The Lakewood Township Committee held their annual Re-Organizational Meeting on Thursday, January 1, 2009 at 1:00 PM in the Lakewood Municipal Building, with the following present:

Committee Members…………………………………….. Raymond Coles
Steven Langert
Meir Lichtenstein
Menashe Miller
Robert Singer

Municipal Manager………………………………………. Frank Edwards
Municipal Clerk…………………………………………… Bernadette Standowski
Deputy Clerk……………………………………………… MaryAnn DelMastro

SALUTE TO THE FLAG……LED BY YITZY LANGERT

NATIONAL ANTHEM……SUNG BY AARON LANGERT

INVOCATION….. RABBI MEIR ROGOSNITSKY

PRAYER FOR ARMED SERVICE MEN & WOMEN…CHAPLAIN CAPT. RAPHAEL BERDUGO


OATH OF OFFICE…TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMEN – **STEVEN LANGERT**
**RAYMOND COLES**
ADMINISTERED BY: FREEHOLDER JOSEPH H. VICARI

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF MAYOR

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Langert, and carried, appointing Robert Singer to the position of Mayor for the year 2009.

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR – ROBERT SINGER
ADMINISTERED BY: FREEHOLDER JOSEPH H. VICARI

NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, appointing Steven Langert to the position of Deputy Mayor for the year 2009.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. Coles, Mr. Miller, Mr. Langert and Mayor Singer.

OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR – **STEVEN LANGERT**
ADMINISTERED BY: FREEHOLDER JOSEPH H. VICARI

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – LAWRENCE E. BATHGATE, II, ESQ. AND BATHGATE, WEGENER & WOLF, P.C.
Motion by Mr. Langert, second by Mr. Miler.
Resolution No. 2009-1 – Adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

1) RESOLUTION SETTING DAY AND HOUR OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS
   Resolution No. 2009-2

2) RESOLUTION SETTING TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2009
   Resolution No. 2009-3

3) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS
   Resolution No. 2009-4

4) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP AUDITOR – HOLMAN & FRENIA, P.C.
   Resolution No. 2009-5

5) RESOLUTION SETTING INTEREST RATES ON TAX DELINQUENCIES AND DESIGNATING PATRICIA TOMASSINI AS OFFICIAL TAX SEARCHER
   Resolution No. 2009-6

6) RESOLUTION IMPOSING YEAR END PENALTIES ON TAX ARREARAGES
   Resolution No. 2009-7

7) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELSIE BARNEY AS ACTING ASSISTANT TO TAX COLLECTOR
   Resolution No. 2009-8

8) RESOLUTION APPOINTING BERNADETTE STANDOWSKI AS LIQUOR LICENSE ADMINISTRATOR
   Resolution No. 2009-9

9) RESOLUTION APPOINTING BERNADETTE STANDOWSKI AS LIABILITY ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER
   Resolution No. 2009-10

10) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD
    Resolution No. 2009-11

11) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD.
    Resolution No. 2009-12

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12) RESOLUTION APPOINTING INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER – ROBERT W. SINGER
Resolution No. 2009-13

13) RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COORDINATORS TO THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES – (MOSHE EHRMAN, YISROEL SCHENKOLEWSKI, SGT. FRANK WORK, KENNETH DIX, DEPUTY CHIEF, CHARLES SMITH, MENASHE MILLER)
Resolution No. 2009-14

14) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE – DEBRA GELSON, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2009-15

15) RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL PROPOSALS FOR TOWNSHIP BOND COUNSEL
Resolution No. 2009-16

16) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY – SALVATORE ALFIERI, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2009-17

17) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY – ROBERT H. TAFF, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2009-18

18) RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL PROPOSALS FOR TOWNSHIP FORECLOSURE ATTORNEY
Resolution No. 2009-19

19) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR – ROBERT ROTHSTEIN, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2009-20

20) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE PROSECUTORS – (2) CHARLES BAUER, ESQ., VALTER MUST, ESQ., AND DOUGLAS W. JONES, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2009-21

21) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT PROSECUTOR – STEVEN A. ZABARSKY, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2009-22

22) RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER – LEIB KLEIN, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2009-23
23) RESOLUTION APPOINTING ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH – LAWRENCE E. BATHGATE, II, ESQ. AND BATHGATE, WEGENER & WOLF, P.C.
Resolution No. 2009-24

24) RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL TOWNSHIP COUNSEL – JOHN C. SAHRADNIK, ESQ. AND BERRY, SAHRADNIK KOTZAS & BENSON; GEORGE R. GILMORE, ESQ. AND GILMORE & MONAHAN; STEVEN SECARE, ESQ.; SEAN GERTNER AND GERTNER RIORDAN, LLC
Resolution No. 2009-25

25) RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR MEDIATION – MICHAEL A. BERMAN, ESQ.
Resolution No. 2009-26

26) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – REMINGTON & VERNICK
Resolution No. 2009-27

27) RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWNSHIP PLANNER – T & M ASSOCIATES
Resolution No. 2009-28

28) RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – THE METRO COMPANY, LLC
Resolution No. 2009-29

29) RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD – ERVIN OROSS
Resolution No. 2009-30

30) RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RUSSELL K. CORBY AS DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Resolution No. 2009-31

31) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO ACT AS AGENT OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR TAX APPEALS
Resolution No. 2009-32

32) RESOLUTION SETTING DAY, AND HOUR OF LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS
Resolution No. 2009-33

33) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN F. RUSSO, JR., ESQ., AS COAH ATTORNEY
Resolution No. 2009-34
34) RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEVEN SECARE, ESQ., TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY
Resolution No. 2009-35

35) RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY – RAY COLES, SAM FLANCBAUM
Resolution No. 2009-36

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 35 on the Consent Agenda.
On Roll Call – Affirmative: Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. Coles, Mr. Miller, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Singer, with the following exceptions.
Mayor Singer did not vote on Resolution Nos. 16 and 33.
Deputy Mayor Langert did not vote on Resolution No. 16.
Mr. Lichtenstein did not vote on Resolution Nos. 19 and 20.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein, and carried, offering the following appointments to the ADA Compliance Committee and Disabilities Commission: Thomas Barry, Jean Hannon, William Sette, as Alternates, each for a one year term; Hindy Langer, Joan Lorenc, each for a one year term.

Motion by Mayor Singer, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, offering the following appointments to the CDBG Selection Committee: Michael Cohen, Pessy Neuwirth, Joseph DiMattina, Simcha Greenwald, Aaron Hoberman, Ada Gonzalez, Chavie Chase, Rev. Gary Stiegler, Bernard Williams, each for a one year term.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein, and carried, offering the following appointments to the Civil Rights Commission: Cager Brown, Thomas O’Malley, each for a two year term; and Joseph Mutterperl to a vacant unexpired four year term, to expire December 31, 2011.

Motion by Mayor Singer, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, offering the following appointments to the Community Center Advisory Board: Rob Betesh, John Brown, John Craddox, Binyamin Greenspoon, Simcha Greenwald, John Marshall, Sr., Uri Shoshana, each for a one year term.

Motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, offering the following appointments to the Emergency Planning Council: Neil Bryant, Scott Carter, Robert Chitren, Michael D’Elia, Ken Dix, Anita Doyle, John J. Franklin, Bernard Gindoff, Chief Robert Lawson, Meir Lichtenstein, Menashe Miller, Ranato Madarang, Ruth Molnar, Yisroel Schenkelowski, Mordechai Senderovits, Deputy Chief Charles Smith, Sgt. Frank Work, Fire Chief Rodney Youmans.
Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, offering the following appointments to the **Environmental Commission**: Chavie Chase, Craig Lawson, each for a three year term; Menashe Miller, as Alternate No. 2/Planning Board Liaison, for a two year term, each for a one year term.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Langer, and carried, offering the following appointments to the **Heritage Commission**: Sam Christopher; Rich Errickson, Alternate; Dr. Stanley Liptzin; Eileen Liptzin; Harold Paul Olsen; Ken Williams; Edith Wolpin, Alternate, each for a three year term.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, offering the following appointment to the **Industrial Commission**: Robert Kirschner, for a five year term.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, offering the following appointments to the **Lakewood Development Corporation**: Raymond Coles and Robert Singer, each for a one year term; Michael D’Elia; Dov Kaufman, Alternate; Mike McNeil; Yanky Mermelstein; Fay Rubin, Moshe Weisberg; each for a two year term; and Dan Czermak, to a vacant two year term, to expire December 31, 2010.

Motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, offering the following appointments to the **Municipal Alliance**: Hannah Havens, Kevin McAllister, Irene Miccio, Deloris Nicholas, Toni Ponti, Moshe Raitzik, Najiren Holland, Janet Heulitt, each for a one year term.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, offering the following appointments to the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board/ Special Events**: Michael Cohen, for a four year term; Jorge Esmart, Cathy Lee (PALS Liaison), Fred Ponti, Toni Ponte (PALS Liaison), Sgt. Frank Work, each for a one year term.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, offering the following appointment to the **Planning Board**: Enrique Percal, Alt. 2, for a two year term.

Motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, offering the following appointments as **Police Chaplains**: Rev. Edward Harper, Pastor Wesley Lindquist, Rabbi Abraham Muller, Rev. Michael O’Connor, Rabbi Moshe Ehrman, Rev. Gary Stiegler, Pastor June Stitzinger-Clark, Rabbi Usher Feiner, Rabbi Paul Levovitz, Inspector Yisroel Schenkolewski, each for a three year term.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Mr. Lichtenstein, and carried, offering the following appointment as **Public Agency Compliance Officer**: Bernadette Standowski, for a one year term.
Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, offering the following appointments to the **Rent Control Board**: David Farkas (Alternate No. 2), David Garfield (Non Landlord Member), Moshe Raitzik, (Tenant Member), Jonathan Rubin (Landlord Member), William Schlameuss (Non Landlord Member), Lisa Skinner (Landlord Member), Nathaniel Small, Sr. (Tenant Member), Yitzchok Szmidt (Alt. 1), each for a one year term.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, offering the following appointments to the **Transportation Board**: Yakov Ort, Yitzy Scholar, Steven Reinman, each for a two year term; William Wells and Chana M. Jacobowitz, each for a three year term.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, offering the following appointments to the **Zoning Board of Adjustment**: Meir Gelley, Sharon Goralski, each for a two year term; and Adam Lieberman, as Alt. 2, to a vacant two year term, to expire December 31, 2010.

### MAYOR’S ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The following appointments were offered to serve on Mayor’s Advisory Committees, each for a one year term:

**Senior Advisory Committee:**
Claire Alessi, Robert Cartwright, Eileen D’Esposito, Larry Dowell, Joyce Glotzer, Sonia Harrison, David Hibberson, Najriran Holland, Connie Kirsch, Joseph Kirsch, Mary Koshuta, Dick Leiberman, James Lithgow, Audrey Lobbato, Cis Mayer, John Mellie, Ed Rosenthal

**Tourism Advisory Committee:**
Betty Aptekar, Stanley Banas, Michael Billig, Mary Cranwell, Ceil DeMaria, Lorraine Franklin, Ruth Schreiner, Sheldon Wolpin

**Veterans Advisory Committee:**
John Z. Balla, Captain Raphael Berdugo, Michael Berman, William Doyle, Vito Imperiale, Bill Keating, Bernie Lesiak, Thomas Lorenc, Joan Ordino, Joseph Qualiano, Sr., Joe Rangell, and Sheldon Wolpin

### MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

**Planning Board:** Mayor's Designee Appointment (Class 1) - Angela Koutsouris, Esq., for a one year term

- Class I Appointment **Robert W. Singer**, for a one year term
- Class II Appointment **John J. Franklin**, for a one year term
- Class III Appointment **Menashe Miller**, for a one year term

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2009 MAYOR’S LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

ROBERT SINGER
AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF HEALTH
COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

RAYMOND COLES
ADA COMPLIANCE COMMISSION & DISABILITIES COMMITTEE
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
HERITAGE COMMISSION
HOUSING AUTHORITY
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
TAX COLLECTOR
TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

STEVEN LANGERT
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
INSPECTION DEPARTMENT
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
TAX ASSESSOR
TOWNSHIP CLERK
TRANSPORTATION BOARD
ZONING BOARD

MEIR LICHTENSTEIN
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRST AID & EMT
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
MUNICIPAL COURT
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
POLICE COMMISSIONER
REGISTRAR
STREET LIGHTING

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MENASHE MILLER

ADVERTISING AND CIVIC DISPLAY
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
PLANNING BOARD
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC RELATIONS
RENT CONTROL BOARD
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Steven Langert – Stated that he is honored and proud to serve on the Committee. Thanked his family members for all their support, Freeholder Vicari for his encouragement, his running mate, Mike Berman, the members of the Republican Club who helped him to get here, the President of the Republican Club, Craig Theibault, the Stafford-Smiths, Bernadette Standowski, his son and daughters, his fellow Committee Members, and his wife.

Mr. Coles – Thanked his wife and children for their support and encouragement. Offered best wishes to Mayor Singer in the coming year. It was a pleasure to serve for the past seven years. Congratulated Bernadette Standowski on her upcoming retirement. Thanked his fellow Committee Members, and the people of Lakewood. Wished everyone the best of luck in the coming year.

Mayor Singer – Introduced and thanked various people in the audience. Congratulated Mr. Coles on his re-election, Mr. Langert on his election, and offered best wishes to his fellow Committee Members. Introduced and thanked his wife and children.

Mayor Singer then commented on the Miller Road project; the closing of that road for two months was outrageous. He asked the Police Commissioner, Mr. Lichtenstein, and Mr. Langert, as Liaison to the Transportation Board, as well as the Inspection Department, to get together as soon as possible to set up new rules and regulations for construction in Lakewood. They are putting the people of Lakewood first, not people in construction.

Mr. Lichtenstein suggested that someone from Engineering be present also.

Mayor Singer agreed, and requested a report back within a few weeks setting these new standards.

Mayor Singer continued that last year they initiated a traffic study of the traffic flow from the Lake to Kennedy Boulevard. That report has been completed. He asked that a presentation of this report be made to the Transportation Board, all necessary changes to be made, and then to be submitted to the Township Committee for a public hearing, break it into phases, and implement it. It is crucial that the heart of the downtown area is straightened out once and for all; they have the tools to do it, and make it a priority.
Mayor Singer further commented that the Mayors of all surrounding towns, in the northern tier of Ocean County, plan to get together on a regular basis to discuss the problems that face all the towns. They want to see about sharing services and work better together.

Mayor Singer further commented with regard to the Tax Assessor’s Office, and the amount of money that was spent in that department during the first ten months of last year. That was approximately a half of a million dollars of tax dollars. He has asked Mr. Langert, with the new attorney, to look at that office and straighten it out. Tax dollars are being spent and he wants to make sure the money is being spent the right way.

Mayor Singer then congratulated his fellow Committee Members. Thanked Mr. Edwards and the department heads for the work that they do. Commented on the appointment of new professionals, and the amount of money paid to these professionals will be cut tremendously. There will be reductions of services to the public. But at the end of it, the most important thing to realize is that the taxpayer comes first in Lakewood. They are going to take a hard look at the departments, not just inspection, and if necessary they will cut personnel and budgets to meet the financial crisis they are facing as a Township. After years of abuse, they will have to do some difficult things that no one wants to do. He knows the public will understand, because they are doing to exact same thing in their own homes and with their own budgets. To this end, he will be appointing a special panel of six members of the public, to serve on a Budget Committee. They will have the same information as the members of the Township Committee. They will sit with the Township Committee during the budget hearings, which will be open to the public. He asked if anyone is interested in sitting on that panel, to please send their resume to the Municipal Manager. Every department will come before the Township Committee and the panel, to present and defend their budget, so that the public thoroughly understands how their dollars will be spent. They hope to formulate a budget that is not just the Township Committee’s, but that of the people of Lakewood. It is a tough job, requiring input from the public.

Mayor Singer further announced the formation of a Public Relations Committee, headed by Mr. Miller. He has also discussed with the Committee some additional cost saving factors, including dismantling the Airport Authority, and bringing it in-house. Since the Township is funding it, the Township can save money by making it a department. They also will take a hard look at the Strand Theater, and the possible movement of that to the County, and make it a County facility. Lakewood can not continue to shoulder the entire expense of the Strand Theater alone.

Mayor Singer advised that these are a few of his suggestions. In moving forward this year, they will find themselves making changes, taking some difficult steps, but making Lakewood more affordable for people living here.

Mayor Singer wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year, and looks forward to tackling the challenges in the future, together with the Township Committee, and the public.
Mr. Lichtenstein – Congratulated Mr. Coles on his re-election, and Mr. Langert on his election. Offered best wishes to his fellow Committee Members. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Miller – Thanked everyone for coming, and thanked all the residents of Lakewood for supporting him. Congratulated Mr. Coles on his re-election, and Mr. Langert on his election. Offered best wishes to his fellow Committee Members. Thanked his wife and children, and family members for their support. He is committed to serving each and every Lakewood resident with fairness and integrity. He is honored and humbled to serve on the Township Committee. Wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Freeholder Vicari thanked everyone for inviting him and sharing this very important day.

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

Mayor Singer opened the meeting to the public.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Commented with regard to the homeless issue, and asked the Committee to think about the people in need in this community.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Read a statement regarding an article that appeared in a recent issue of the Asbury Park Press.

Michael Billig, 36 Monterey Circle – Offered best wishes to the members of the Township Committee, and wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Advised he is interested in a position on the Budget Committee.

Charles Anthony, 1406 Towers Street – Commented on recent incidents in Lakewood, and the problems and issues in the community, and working together to resolve these issues.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Congratulated the members of the Township Committee. Commented with regard to the proposed Budget Committee.

Rene Cora, 742 Marlin Avenue – Represents employees from the Public Works Department. Stated they have been working for a year without a contract. He asked that the Committee look at that, and stated they would like to sit with down with them and discuss it.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Singer closed the meeting to the public, and thanked everyone for their comments.

Mr. Langert invited everyone to attend the reception at the Strand Theater after the meeting.

**BENEDICTION – PASTOR GARY STIEGLER**
“GOD BLESS AMERICA” – PERFORMED BY: CANTOR AVRUMI FLAM

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.