

**LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION  
JANUARY 1, 2006 • 7:30**

The Lakewood Township Committee held their Annual Re-Organizational Meeting on Sunday, January 1, 2006 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 12:00 Noon, with the following present:

Committee Members.....	Raymond Coles Charles Cunliffe Meir Lichtenstein Menashe Miller Senator Robert Singer
Municipal Manager.....	Frank Edwards
Township Clerk.....	Bernadette Standowski
Deputy Clerk.....	Jodi Pellicano

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**.....Led by Municipal Clerk

**INVOCATION** – Father Michael O’Connor

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**OATHS OF OFFICE**...Township Committeemen – **Raymond Coles**  
**Charles Cunliffe**  
Administered by: Hon. Arnold Goldman

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, nominating Meir Lichtenstein as Mayor for 2006.

Resolution No. 2006-1 - Adopted.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR** **Meir Lichtenstein**  
Administered by: Hon. Arnold Goldman

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, nominating Raymond Coles as Deputy Mayor for 2006.

Resolution No. 2006-2 – Adopted.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR** **Raymond Coles**  
Administered by: Hon. Arnold Goldman

## **PRESENTATIONS TO FORMER MAYOR – by FRANK EDWARDS, MANAGER**

Mr. Edwards presented outgoing Mayor for 2005, Charles Cunliffe, with the official ceremonial gavel.

Mr. Cunliffe thanked everyone for their assistance during his year as Mayor.

## **DESIGNATION OF TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – STEVEN SECARE, ESQ.**

Mayor Lichtenstein designated the Township Attorney for the year 2006, Steven Secare. Senator Singer abstained.

Resolution No. 2006-3 - Adopted.

Mayor Lichtenstein stated that this year, they have honored the open and fair policy in accordance with the new state guidelines, and have not awarded their contracts over \$17,500.00 to professionals without having them submit bids. Those bids were opened on Friday, and therefore, were left off of the Agenda. He asked the Clerk to fill in the blanks for the Committee and announce who came in on the bids, and who could be appointed under the \$17,500.00, as to following Letters E, F, G, H, I, R, T, U, V, W, X, BB and CC.

Township Clerk, Bernadette Standowski, announced the appointments for these Resolutions.

Mayor Lichtenstein stated this was advertised on the Township Website, giving the professionals the chance to put their bids in to fill these positions, and that is the reason they have done it in this form this year.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A) RESOLUTION SETTING DAY AND HOUR OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
Resolution No. 2006-4
- B) RESOLUTION SETTING TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2006  
Resolution No. 2006-5
- C) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS  
Resolution No. 2006-6
- D) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CLASS I SPECIAL OFFICERS – MARION NEWMAN  
AND NORMAN SPIEGEL (one year terms)  
Resolution No. 2006-7
- E) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TOWNSHIP AUDITOR – FALLON & LARSON  
(one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-8

- F) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR –  
VALTER MUST, ESQ. AND ROBERT ROTHSTEIN, ESQ. (one year terms)  
Resolution No. 2006-9
- G) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY –  
STEVEN SECARE (one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-10
- H) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TOWNSHIP FORECLOSURE ATTORNEY –  
STEVEN SECARE (one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-11
- I) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BOND COUNSEL – GLUCK WALRATH  
(one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-12
- J) RESOLUTION SETTING INTEREST RATES ON TAX DELINQUENCIES AND  
DESIGNATING PATRICIA TOMASSINI AS OFFICIAL TAX SEARCHER  
Resolution No. 2006-13
- K) RESOLUTION IMPOSING YEAR END PENALTIES ON TAX ARREARAGES  
Resolution No. 2006-14
- L) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ELSIE BARNEY AS ACTING ASSISTANT TO  
TAX COLLECTOR  
Resolution No. 2006-15
- M) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BERNADETTE STANDOWSKI AS LIQUOR LICENSE  
ADMINISTRATOR  
Resolution No. 2006-16
- N) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BERNADETTE STANDOWSKI AS LIABILITY  
ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER  
Resolution No. 2006-17
- O) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP  
OF LAKEWOOD  
Resolution No. 2006-18
- P) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER –  
WILLIAM RIEKER (one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-19
- Q) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR  
THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD.  
Resolution No. 2006-20

- R) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TOWNSHIP ENGINEER –  
BIRDSALL ENGINEERING (one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-21
- S) RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COORDINATORS TO THE LAKEWOOD  
TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES – KENNETH DIX,  
YISROEL SCHENKOLEWSKI, FRANK WORK, CAPT. ROBERT LAWSON, CAPT.  
CHARLES SMITH (all one year terms)  
Resolution No. 2006-22
- T) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE  
PHILIP MILLER (one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-23
- U) RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR MEDIATION -  
MICHAEL BATEMAN (one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-24
- V) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS –  
HAROLD HENSEL, ESQ. AND STEVEN CUCCI, ESQ. (one year terms)  
Resolution No. 2006-25
- W) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR –  
CHARLES BAUER (one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-26
- X) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT PROSECUTOR –  
JOSEPH GRISANTI, ESQ. (one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-27
- Y) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH –  
MICHAEL BATEMAN (one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-28
- Z) RESOLUTION APPOINTING C.E.R.T. COORDINATOR (Comm. Emergency  
Response Team) BERNARD ROTHENBERG (two year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-29
- AA) RESOLUTION APPOINTING POLICE CHAPLAINS – REV. EDWARD HARPER,  
PASTOR GARY STEIGLER, RABBI USHER FEINER, REV. MICHAEL O’CONNOR,  
RABBI PAUL E.LEVOVITZ, PASTOR WESLEY LINDQUIST,  
PASTOR JUNE STITZINGER-CLARK, YISROEL SCHENKOLEWSKI (three year terms)  
Resolution No. 2006-30
- BB) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY –  
CHARLES HUTCHINSON (one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-31

CC) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP PLANNER –  
T & M ASSOCIATES (one year term)  
Resolution No. 2006-32

DD) RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY HOUSING  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD – ERVIN OROSS  
Resolution No. 2006-33

Motion by Deputy Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Miller, to approve Resolutions A through DD on the Consent Agenda.

**On Roll Call** – Affirmative: Senator Singer (with the following exceptions), Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Cunliffe, Deputy Mayor Coles, Mayor Lichtenstein.

Abstain: Senator Singer as to Resolutions G and H

Negative: Senator Singer as to Resolution X

Resolution Nos. 2006-4 through 2006-33 – Adopted.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

### **ADA Compliance Committee and Disabilities Commission:**

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Coles, and carried, offering the following appointments: Thomas Barry, Philip Charrow, Hannah Havens, and Sheila Nagelberg (all one year terms)

### **Board of Health:**

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments: Patricia Lowe, James Savage, Sonia Harrison, Dr. Norman Indich, Bishop Vivian Francis, Greta Simpson, and Shuli Lachman (all one year terms)

### **CDBG Selection Committee:**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments: Aaron Hoberman, Miriam Medina, Pastor Gary Stiegler, Raymond Coles, Michael Sernotti, Michelle Halle, Bernard Williams, Simcha Greenwald, Marta Harrison (all one year terms)

### **Civil Rights Commission:**

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointment: Enrique Percal, to fill an unexpired term to expire 12/31/07

### **Community Center Advisory Board:**

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments: John Marshall, Sr., John Craddock, Dr. Michael Rush, John Brown (all one year terms)

**Environmental Commission:**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments: Joe Atlas, 1st Alt. (two year term); Philip Dovico (three year term); Joseph Kirsch (three year term); Menashe Miller, Alt. 2/Planning Board Liaison (unexpired two year term until 12/31/06, )

**Heritage Commission:**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments: Sam Christopher; Marilyn Frank; Dr. Stanley Liptzin; Eileen Liptzin, Alternate; Judy Robinson; William Rodriguez, Alternate; and Ken Williams (all three year terms)

**Industrial Commission:**

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, offering the following appointment: William Doyle (five year term)

**Lakewood Development Corporation:**

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, offering the following appointments: Ada Gonzalez (two year term); Mitch Dolobowsky (two year term); Stanley Federowicz (two year term); Adam Lieberman (two year term); Charles Cunliffe (one year term); Abraham Muller (two year term); Senator Robert Singer (one year term)

**Municipal Alliance:**

Motion by Senator Singer, second by Deputy Mayor Coles, and carried, offering the following appointments: Irene Miccio, Deloris Nicholas, Kevin McAllister, Hannah Havens, Daniel Hyman, Toni Ponti, (all one year terms)

**Public Agency Compliance Officer:**

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Coles, and carried, offering the following appointment: Bernadette Standowski (one year term)

**Rent Control Board:**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments: Nathaniel Small, Sr. – Tenant Member; David Garfield – Non Landlord Member; Jonathan Rubin – Landlord Member; William Schlameuss – Non Landlord Member; Lisa Skinner – Landlord Member; Yitzchok Szmids – Alternate No. 1; David Farkas – Alternate No. 2 (all one year terms);

**Shade Tree Commission:**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments: Shari Micklovic (five year term); Michael Stillwell (five year term); Craig Theibault (five year term); and Genese Lieberman (five year term to expire 12/31/10)

**Parks & Recreation/Special Events Committee:**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointments: Cathy Lee – PALS Liaison, Toni Ponti – PALS Liaison, Fred Ponti, Frank Work, David Quinn, Joseph Kirsch and William Lindsey. (one year terms)

**Transportation Board:**

Motion by Mr. Cunliffe, second by Deputy Mayor Coles, and carried, offering the following appointments: Marlene Atkins (three year term); Chana M. Jacobowitz (three year term); Avi Pollack (two year term); Roseanne Work (two year term)

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Coles, second by Mr. Cunliffe, and carried, offering the following appointment: Wayne LeCompte – Alternate No. 1 (two year term)

**MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Mayor Lichtenstein offered the following appointments, all for one year terms:

**Advisory Committee on Housing:**

Lee Paskind, Fred Rush, Grace Johnson, Audrey Wise, Hannah Havens, James Waters, David Garfield, Carol Parham, Eugenio Espinosa, Pastor Genever Vinson, Pastor Lee Tucker, Lydia Valencia, Mary Jo Grauso, Alice E. Kelsey, Meir Hertz; Vincent Corsaro, Carlos Cedeno, Sholom Landman and Zolman Sorotzkin.

**Community Relations Committee:**

Michael Cloney, Esther Coven, Jorge Esmart, Patricia Forse, Faye Indik, Miriam Medina, David Quinn, and Marta Harrison.

**Master Plan Advisory Committee:**

Stanley Banas, Glenn Bradford, Adam Buckwald, Carlos Cedeno, Vincent Corsaro, Esther Coven, Mitch Dolobowsky, Brian Flannery, Ben Heinemann, Bill Hobday, Aaron Kotler, Sam Landman, Mike McNeil, Abraham Penzer, Esq., Steve Pfeffer, Esq., Dave Quinn, Janet Scher, Michael Sernotti, Charles Silberberg, Zev Spira, Bruce Stern, Craig Theibault, Moshe Weisberg, Elliot Zacks and Ralph Zucker

**Senior Advisory Committee:**

Sonia Harrison, Faye Socol, Norman Bellinger, Robert Cartwright, Joyce Glotzer, Larry Dowell, Eileen D'Esposito, Cis Mayer, Claire Alessi, David Quinn, Tom Cariota, Audrey Lobbato, Najriran Holland, Mitzie Krampf, John Mellie and Dick Leiberman.

**Tourism Advisory Committee:**

Sheldon Wolpin, Ruth Schreiner, Stanley Banas, Barney Gertner, Al Steinman, Irene Steinman, Betty Aptekar, David Quinn, Ceil DeMaria and Lorraine Franklin

**Veterans Advisory Committee:**

Vito Imperiale, Joan Ordino, Sheldon Wolpin, Bert Albert, John Z. Balla, Richard Orne, Thomas Lorenc, Joseph Qualiano, Sr., William Dubrowski, William Doyle, Joe Rangell, Bill Keating and Bernie Lesiak

Planning Board - Mayor's Designee Appointment (Class 1) – Mitch Dolobowsky (one year)	
Class I Appointment	Meir Lichtenstein (one year)
Class II Appointment	John Franklin (one year term)
Class III Appointment	Menashe Miller (one year term)
Class IV Appointments	Aisik Akerman (four year term)
	Michael Neiman (four year term)
	Audrey Wise (four year term)
	David Klien (fill unexpired term of Dan Czermak to expire 12/31/07)
Alternate Appointments	Alt. No. I - Pat Gatton
	Alt. No. II - Enrique Percal

## **2006 MAYOR'S LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Lichtenstein announced the following Township Committee Liaison appointments:

### **RAY COLES**

AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
 C.D.B.G  
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
 HERITAGE COMMISSION  
 HOUSING AUTHORITY  
 INSPECTION DEPARTMENT  
 PARKS & RECREATION/SPECIAL EVENTS  
 REGISTRAR

### **CHARLES CUNLIFFE**

TOWNSHIP WEBSITE  
 ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE & DISABILITIES COMMISSION  
 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
 LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
 LEGAL DEPARTMENT  
 TOWNSHIP CLERK  
 TRANSPORTATION BOARD

### **MENASHE MILLER**

ADVERTISING AND CIVIC DISPLAY  
 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
 PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
 RENT CONTROL BOARD  
 SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
 VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**ROBERT SINGER**

BOARD of HEALTH  
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE  
TAX ASSESSOR  
TAX COLLECTOR  
TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

**MEIR LICHTENSTEIN**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
FIRST AID & EMT  
MUNICIPAL COURT  
POLICE COMMISSIONER  
STREET LIGHTING  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** will be heard. Each speaker will have (4) minute time limit at the podium.

Mayor Lichtenstein opened the meeting to the public.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Commented with regard to the issues of the muster zone and affordable housing.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Commented with regard to employment availability.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Commended the Committee for their hard work. Wished everyone good luck in the coming year.

Marta Harrison, 946 Princewood Avenue – Congratulated Mr. Cunliffe on another good year. Wished Mayor Lichtenstein best wishes for a great year.

Jimmy Esposito, 381 Rose Court – Thanked the Committee for making Lakewood a wonderful place to live.

Bernard Williams, Clifton Avenue – Complimented Committee members on a great job.

Liz Ballesteros, Brick, NJ – Wished everyone happy holidays. Wished Mayor Lichtenstein a good year.

P.G. Waxman – Congratulated Committeemen Coles and Cunliffe on their re-election and congratulated Meir Lichtenstein on his appointment as Mayor.

Sam Christopher, Central Avenue – Wished everyone a very happy holiday. Thanked the Committee for reappointing him to the Heritage Commission. Congratulated Mr. Cunliffe and Mr. Coles on their re-election. Congratulated Meir Lichtenstein on his appointment as Mayor.

Mitch Dolobowsky, Kings Court – Wished everyone a happy holiday. Congratulated Mr. Coles on his appointment as Deputy Mayor. Congratulated Mr. Cunliffe on his past year as Mayor. Congratulated Meir Lichtenstein on his appointment as Mayor for 2006.

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

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEEMEN**

**Mayor Lichtenstein** – He is humbled and proud to have been granted the trust of his colleagues to assume the position as Mayor. He will use all of the knowledge and information he has gathered over the past two years on the Committee to properly perform the task that lies ahead. Over the past few years, under the direction of Mayors Cunliffe and Coles, many programs were successfully initiated and are currently under way. He will build upon those projects, among them, affordable housing, quality of life initiative, land for schools, sidewalk programs, the Office of Emergency Management Initiative to bring the County Mayors into the planning process in case of a multi-municipality emergency, as well as assuring that our own emergency personnel are equipped and prepared to handle any crisis. There are some initiatives that he would like to present to the Committee for their support and to the professionals for implementation. He would like to address the numerous concerns about the downtown area. There are many customers and merchants that are expressing dissatisfaction. They need to make the residents, store keepers and visitors feel safe and comfortable. He will ask the Township Attorney and Police Director to research and review municipal and state Ordinances that address public drinking, loitering and littering, laws that govern graffiti and property damage, public lewdness and harassment, alarming and inappropriate conduct. In addition, many people are using day laborers and mistreating them as well as taking advantage by underpaying or sometimes not paying them at all. He is asking the Attorney and Police Director to address these issues and have a report to the Committee by months end. Secondly, the school tax burden requires their immediate attention. They have to demand that Lakewood does not carry the tax burden for other municipalities. What they really need in Lakewood is tax relief. He is asking all taxpayers to join him in this daunting task. Perhaps it means mass registration of private school students, lobbying in Trenton, or maybe filing a lawsuit challenging the validity of the formula. With their unified vision and joint forces he is committed to making change and bringing tax relief to the citizens of Lakewood. Thirdly, they need to focus on improving the relationship of the dedicated police department with various communities. He has consulted with the Police Director who has extensive experience in communicating and imparting trust between law enforcement agencies and civilians to explore different options for fostering an even better relationship in this diverse town. By months end, the Police Department will have a computer software program in place that will track and pattern activities of the Police Department. This will greatly assist us in structuring the

department to meet the need of the community. In conjunction, he has also asked the Director to meet with various community leaders to gain a deeper insight into each and every community's specific cultural differences. By opening the lines between our offices and the communities, and by implementing this new program, they will successfully increase the trust and pride of our men and women in blue. He will also initiate meetings with all department heads. As the town continues to experience exceptional growth, it is important for the Committee to be able to impart their visions and policies to the department heads. This process will increase the efficiency and interaction between the departments allowing all of the employees to forge ahead in unity with their vision for Lakewood. Finally, as the town continues to grow into a city, they must have the Master Plan Committee complete its mission for planning for the future of Lakewood. There will be public meetings where all citizens will have the opportunity to offer recommendations and participate in the process. This Committee will present their findings to the Planning Board, and then they can adopt the Ordinances that will shape the vision for this great town. Obviously, one person alone can not achieve these goals. He is fortunate to have extraordinary professionals to work with. His political support group is there for him and for this he is grateful. He also could not realize these aspirations without the friendship, knowledge and the guidance that he receives from the other four Township Committee members on either side of the political aisle. He could not ask for a better group of people to work with.

Mayor Lichtenstein further acknowledged the presence of family members as well as friends who have joined him today. He thanked everyone for always being there for him and for offering their advice, both solicited and unsolicited. It is only because of their encouragement that he is able to sit here today. He thanked his office staff for going above and beyond the call of duty and always accommodating his hectic schedule. He thanked his family for their support.

**Senator Robert Singer** – Congratulated Mayor Lichtenstein and Deputy Mayor Coles. Congratulated Mr. Cunliffe on his past year as Mayor. The time has come for some super things happening in Lakewood. They saw the development of the Lakewood Blueclaws and how much that stadium meant to Lakewood. There were many “nay sayers” at that time. People held back thinking it may fail. It turned out to be the most successful Single A ball stadium in the country. What a perfect area to bring an arena to. To take a look at where they are proposing to bring an arena, across from the Blue Claws Stadium, with 180 acres to be developed for year around type of development, retail, commercial, residential, making it a destination point for a place people want to come to, people want to be around, people want to live. What a wonderful opportunity. They are looking at the possibility of 150 events at the arena. The owners of the Blueclaws are very supportive of this proposal. It was not a tough sell to ask the Devils to relocate their team here, they were willing to do so. Think of what they could do in Lakewood with a Stadium across from an arena. Think about the positive things that could happen and the draws for Lakewood. Think about the fact that they have always been concerned that Lakewood has not been able to develop more of a retail base, yet this is the perfect avenue to do so. Retail stores want to be near arenas; businesses want to be near successful businesses. Talk about being a tourist attraction. Lakewood will be biggest tourist attraction in the state. Lakewood will have a year round complex of baseball, hockey and entertainment, as well as the surrounding areas to support it. He thinks this is a

tremendous opportunity for Lakewood, to make Lakewood a destination point for tourism. This is job creation and tax ratables for the community. There is a lot more to be discussed, a lot of decisions to be made, but he thinks it is going to be a good year.

**Menashe Miller** – Thanked everyone for coming. Commended Mr. Cunliffe on his past year as Mayor. Congratulated Meir Lichtenstein on his appointment as Mayor. Congratulated Mr. Coles on his appointment as Deputy Mayor. He is humbled to sit with a Township Committee of this stature. He feels that the Township professionals, department heads, and municipal staff, are the best around, and he looks forward to working with everyone throughout the duration of his term. He thanked Senator Singer who has done so much for Lakewood, both as a long time Township Committeeman and as a State Senator, whether it his guidance here in Lakewood, his command in Trenton, or dining with the President at the White House, he waives Lakewood as his banner of pride, and thanks him for his constant guidance and counsel. He thanked his family for all they have done over the years, and for their support. He is committed to serve each and every Lakewood resident with fairness and integrity, and he hopes that as they serve and walk among the community, that they lead by example in their service to the community so that others may choose to serve in whatever capacity to bring whatever talents they have to offer to help the town of Lakewood. He is honored and humbled to serve with the Lakewood Township Committee, working together for all of Lakewood. Wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

**Charles Cunliffe** – Congratulated Mr. Coles on his appointment as Deputy Mayor, and Meir Lichtenstein on his appointment as Mayor. He thinks that 2005 was a very great year for Lakewood Township, there were a lot of things accomplished. He thanked the Committee for allowing him to serve last year as Mayor, with their support and cooperation, he really thinks they did some wonderful things for the town. Just to name a few, the John Patrick Sports Complex, affordable housing, land sold for private schools, quality of life task force, Vine Street extension, and the Township website. He does feel that there was a lot that was accomplished in 2005 and he was glad to play a small part, thanks to the efforts of the Township Committee, and their willingness to allow him to serve as Mayor. He thanked all the people in the Township for their help. He thanked all of the departments and professionals for their help and support. He thanked his family for their help and support. He promised that whether you voted for him or not, it does not matter, he is there to serve everyone in Lakewood, and he thanked the residents for giving him the chance to serve again. He will never give less than a hundred and ten percent to serve the people of Lakewood. Wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

**Deputy Mayor Coles** – Thanked his family for their support. Lakewood is an amazing town, and over the eighteen years that he has lived in Lakewood, he has learned so much. He thanked the professionals for their hard work. Commended Mr. Miller for his hard work. Commended Mr. Cunliffe on his past year as Mayor. It is a pleasure to sit on the Committee with Senator Singer, and he agrees that the arena is an incredible idea, and he hopes they can overcome the hurdles that are ahead. They will all work hard for it. Congratulated Meir Lichtenstein on his appointment as Mayor, and he looks forward to serving with him.

Mayor Lichtenstein stated he hopes he has a good year, and he is sure he will with the support of the members of the Committee. He invited everyone to the Best Western on Route 70 at 2:00 PM for a reception. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

## **BENEDICTION – RABBI SAMUEL BLECH**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:36 P.M.