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Commented on the homeless issue, Tent City, and affordable housing.

Moshe Raitzik, 166 North Crest Place – Congratulated the Township Committee members, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

**BENEDICTION: MINISTER GLENN BRADFORD**

**“GOD BLESS AMERICA” – PERFORMED BY: CANTOR BRAUN**

Mayor Akerman thanked everyone for coming, and announced that a party will be held at the Strand Theater after the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:22 PM