

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2011, in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 6:30 PM for the Executive Session and 7:30 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

Mayor..... Menashe P. Miller
Deputy Mayor..... Steven Langert
Committee Members..... Albert D. Akerman
Raymond Coles
Meir Lichtenstein
Municipal Manager..... Michael Muscillo
Municipal Attorney..... Jan L. Wouters, Esq.
Municipal Clerk..... Mary Ann Del Mastro

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, by Resolution of the Township Committee adopted January 7, 2011 and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 11, 2011.

ROLL CALL

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2011-32 – Adopted.

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

Mayor Miller asked everyone to please remain standing for a moment of silence, in light of the tragic event that took place in Lakewood, which took the life of Officer Chris Matlosz.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to open the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 12/23/10 & 01/07/11

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to approve the above Minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 12/23/10

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS – None

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION - None

QUALITY OF LIFE

Mayor Miller reviewed the quality of life items from a previous meeting.

As Chief Lawson was not present this evening, the Chief's items will be reviewed at the next quality of life session in February.

As to the issue regarding the area between Kennedy Boulevard and Milton Avenue, at Squankum Road, Mr. Staiger advised that Mr. Day did get the opportunity to look at the intersection, and did not observe any new construction. Mr. Staiger requested additional information from Committeeman Lichtenstein.

Mayor Miller requested that Committeeman Lichtenstein contact the new engineer directly with regard to this matter.

As to the issue of traffic back-up on Pine Street and Route 9, and also traffic on New Hampshire Avenue, Mr. Staiger reported that as to the location of Pine Street and Route 9, he had a conversation with the Ocean County Engineering Department, who has had discussions with the NJDOT, and they are currently looking at making improvements to the intersection of Pine Street/Route 9/James Street. They did have a concept plan. He asked the Ocean County Engineering Department to forward a copy of that plan to his office for review. They were looking at the elimination of two parking spaces on James Street to provide an arrow for turning. That would be the Phase 1 portion of the improvement to that intersection. Phase 2 would deal with changing the timing and some other improvements which would be further down the road.

Mayor Miller commented that if Mr. Staiger were to receive a preliminary plan on this matter, he would like to review the layout.

The other item that the State informed Mr. Staiger about, is that the DOT is going to be looking to do a corridor study for the Route 9 section, for future improvements along Route 9 and various intersections.

As to New Hampshire Avenue, Mr. Staiger advised that the County is currently making improvements to New Hampshire Avenue, and the jughandles may be part of future projects by the County, as that road is under County jurisdiction.

As to the arrows for Route 70 and New Hampshire Avenue, Mr. Staiger stated that while those improvements may help the intersection, he does not believe it would be a feasible item to do at this time.

As to the issue concerning Oak Street, Mr. Burdge advised that he contacted Sgt. Work, Traffic & Safety, who did a survey and provided recommendations which have been forwarded to Mr. Dineros, and he will take care of the lights.

Mayor Miller requested that a copy of the survey and recommendations be provided to Committeeman Lichtenstein.

As to the issue concerning the corner of Pine Street and Martin Luther King Drive, Warren Avenue area, etc., which has been hit with a lot of graffiti, Mr. Burdge advised that matter has been taken care of, and the entire Public Works Department is checking the areas for graffiti and reporting back to Mr. Arcchi.

As to the issue of the replacement of poles in the Industrial Park near the stadium, Mr. Burdge advised that the lights have been ordered, and he has received a Purchase Order from Mr. Dineros. The lights were ordered two weeks ago, and it will take six to eight weeks for delivery.

With regard to the issue concerning the fence around the detention pond at Westgate, Mr. Burdge advised that matter has been resolved, and the gate has been locked.

Comments from Committee Members –

Committeeman Lichtenstein advised that at where Vermont Avenue meets Chestnut Street, there are one or two structures that need to be demolished as they are in a state of disrepair. He asked Mr. Saccamanno to look at the site.

Mr. Kielt advised that there is an approved subdivision for nine or ten lots in that area. They cleared that site, but for some reason, they left those structures.

Committeeman Lichtenstein asked that the area be cleaned up, as he feels it is an invitation for illegal activity.

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 Miller opened the meeting to the public.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Commented with regard to the recent tragedy in Lakewood, and commended the governing body for presenting themselves with dignity, in honor of the fallen officer.

Mr. Hobday further advised that he has been contacted by a group that would like to re-engage the concept of trying to get the State of New Jersey to widen Route 9 from Route 88 to Route 70. His initial correspondence with the group was that the Municipality, County, State, and Federal government, do not have funds to do this project. It is highly unlikely that anything at this time, or in his lifetime, will occur.

He wanted to bring this concept to the Committee, because he feels they could encourage the State to do that widening because Lakewood Township is no longer a sleepy little town. They have to be able to move traffic. He asked the Committee for help with this project.

Mayor Miller advised that the Committee has been very supportive of the widening of Route 9, and they passed an Ordinance requiring a fifty foot setback from the centerline to allow for the widening. So when the State actually comes in to do the work, the Township will be ready to go, and have the property available. The Township Committee has not given up hope, and they are certainly supportive in hopes that the State will come in one day to do the project.

Noreen Gill, 192 Coventry Drive – Congratulated Committeeman Akerman on his appointment; congratulated Mayor Miller on his appointment, and welcomed him back. Commented on the recent tragedy in Lakewood. Further commented on conditions in Lakewood. Shared hopes for a positive year.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Congratulated Mayor Miller and welcomed him back. Commented on the recent tragedy in Lakewood.

Mrs. Kelsey further commented with regard to the cameras on the traffic lights in town, and if they are operational for traffic violations. And if not, could they be made operational.

Mayor Miller advised that the cameras are actually sensors. As to the new traffic light systems being installed in Lakewood, after speaking with the County, he has been advised that the sensors sense when the vehicles are there, and they try to work with the cars that are there, to be able to accommodate the traffic needs. He stated they could find out if the sensors could be retro-fitted for cameras for traffic violations.

Mrs. Kelsey stated this could be a source of additional funding for the town, in terms of the amount of tickets it would generate, as well as a source of safety.

Gerry Ballwanz, Governors Road – Welcomed Mayor Miller back. Commented with regard to the recent tragedy, and the services that were held today.

Mrs. Ballwanz further asked about previously proposed layoffs in the Police Department, and are they still being considered.

Mrs. Ballwanz further commented with regard to a recent Planning Board meeting. She asked when the new zoning map will be approved, because applications are being introduced for zones that have not been amended as of yet. She is concerned about an application submitted for development in the area of the Chateau Grande. She believes there needs to be some kind of direction from the Township Committee. It was her understanding that a letter was being sent to the Township Committee from the

Planning Board, as to this matter. She also asked what is the status of Smart Growth and the Plan Endorsement.

Mayor Miller asked Mr. Kielt to bring any recommendation letter from the Planning Board to the Committee for their consideration.

Mr. Kielt advised that several years ago, the town did the Master Plan and there were many proposed zone changes contained in that Master Plan. For the most part, none of those have been accomplished. The Engineers and Planners come to the meetings, and they testify and try to use leverage, and say....this was previously approved in the Master Plan....and it has not been done by Ordinance yet. But the Master Plan talks about this.

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

Mayor Miller thanked Police Chief Mastranardy, from Toms River, for their assistance during this trying time.

Mayor Miller continued with comments with regard to the services for Officer Matlosz that were held today. He is proud of this community, as everyone participated in the unity of this funeral, and he hopes that this tragedy will enable the unity to continue successfully in this town.

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 the execution of Engineering Services Contract with Birdsall Engineering, for services in connection with Energy Block Grant Funds, in the amount of \$89,650.00.
Resolution No. 2011-33**
- 2. Resolution authorizing a Military Leave of Absence, to Dorit Attias, commencing January 22, 2011 for four hundred days.
Resolution No. 2011-34**
- 3. Resolution reducing the Performance Guarantee, (first reduction), posted by Michael Lebovics, (Regency Development) in connection with ZB#3663 – Two Family Dwelling (Spruce Street), Block 782.07, Lots 19 & 20, from \$24,710.00 to \$7,413.
Resolution No. 2011-35**

- 4. Resolution releasing a Performance Guarantee posted by 323-325 Realty, LLC, in connection with application ZB#3704 – 323-325 Realty, LLC Minor Sub. (Ridge Ave. @ Ridge Fourth), Block 237, Lots 1,2.01,2.02, 3, 26, & 27, in the amount of \$29,360.00.
Resolution No. 2011-36**
- 5. Resolution reducing the Performance Guarantee, (first reduction), posted by Ralph Clayton & sons, in connection with SD#1681 – Cory Acres (Oak Glen Estates) Phase 2/Cory Ct., Block 251, Lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 13, 13.01, and 15, from \$441,740.00 to \$132,522.00.
Resolution No. 2011-37**
- 6. Resolution reducing the Performance Guarantee, (first reduction), posted by C.S. Management Co., LLC (formerly Massachusetts Prop., LLC) in connection with SD#1417 – Massachusetts Ave., Major Subdivision, Block 423, Lot 1, from \$498,314.00 to \$149,494.20.
Resolution No. 2011-38**
- 7. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Traffic Signal Agreement with the County of Ocean and the State of New Jersey for the intersection of Central Avenue and New Central Avenue.
Resolution No. 2011-39**
- 8. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Traffic Signal Agreement with the County of Ocean and the State of New Jersey for the intersection of Hope Chapel Road and South Lake Drive.
Resolution No. 2011-40**
- 9. Resolution denying the Application of Joseph Stephens Inc. for a Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 1514-44-003-007 to Gerard’s West LLC.
Resolution No. 2011-41**
- 10. Resolution authorizing the Lakewood Township Tax Collector to refund Tax Overpayments, in the amount of \$47,097.38.
Resolution No. 2011-42**
- 11. Resolution authorizing Appropriation Reserve Transfers in the 2010 Municipal Budget, in the amount of \$144,000.00.
Resolution No. 2011-43**
- 12. Resolution amending the 2011 Temporary Appropriations Budget - Road Repairs and Maintenance – Others Expenses from \$103,000.00 to \$143,000.00.
Resolution No. 2011-44**

- 13. Resolution awarding a contract to and authorizing the appointment of Starmark Appraisals for Appraisal Services pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 Et. Seq.
Resolution No. 2011-45**
- 14. Resolution awarding a contract to and authorizing the appointment of Gagliano Appraisal, LLC., for Appraisal Services pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 Et. Seq.
Resolution No. 2011-46**
- 15. Resolution awarding a contract to and authorizing the appointment of Appraisal Systems, Inc., for Appraisal Services pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 Et. Seq.
Resolution No. 2011-47**
- 16. Resolution authorizing the issuance of one Class C Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License to the Highest Qualified Bidder at a Public Sale to be conducted by the Township of Lakewood.
Deputy Mayor Langert removed this Resolution from the Consent Agenda, to be voted on separately.**
- 17. Resolution approving a Leave of Absence, without pay, to Don Freibott, from January 21, 2011 through April 1, 2011.
Resolution No. 2011-48**
- 18. Resolution increasing Bid Threshold and Appointment of a Qualified Purchasing Agent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9, and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 Et. Seq.
Resolution No. 2011-49**
- 19. Resolution authorizing the Lakewood Tax Collector to cancel certain Property Taxes on Block 12.04, Lot 146.
Resolution No. 2011-50**
- 20. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood ADA Compliance Committee and Disabilities Commission. (David Garfield; Joan Lorenc; Thomas Barry, Jean Hannon; William Sette; Dr. Stephen Scher; Jack Mueller)
Resolution No. 2011-51**
- 21. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Civil Rights Commission. (Cager Brown; Thomas O'Malley; Enrique Percal; James Waters; Esther Gonzalez; Rabbi Shmuel Tendler)
Resolution No. 2011-52**

- 22. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Community Center Advisory Board. (Rob Betesh; John Brown; John Craddox; Binyamin Greenspoon; Simcha Greenwald; Uri Shoshana; Sarah Kalminowitz)
Resolution No. 2011-53**
- 23. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Community Development Block Grant Selection Committee. (Chavie Chase; Michael Cohen; Joseph DiMattina; Ada Gonzalez; Simcha Greenwald; Aaron Hoberman; Bernard Williams; Eli Rennert)
Resolution No. 2011-54**
- 24. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Complete Town Committee. (Jay Braun; Dovid Friedman; Moshe Glieberman; Bill Hobday; Sarah Kalminowitz; Frances Kirschner; Police Chief Robert Lawson; Lynne Liotino; Mike McNeil; Menashe P. Miller; Jill Perez; Dan Regenye; Nancy Robinson; Betty Rod; Barry Rothenberg; Pastor R. Salguero; Lydia Silva; Pastor Glenn Wilson)
Resolution No. 2011-55**
- 25. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Emergency Planning Council. (Neil Bryant; Israel Bursztyn; Scott Carter; Robert Chitren; Michael D'Elia; Kenneth Dix; Anita Doyle; John J. Franklin; Bernard Gindoff; Danny Goldberg; Chief Robert Lawson; George J. Leggett; Meir Lichtenstein; Pastor Wesley Lindquist; Ranato Madarang; Menashe P. Miller; Ruth Molnar; Avi Pollack; Michael Saccamanno; Yisroel Schenkolewski; Mordechai Senderovits; Deputy Chief Charles Smith; Pastor Glenn Wilson; Sgt. Frank Work; Ptl. Rodney Youmans; Thomas Zambrano)
Resolution No. 2011-56**
- 26. Resolution appointing an additional Municipal Court Judge. (Michael Bateman)
Resolution No. 2011-57**
- 27. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Environmental Commission. (Mario Palmieri; Alvin Burdge; Albert D. Akerman)
Resolution No. 2011-58**
- 28. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Heritage Commission. (Dr. Sherril Schuster; Rita Michel; Steve Wexler; Jane Lee; Howard Butensky, Esq.; Judy Lefsky; Agnes Mayer)
Resolution No. 2011-59**
- 29. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Industrial Commission. (Gregg Stafford-Smith; Neil S. Brooks)
Resolution No. 2011-60**

- 30. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Municipal Alliance. (Jodi Brennan; Stephanie Campbell; Filiberto Gonzalez; Zsanelle Hakspiel; Hannah Havens; Janet Heulitt; Najriran Holland; Brenda Hubit; Kevin McAllister; Irene Miccio; Deloris Nicholas; Elizabeth Perez; Toni Ponti; Moshe Raitzik; Reverend Timm Ziegler; Megan Ziegler)
Resolution No. 2011-61**
- 31. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Municipal Utilities Authority. (Robert W. Singer)
Resolution No. 2011-62**
- 32. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Parks & Recreation Advisory Board/Special Events. (Fred Ponti, Toni Ponti; Sgt. Frank Work; Jorge Esmart; John Doyle)
Resolution No. 2011-63**
- 33. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Planning Board. (Menashe P. Miller, Mayor; Angela Koutsouris, Esquire; Anthony Arcchi; Albert D. Akerman; Joshua Schmuckler)
Resolution No. 2011-64**
- 34. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Rent Control Board. (David Farkas; David Garfield; Moshe Raitzik; Jonathan Rubin; William Schlameuss; Lisa Skinner; Nathaniel Small Sr.; Yitzchok Szmidt; Yitzchok Willroth)
Resolution No. 2011-65**
- 35. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Shade Tree Commission. Michael Stillwell; John Craddox; Michael Gross; Craig Theibault)
Resolution No. 2011-66**
- 36. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Transportation Board. (David Garfield; Steven Reinman; John Stillwell; Bernard Gindoff; Morton Gudel; Marlene Atkins)
Resolution No. 2011-67**
- 37. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Township Tourism Advisory Committee. (Betty Aptekar; Stanley Banas; Michael Billig; Mary Cranwell; Ceil DeMaria; Lorraine Franklin; Ruth Schreiner; Sheldon Wolpin)
Resolution No. 2011-68**
- 38. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Township 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; Captain Mark Siegel; Sheldon Wolpin)
Resolution No. 2011-69

39. Resolution appointing members to the Lakewood Zoning Board of Adjustment. (Lee Mund; Elliot Zaks; Avraham Naftali; Abe Halberstam; Meir Gelley; Moshe Lankry; Judah Ribiat; Joel Schwartz)
Resolution No. 2011-70

40. Resolution appoint the Lakewood Township Mayor's Council of Presidents of Adult Communities. (Charles J. Orlando, Jr.; Gene Cautillo; Hindy Saks; Maureen Murnane; Charles Fierro; Don Esandrio; David Hibberson; Dr. Michael Hoban; Tony Ross; Diane Rotondelli)
Resolution No. 2011-71

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 15 and 17 through 40 on the Consent Agenda.
On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein (abstained on Resolution No. 9), Committeeman Akerman, Deputy Mayor Langert and Mayor Miller.
Resolution Nos. 2011-33 through 2011-71 – Adopted.

Resolution No. 16 that was removed from the Consent Agenda was discussed and acted upon as follows:

16. Resolution authorizing the issuance of one Class C Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License to the Highest Qualified Bidder at a Public Sale to be conducted by the Township of Lakewood

Deputy Mayor Langert offered a Motion, however, he wanted to ask Mr. Wouters, that the Resolution, as written, requires sealed bids. He would like to offer the suggestion that they have it as an open bid. They will get to see who is bidding on it, and if they are bidding in person, they may bid against each other, and they may pay more than they thought they would originally pay. He asked if they can legally do that, to offer it as an open bid.

Mr. Wouters answered he would have to check the statute; he has never seen it done as a public bid, it has always been done with sealed bids. If the Statute allows it, then they can consider it.

Deputy Mayor Langert offered the Motion, if they can do it as an open bid, but if it has to be sealed, then the Resolution is reflected as sealed. A second to the Motion was

offered by Committeeman Coles.

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

Resolution No. 2011-72 – Adopted (As amended, if necessary)

ORDINANCE SECOND READING - None

ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 02/03/11)

Committeeman Lichtenstein advised Mayor Miller that he would not be voting on the first two Ordinances, due to a possible conflict, and he is stepping away from the dais.

Deputy Mayor Langert advised he would also not be voting, but he would recuse himself at the time of the vote.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1, et. seq., granting Abatement of local property taxes to W & M Realty Group, LLC, for facilities located at Block 128, Lot 79, 410 Monmouth Avenue, and authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and proper to enter into a Tax Abatement agreement. (Abatement – W & M Realty Group, LLC.)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Akerman, second by Committeeman Coles.

Committeeman Coles asked if the applicant would appear before the Committee on second reading.

Mayor Miller confirmed that the applicant would appear before the Committee at the February 3rd meeting, for a full presentation.

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

Not Voting: Deputy Mayor Langert.

Ordinance No. 2011-1 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 3, 2011.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1, et. seq., granting Abatement of local property taxes to 319 Sunset LLC, for facilities located at Block 345, Lot 9, James Street, and authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and proper to enter into a Tax Abatement agreement. (Abatement – 319 Sunset LLC)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Akerman.

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

Not Voting: Deputy Mayor Langert.

Ordinance No. 2011-2 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 3, 2011.

Committeeman Lichtenstein returned to the dais.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XVIII (Unified Development Ordinance), Article IX (Zoning Districts and Regulations), Section 18-903 R (Corporate Campus/Stadium Support Zone B-6), of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood 1999. (Chapter XVIII, Section 18-903R Corporate Campus/Stadium Support Zone B-6)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Coles.

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

Ordinance No. 2011-3 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 3, 2011.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XI (Traffic), Section 11-17 (Bus Stops Designated) and Schedule XV (Bus Stops) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood, 1999; Bus Stop Lanes Mill Road. (Chapter XI, Section 11-17 – Bus Stops)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert.

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

Ordinance No. 2011-4 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 3, 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 01/18/11

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

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

Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committeeman Lichtenstein acknowledged the Committee Members, Mayor Miller, and the employees of town hall, and the citizens of Lakewood, for the respect shown to the fallen officer.

Committeeman Lichtenstein further commented that he will be very happy to serve under the leadership of Mayor Miller.

Committeeman Coles commented that it was humbling to see the support from Police Departments from all fifty states and several countries. Standing out there and seeing that put chills up and down his spine, and it was heartbreaking and exhilarating at the same time. It shows what can be done, and what is good about Lakewood and the surrounding towns, the incredible support they got last Friday night, just to see the different uniforms that arrived within minutes of what happened. It will be a long hard road for the Department, but everything the Committee can possibly do to support those men and women, they will, because they owe them everything that they have.

Committeeman Akerman thanked the Committee for keeping him informed, for keeping him up to date, and thanked Mayor Miller for his leadership, as he did a very commendable job.

Mayor Miller stated it was a trying time, and when he found out the information, it was Friday afternoon, and Committeemen Lichtenstein and Coles arrived at the Police Department to be there the entire time, to see what could be done, and to show the concern of the Committee, but at the same time not getting involved with the investigation, but to stand back and be there for those moments.

Deputy Mayor Langert commented that both he and Mayor Miller were out at Lions Head Woods last night speaking to some of the residents at that community, and some of the comments they made, and heard, was how the Police Department, and how Lakewood came together as a community, and how it is wonderful to see that, that through all the trying times, while on the surface people may bicker but when times are tough or there is a tragedy, people rally around each other, and they show they are one big community, and he thinks they can all take a lesson from the way the Police Officers all rallied around Lakewood Officers, and how today, the whole town rallied around the Police Officers to show that Lakewood is really one big community. He is tired of hearing that Lakewood is this community, or that community. He thinks it is time they put an end to that, and it is incumbent upon everyone here to say it is not true, and they are all one community. They all live in Lakewood, and all have to share the same goals, which is a good quality of life, and not to have to pay for it, meaning, no taxes, and they all share that goal. Who doesn't share the goal of having the best quality of life possible, at the least expensive price. If anything, they all should learn a lesson from this officer's tragic death, that they really need to stick up for each other and rally around each other, and rather than point fingers at each other, find ways to work with each other, and to work together as opposed to against each other. Given that they voted this evening (Resolution No. 2) to allow Dorit Attias a four hundred day leave of absence for her service in the military, he would like to ask permission from the Committee, for the

Mayor to send her a letter, or a Proclamation, or something, commending her for her service in the Army, and the fact that she will be in Iraq for over a year. He would like it to be standard practice for the Committee to send a letter to anyone town, whether it be a direct employee, a volunteer, EMS, etc., that any person serving in the military that goes into service, that the Committee does something to recognize their service to our country.

Deputy Mayor Langert further commented with regard to Mrs. Ballwanz' comments about health insurance. He is happy to say that last Friday afternoon they did reach an agreement with all six Unions; three of them had signed on right away, three of them took until last Friday to come around. It wasn't total capitulation on their part; there was some give and take on the part of the Committee; they did do a couple of things with a couple of the contracts, they changed some language, and amended some of the contracts, but suffice it to say, at the end of the day, everyone showed up to work on the 17th. There were no layoffs. He is not going to say that layoffs are off the table for good, and that is what he told the Unions. He said given the fiscal situation they are in, they do not know what the state aid is going to look like out of Trenton. They do not know what the bottom line is going to look like. He will say that the numbers look worse than he had hoped for in Lakewood. They are really going to have to do some belt tightening if they are going to be able to bring in a Budget with a zero tax increase. Everyone is going to share the pain. So while he is happy to say that everyone is at work, he can not promise there will not be layoffs this year.

Deputy Mayor Langert continued that as far as the Plan Endorsement is concerned, both he and Committeeman Lichtenstein have been having numerous meetings with the DEP; they have a meeting set up in a couple of weeks. They previously talked about the sewer service area, being a major sticking point as to the Plan Endorsement. He is happy to say that Committeeman Lichtenstein feels they are ninety-eight percent of the way there, but he feels they are only nine percent of the way there. He would say that it is an issue, the sewer service area and the progress they have made, has been untold in the last three months.

Deputy Mayor Langert further requested that the Committee consider a Resolution supporting Senator Singer's recent Bill in the Senate to repeal, or bring back the death penalty. He knows that other towns have adopted Resolutions in support of his legislation and he would like to offer a Resolution for the Committee to support Senator Singer and his effort to bring back the death penalty. He would like the Committee to consider it.

Mayor Miller answered that it is something that the Committee certainly will consider.

Deputy Mayor continued with regard to the Master Plan and the rezoning, he wanted to echo Mr. Kielt's comments, that just because someone comes before the Planning or Zoning Board, and they say it is supposed to be a certain zone, it is what it is. If the map says it is R-10, and the Board they are in front of decides to give them relief, that is

certainly their prerogative. The Committee is not voting on it; they appoint the members and they trust them to do a good job for Lakewood.

Mayor Miller thanked Deputy Mayor Langert, personally and on behalf of the Committee, for working diligently on the Budget, and ensuring they do not have immediate layoffs, and making sure that the Budget should stay in check.

Mayor Miller continued, with regard to Dorit Attias, and her military leave, he agreed that it is a fantastic idea, that certainly any member of Lakewood Township who is going overseas, will be recognized for their selfless service and dedication to this country. He personally sent her a calling card so she will be able to keep in touch with loved ones, and upon her return, they will make a Resolution and welcome her back to Lakewood.

Mayor Miller apologized to the professionals, that he did not dismiss them, and they stayed for the entire meeting. He appreciates their attendance.

Mayor Miller continued with his thanks to two volunteers from EMS and OEM, and he thanked them for their assistance during this trying time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Committeeman Coles, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.