

The Lakewood Township Committee held an Emergency Meeting on Thursday, November 1, 2012, in the Lakewood Municipal Building, Conference Room A, at 12:00 PM, with the following were present:

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

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, to the Asbury Park Press and Greater Media Newspaper on November 1, 2012.

ROLL CALL

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Deputy Mayor Akerman, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to open the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Deputy Mayor Akerman, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to enter into Executive Session, at 12:00 PM.

Resolution No. 2012-397 Adopted

Mayor Miller thanked Senator Robert Singer, and Justin Flancbaum, Director of the MUA, for attending today's meeting.

Senator Singer updated the Committee on the recovery process, from Hurricane Sandy. New Jersey Natural Gas response to the storm has been excellent. JCP&L's response has been slow. They do not seem to have enough people.

Mr. Flancbaum advised the Committee that the MUA's system is up and running with no problems, at this time.

A discussion on the various storm issues (loss of power; hazardous road conditions; traffic; and protection of property) ensued and how to handle the recovery.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to return to Open Session, at 12:45 PM.

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 authorizing an Emergency Meeting of the Lakewood Township Committee.

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, to approve Resolution No. on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution No. 2012-398 – Adopted.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Miller addressed the need for this Emergency Meeting, due to the welfare and safety of the Public. He thanked the Professionals for their dedication and hard work during this trying time. (Professionals in attendance: Chief Lawson; Al Burdge and Tony Arrechi, Public Works; Ally Morris and Jeff Staiger, Planning)

Senator Robert Singer and Justin Flancbaum, Director of the MUA were also in attendance.

Senator Singer said there will be no gas deliveries until Monday, (for Municipalities), and to keep this in mind, as we go through the weekend. Gas has been an issue, for the Public, as well, and causing major traffic problems, as people line up for gas, not only for their vehicles, but for their generators. Senator Singer advised as we move forward, (after Hurricane Sandy), radio's should be considered as a means of communication, in our OEM plan, for the future, due to the problems with cell towers.

Committeeman Coles asked Mr. Burdge how the Township's gas supply is holding up.

Mr. Burdge said we are expecting a delivery tomorrow, and should be okay. There is no problem with diesel fuel.

Committeeman Coles also asked if there is a way to contact Township gas stations to determine if they have gas and no electricity, or electricity and no gas, and contact information. There is also a need to regulate traffic, due to the long lines at the gas stations. Committeeman Coles suggested the LDC contact the gas stations. Jerry Walsh, of the LDC will contact the Township gas stations, and get the necessary information. Chief Lawson, will take care of the traffic issues.

Committeeman Lichtenstein asked the Township Clerk to email the Committee and Department Heads, the FEMA website and phone numbers, as well as Congressman Chris Smith's contact information.

Committeeman Lichtenstein asked Mr. Burdge to email the Committee and to put a message on the Township website, advising the public where to put cut trees and shrubs; and also regular garbage pick-up will continue.

Chief Lawson said he will also send a message, via the alert system, about garbage pick-up.

Committeeman Lichtenstein further commented on the need for 24/7 contact with Public Works.

Chief Lawson will have the Public Works radio re-programmed.

Justin Flancbaum, Director MUA, commented on Co-Gen plants going back on-line, and the possibility of rolling blackouts.

Mr. Reinman received a call from Peter Joyner of JCP&L. The Larrabe substation, in Howell, is up and running again (more residents will be getting power back).

Chief Lawson will contact the County OEM, regarding the Township powering-up traffic lights with generators.

Committeeman Lichtenstein summarized the meeting purpose and tasks. He and Mayor Miller will meet daily with our OEM team. Committeeman Lichtenstein thanked everyone for their input and hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Deputy Mayor Akerman, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM