The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2015 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 5:30 PM for the Executive/Workshop Session, and 7:30 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

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

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 8, 2015 and amended on April 14, 2015.

ROLL CALL

CLOSED SESSION
Resolution No. 2015-157 - Adopted

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

OPEN SESSION
Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to open the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: March 26, 2015
Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, and carried, to approve the above Minutes. Committeeman Coles did not vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE WORKSHOP AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: March 26, 2015
Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman D’Elia, and carried, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes. Committeeman Coles did not vote.

PRESENTATIONS

2015 Fire Prevention Inspector of the Year - Ronald Piszar

Mayor Akerman and the Township Committee congratulated Ron Piszar on his Award as 2015 Fire Inspector of the Year by the State of New Jersey Fire Prevention and Protection Association.
ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION - None

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 Akerman opened the meeting to the public.

Janice Urbsitis, 68 Seminole Drive – Commented with regard to a Notice she received from the Inspection Department concerning an Open Work Permit for her residence, for the removal and replacement of an oil tank. She does not now, and has never, had an oil tank removed. When she spoke with the department, she was advised that the Contractor would have to correct the paperwork. When the Contractor came to her residence, it appeared that they had removed the oil tank at the residence next door, at 60 Seminole Drive. She relayed that info to the department to be corrected. She further questioned the assessment on her home, versus the assessment on the property next door. She would like to know why that residence was granted a reduction through the appeal process, and she was not. She provided pictures of the property to the Committee members.

Mayor Akerman advised he would request the Tax Assessor to reach out to her. He also requested that she leave her phone number with the Township Clerk, and he would see what he could do with the Inspection Department as well.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court – Commented on the subject of clear-cutting of the trees in Lakewood; and with regard to reimbursement to Original Leisure Village for snow removal. She advised that their Village Attorney and Manager requested an additional twenty (20) days to come up with a figure. She wants to know when the Township will pay the funds that they are owed.

Mayor Akerman advised that there is a Court Order to go to mediation.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Commented with regard to the cost of snow removal at the Fairways. Also commented regarding a proposed salt storage facility at the Fairways, which is being opposed by the majority of the residents.

Mary Stars, 695B Plymouth Drive – Commented regarding reimbursement to Original Leisure Village.

Mr. Secare will reach out to Sean Gertner, the Attorney for Leisure Village.

Kathleen Dory, 622A Huntington Drive – Commented with regard to reimbursement to Original Leisure Village. Also spoke in opposition to the proposed turn-around at Airport Road; their community is not in favor of this.
Patricia Wilson, 545B Sheffield Court – Commented in opposition to the proposed turn-around at Airport Road.

Sandra Accamando, 169 Sterling Court – Spoke in opposition to the upcoming revaluation, and that many residents are not aware of what will occur.

Mayor Akerman advised that he is a taxpayer also, and is concerned what it will do to his tax rate, and the entire Committee is opposed to doing the revaluation, but they were ordered to do it by the State, so the Township does not have a choice.

Mayor Akerman further advised that they can do a presentation, with the Tax Assessor, to the residents at Leisure Village to explain the revaluation.

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

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, and State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Disposal/Sale of Garbage Pails/Carts for the Department of Public Works to Otto Environmental Systems NC, LLC. Resolution No. 2015-158


3. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations for the Period Between the Beginning of the Current Fiscal Year and the Date of the Adoption of the 2015 Budget. Resolution No. 2015-160

4. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Releasing a Performance Guarantee Posted by Shmuel Perlstein, in Connection With SD #1654, Block 778.01 Lot 18. Resolution No. 2015-161
5. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, Releasing a Performance Guarantee Posted by Omnipoint Communications, Inc., in Connection With SP #1885, Block 563, 564, Lot 1. Resolution No. 2015-162

6. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, Releasing a Performance Guarantee Posted by Fourth and Forest, LLC, in Connection With SP #1785a, Block 51 Lot 2. Resolution No. 2015-163

7. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, Releasing a Performance Guarantee Posted by Sprint Spectrum, LP, in Connection With SD #1964, Block 1160 Lot 269.01. Resolution No. 2015-164

8. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, Providing a Resolution of Concurrence in Support of the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s Findings Regarding Centerline Markings on Route 9 for Purpose of the Promulgation of a Traffic Regulation Order. Resolution No. 2015-165

9. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, Granting Paul Williams an Unpaid Leave of Absence Pursuant to Chapter X Entitled “Personnel Policies” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood, Specifically Section 10-15.7 (Leave without Pay). Resolution No. 2015-166


12. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, Authorizing Cancelation of Taxes Due to Transfer of Ownership to the Municipality. Resolution No. 2015-169

14. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Ocean County for Animal Shelter Service Resolution No. 2015-171

15. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, Amending UEZ Budget for Project Known as “Downtown Supplemental Parking – Phase III” Resolution No. 2015-172

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 15 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2015-158 through 2015-172 – Adopted.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

Refunding Bond Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Providing for the Refunding of All or a Portion of the Townships General Improvement Bonds, Series 2007, Dated November 1, 2007, Appropriating an Amount Not Exceeding $5,500,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed $5,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Township of Lakewood for Financing the Cost Thereof. (Pay off Old Bonds and Issuing New Bonds at lower interest rate for net savings)

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Akerman 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 Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Ordinance No. 2015-21 adopted on second reading.

Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to Various Roadways and Sidewalks, Appropriating $6,500,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of $6,175,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof, Authorized in and by the Township of Lakewood, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey.

Read by title only for second reading.
Mayor Akerman 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 Miller and Mayor Akerman.
Ordinance No. 2015-22 adopted on second reading.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Releasing, Extinguishing and Vacating the Rights of the Public of a Portion of a Paper Street Known as Glen Avenue South, in the Township of Lakewood. 
Read by title only for second reading.
Mayor Akerman 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 Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller.
On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D’Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.
Ordinance No. 2015-23 adopted on second reading.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Conveyance and Execution of a Deed of a Fee Simple Interest For Road Widening, an Easement For Storm Drainage, an Overhead Utility Easement, a Sidewalk Easement and a Sight Triangle Easement From a Portion of Lot 21 Block 175.01, East County Line Road. 
Read by title only for second reading.
Mayor Akerman 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 Miller.
On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D’Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.
Ordinance No. 2015-24 adopted on second reading.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of Block 830, Lot 44 As Shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Lakewood, Pursuant to and in Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, Et Seq. 
Read by title only for second reading.
Mayor Akerman 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 Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Ordinance No. 2015-25 adopted on second reading.

ORDINANCES FIRST READING - Second Reading on April 30, 2015

Bond Ordinance Amending in Part Bond Ordinance No. 2008-42 Adopted September 11, 2008, Providing for Various Capital Improvements and Other Related Expenses, and Appropriating $2,480,133 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of $2,362,031 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof, in Order to Amend the Purpose, Authorized in and by the Township of Lakewood, In the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey.

Read by title only for first reading.
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 Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Ordinance No. 2015-26 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on April 30, 2015.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Purchase of an Easement in Block 190.04, Lots 8, 10 and 35 for the Construction of Sidewalks Along Ridge Avenue in the Township of Lakewood.

Read by title only for first reading.
The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Miller.

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

Ordinance No. 2015-27 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on April 30, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

Per list of one (1) correspondence item attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Per schedule of (11) eleven parks/events requests attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller, and carried, to approve the above correspondence items.
MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: April 15, 2015
Motion by Committeeman D’Elia, second by Committeeman Coles, to approve the above Bill List.
On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D’Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.
Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Committeeman Lichtenstein advised he would reach out to the residents of Original Leisure Village.

Deputy Mayor Miller advised he received a letter of resignation from Joshua Schmuckler from his position on the Planning Board. He offered the name of Justin Flancbaum to fill the remainder of Mr. Schmuckler’s term. A second was offered by Committeeman D’Elia. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Miller further advised he received a request from the downtown store owners. This past week, the west side of Clifton Avenue was blocked off by cones. He was out of town, so he called the Police Department to find out what it was about. Apparently, two or three buses from Manchester Township were parked there for a day, as there were students in the Strand. The store owners are requesting that the buses drop the students off, let the Police Department corner off an area in the parking lot where the bus will be able to park in the reserved spots, so when they come they will be able to get a spot in the parking lot. So at least the parking spots along the street will remain available.

Committeeman Coles advised he specifically instructed the staff at the Strand not to allow any buses to park there; that the kids should be dropped off and the buses should go down to the Blueclaws Stadium and be called when to come pick them up. It was the Police Department’s decision to block off that street, without his knowledge. He will talk to them again; it will not happen again until next year, but he will remind them again next year about this.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D’Elia, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.