



Mr. Lichtenstein advised that the EMS Department has requested that he announce at the public meeting their thanks to Gaming Labs, a company in the Industrial Park, who donated four (4) GPS units to the EMS Department.

## **PRESENTATIONS – STEPS**

Mr. McNeil, Chairman of STEPS, and Charles Anthony, Program Director for Homeless Individuals, reassured the Township Committee that the STEPS organization is prepared to step up to the plate on the matter of homelessness in Lakewood. They are proposing an intensive case management program which they will present next month. Within this presentation, and program, they intend to cover that the program from STEPS does not go over any other programs that are already available. They intend to draw all of the programs together. He presented the proposal to the members of the Township Committee for their review.

Mayor Singer advised that STEPS has been working with Oross Associates to fund this program. They have allocated a grant of \$50,000.00 towards this program. This has been brought about by the tragedy that recently happened on Sunday. This has been in the works under Mayor Coles' administration. They are taking an aggressive move to help those individuals in any way possible. The Township Committee has asked STEPS to take a look at the Lakewood Housing Authority apartments units available in the high-rise facilities, to see which members of the community who may be eligible to go directly into housing, not temporary housing, but permanent housing. That housing is available to seniors and the handicapped. The wait list in those buildings is very short; they are one-bedroom and studio apartments.

Mayor Singer continued that he has also asked STEPS to sit down with the rental assistance program in town and the Lakewood Housing Authority to ask them if these individuals could be put on the priority list for vouchers. That again is for permanent housing. They will be working on determining the individuals who are qualified. He has also asked the County, who are working directly with the STEPS program, to ask them to put these individuals on the priority list for vouchers for permanent housing. They have also asked that each individual be interviewed to see what their specific needs are, and how those needs can be met. The County has offered to come out and work with those individuals as to a variety of needs they may have to see how they can be helped.

Mayor Singer continued that they are taking the approach of..."how can we help you make your life better"....and that is why they are investing time and dollars into this. They are very concerned and saddened about the occurrence that happened on Sunday. It is a terrible tragedy, and they do not want to see other tragedies happen. For the moment, that is the position of the Township Committee.

Mr. Lichtenstein stated that he had the opportunity to go out there, and it was truly a terrible tragedy. He also wanted to say, in looking around, he also felt it was a little unsafe for the responders. It was dark, there were no lights, no electricity, and he recognized them for going out there under those conditions. The police told him how they tried so very hard to get into that flaming tent to try to rescue the victim. He also wanted to say, and he hopes it is not an unpopular statement, he sees that they are trying very hard....he is just concerned about the time factor. It is now one week later. There are still cords of wood, there are still wood burning stoves, there are still propane tanks out there, and he knows that STEPS is going to do what they can as quickly as they can, but he is not sure what steps they can take to insure this does not happen next week, or the week after....it is freezing outside. Tomorrow someone may light a wood burning stove. If they go out there tonight, he is sure there would be a propane heater going. Someone is going to get hurt. He knows that they have been out to help these unfortunate people, through the County, many times. He just hopes they are doing an accelerated enough program. He commended Mayor Singer on the job he is doing. He is just not sure they are doing it quickly enough. He is not sure he has a solution, nor that he is challenging what they are doing, and saying it is not enough. There is an issue here. Tomorrow there could be another fire there....or tonight, not in two months. Is there something that they can do as "stop-gap" measure perhaps, until STEPS comes up with something. The County has offered housing to many of these people. Perhaps they can go to that housing even though it is not where they want to be, for a month or two, until STEPS comes up with the right solution. But not just let them sit in tents, with wood burning stoves and open propane tanks.

Mayor Singer shared his views. He stated he does not want this to be a threatening aspect to these individuals. He does not want to set a time-line that people have to be afraid of the representatives from STEPS who would come out and talk to them. He wants this to be an open dialog. He wants to give them time to be able to do this and the people feel comfortable that they are not under a gun if they do not make a decision in a day or a week, they find themselves out of here. That is not something he wants to do in that time frame. He agrees there has to be an end to this situation; it can not continue to go on forever. But he does not want to put a target date on STEPS and tell them they have to do this in thirty or forty days. He wants them to work with these individuals to see how they can be helped. He wants there to be a comfort level, in knowing they are trying to do the right thing for them, prior to taking any action. The action that was taken by the County moved them off the County property onto Township property. Then the County fenced their property. He is trying to do the right thing for the community, in trying to work with these individuals to see what is best for them, and give them every opportunity to do what they would like to do, before he takes any further action. At the end of the day, if STEPS comes back to the Township and says they have done everything they could with every individual, that every opportunity has been afforded to every individual, and there is nothing more that they can do, then the Township will have to take action. But he does not believe they have reached that stage yet. He does not want these people to feel that with STEPS coming

out it is a threatening situation. That is his opinion. The other alternative is not to use STEPS, and go to Court and have those people removed from that property. He does not want to do that right now. He does not feel they are at that stage, and he thinks it would be a very messy situation.

Mr. Lichtenstein agreed, and stated that he does not have a much better solution.

Deputy Mayor Langert stated it is an unfortunate situation that has been there. It is not as if it is something they found out about just last week. The situation has existed here for quite a few years. He is willing to support Mayor Singer as he feels it is the right thing to do, to move ahead and try to do it in a humane way that gives them some self-respect to try to move them back into the community. But they should not kid themselves. Some of the people out there have made it very clear that they do not want to leave, that they want to live there. He backs Mayor Singer's plan, he does not want to see anyone removed forcefully. He hopes that the STEPS organization is successful. But it may come down to the Township having to go to Court and to do things that are distasteful to everyone. It may come down to that. But he agrees that they should do everything in their power to avoid doing that. At the end of the day, if they can't, they are going to have to. He understands not giving STEPS thirty or sixty days, but he is not willing to let it go another year. Next winter he does not want to face the same situation. They need some type of answer as to what they can expect.

Mr. Coles stated that this is something that has been very dear to his heart, and is something that he has wrestled with over the years. As dysfunctional as that settlement out there is, it is better than the alternative which is to just disperse these people and leave them to their own wiles. He does not like the idea that they are at risk out there, but the fact is that it is a problem. And it is a problem that is not easy to deal with because the tools that they really need to force someone to take help aren't there. No one can say that these people are out there because they want to be out there, and this is an alternative lifestyle that is acceptable in New Jersey in February. There are issues out there that go beyond just the ability to fit into an apartment or to a lifestyle. There is addiction, chemical, drug, alcohol, and there are a lot of mental health issues as well. And those are the issues that are the toughest to deal with. They need to find a way to bring these people into the system. He has been at odds with Minister Brigham over the years, but what they need to do now is to find a way, using the trust that he has built over the years, to impress upon these people the fact that this is not an acceptable way to live. Rev. Wilcox's death last Sunday should be more than just a wake up call. They knew it would happen eventually, and prayed that it would not happen. But now they are faced with it. He was a friend, and he had a lot of respect for him as a person, and his death was a blow to him. It is a failure because he was not there for him when he needed it. They can not take that chance. Homelessness is not something that is hidden in the woods; it is something that they live with every day. They need to get the message to them that it is not a healthy way of life, and is not an acceptable lifestyle in Lakewood or New Jersey. You can not live in the woods safely and expect that you will

have a fulfilling life. They need to get the message through to them that they need assistance. There is help out there if you are willing to take it. Let's not fight with each other over whose fault this is; we are all at fault for allowing this to happen...everyone in Lakewood, everyone in New Jersey, whether you are a victim of this or not, if we allow it to go on, we bear a little bit of the responsibility for it. Unless we are willing to sit down and work together to come up with a solution, it will go on, and we will be here next winter, and the winter after. The difference is that the tent village may not be there. These people may be out on their own, and the help they are getting is critical, but they have to step it up a notch. They have to come up with an end-game here, they can not allow this to continue as if tent city is going to succeed and become its own Township eventually. They have worked towards ending it, to get these people into safe, warm housing, to get them into programs, to get them the support network that they need, to overcome some of these things, and to deal with the reality that a lot of these people are not going to overcome their problems and that they have to come up with some type of network to offer them the kind of help that they need to be able to live a safe existence in the face of adversity.

Mayor Singer repeated that they are not giving a definite time frame to STEPS. But this is not open ended. At some point there will be no more tent city in Lakewood. It will not be moved to another spot in Lakewood. They can not let this continue. This tragedy will duplicate itself. If there is a fire, that fire could jump over roadways; there are homeowners there who are concerned. People have called his offices wanting to know when there will be an end to it. They are all approaching it from different aspects, and he is trying to bring them all together. Everyone has said there has to be a finality to this. It can not continue, but they want to do it the right way. A lot of groups have been trying to help out there, by providing services, but none of them have said they are providing housing. None of the non-profits have come forward to say they are building housing for the homeless. He wanted that to be clearly understood. None of them have done that. Mr. Coles has, over the past two years, tried to work on this situation time and time again. He has been the most reluctant to take any action out there. He will tell you now that he is on board with this at the end of the situation, only because of the recent accident. It can not continue, and will not continue in town.

Mr. Lichtenstein stated that he supports Mayor Singer, and wanted it to be clear that there has to be an end, but they have to do it in a humane way so that the people feel like they have the option. He will back the plan one hundred percent.

#### **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 Singer opened the meeting to the public.

Mark Doyle – Lives in tent city. Commented on homeless issues.

Jeff Golub, member of the Lakewood Industrial Commission – Commented on homeless issues.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Commented on homeless issues.

Fred Gincel, Carasaljo Drive – Commented on homeless issues. Also followed-up on his previous request with regard to an ordinance amendment for a change of use on a piece of property he owns.

Mayor Singer suggested that they speak with the Planner with regard to the Ordinance amendment for mix-used residential/commercial zoning.

Leonard Horowitz, 29 Williams Street – Complained about construction on Buttell Street.

Mr. Langert asked Mr. Edwards to request that the Inspection Department determine that the houses that are being built are in accordance with the issued permits and approvals. (Buttell Street between Rose Place and Williams Street)

Minister Stephen Brigham, Lakewood Outreach Ministry Church – Commented on homeless issues.

Mary Ann Allacci, Mi Casa – Commented on homeless issues.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court – Commented on homeless issues.

Jimmy Dorsey – Commented on homeless issues.

Pastor Chuck \_\_\_\_\_, Executive Director of Passion Works, Inc., a humanitarian organization that has its outreach center in Lakewood – Commented on homeless issues.

David Drukaroff, 1433 Laurelwood Avenue – Commented on homeless issues.

Brianna White, Senior at Monsignor Donovan High School – Commented on homeless issues.

Suzan Fichtner, Teacher at Monsignor Donovan High School and Habitat for Humanity – Commented on homeless issues.

Stormin' Norman – Commented on homeless issues.

Bob Hagerin – Commented on homeless issues.

Pastor Vanessa Easton, 76 Yale Drive – Commented on homeless issues.

Kathleen Crippen, Council Person in Boro of Spring Lake Heights – Commented on homeless issues.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Singer 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 authorizing the Township to apply for the Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Program, for calendar year 2008.  
Resolution No. 2009-70**
2. **Resolution Appointing Mary Ann Del Mastro Liquor License Administrator.  
Resolution No. 2009-71**
3. **Resolution Appointing Mary Ann Del Mastro Liability Assessment Search Officer.  
Resolution No. 2009-72**
4. **Resolution Appointing Mary Ann Del Mastro Public Agency Compliance Officer.  
Resolution No. 2009-73**
5. **Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Michael H. Gluck, Esq. of Gluck Walrath, LLP, in the amount of \$10,000.00.  
Resolution No. 2009-74**
6. **Resolution Awarding a Contract to Quality Communications of Lakewood, for the purchase of a Mobile Law Enforcement Automated License Plate Recognition System, in the amount of \$28,100.00.  
Resolution No. 2009-75**
7. **Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Hatzolah Emergency Services, Inc.  
Resolution No. 2009-76**

8. Resolution Appointing David Fried to the Lakewood Housing Authority.  
Resolution No. 2009-77
9. Resolution Authorizing a Refund Payment of a Property Maintenance Lien for Property known as Block 1, Lot 4, in the amount of \$2,341.60.  
Resolution No. 2009-78
10. Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Remington Vernick & Vena, in the amount of \$8,600.00 (Storm Sewer System MS4)  
Resolution No. 2009-79
11. Resolution Awarding a Contract Trenton Mack Sales & Service, Inc., DBA O'Shea Truck Center for the purchase of two (2) Rear Loader Refuse Collection Trucks Pursuant to and in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et. Seq., in the amount of \$433,000.00.  
Resolution No. 2009-80
12. Resolution Amending a Leave of Absence for Marion Newman, from January 6, 2009 through February 15, 2009.  
Resolution No. 2009-81
13. Resolution Awarding a Contract to First Priority Emergency Vehicles, Inc., for the purchase of an EMS Ambulance Pursuant to and in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et. Seq., in the amount of \$128,500.00.  
Resolution No. 2009-82
14. Resolution Authorizing the Hire of a Part-Time Administrative Aide for Members of the Township Committee. (Sarah Kalminowitz)  
Resolution No. 2009-83
15. Resolution Authorizing a State Contract Purchase of Six (6) Laptop Computers, Accessories and Services, in the amount of \$41,202.00.  
Resolution No. 2009-84
16. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Remington & Vernick, in the amount of \$48,500.00. (Cross Street Landfill)  
Resolution No. 2009-85
17. Resolution Appointing a Member to the Lakewood Transportation Board. (Marlene Atkins)  
Resolution No. 2009-86



Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 17 on the Consent Agenda.

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

**Resolution Nos. 2009-70 through 20090-86 – Adopted.**

## **ORDINANCES SECOND READING**

**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 to local property taxes to Rockford Wellington Corporation, for facilities located at Block 120, Lots 22 and 11, and authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and proper to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement. (Rockford Wellington Corporation)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mr. Lichtenstein advised he would be stepping off the dais for this application under advice of the Attorney.

Abraham Penzer, Esq. - Appearing on behalf of the applicant, who is also present.

Mayor Singer opened the meeting to the public.

Joyce Blay, NJ News and Views, Toms River – Asked if the applicant would identify himself by his name.

Mr. Penzer answered that his name is Rockford Wellington Corporation, represented by Abraham Penzer. It is a corporation and he is entitled to be identified by that.

Mayor Singer confirmed that the application is under the corporation.

Mr. Penzer answered that is correct. The applicant is Rockford Wellington Corporation, and the corporation is the name of the applicant.

Mayor Singer stated that the only requirement they have is that the applicant is present, and he is represented by his attorney.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

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

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

Abstain: Mr. Lichtenstein

**Ordinance No. 2009-1 adopted on second reading.**

Mr. Lichtenstein returned to the dais.

**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 continuance of an abatement to local property taxes to 139 Ocean Avenue, LLC, for facilities located at Block 248.01, Lots 64 and 65, authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and proper to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement. (139 Ocean Ave, LLC)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Sarah Greenberg, representing the applicant, was present.

Mr. Lichtenstein asked the reason they are asking for an extension.

Ms. Greenberg answered that they purchased the property in 2006 and there was an Ordinance to grant the abatement, and the building was incomplete when they purchased it. It is now complete, and they have tenants employing approximately fifty people. The abatement was to be in effect for 2008.

Mr. Lichtenstein confirmed that they are using the abatement to make the space more rentable.

Deputy Mayor Langert asked how many years has the property had an abatement on it already.

Ms. Greenberg answered that they purchased the property in 2006, as a shell; the property was not complete when they purchased it. They have now completed the space and the first year of the abatement is.....

Mr. Coles asked if the tax abatement starts once the Certificate of Occupancy is granted on the building, and is it within their power to grant an extension.

Mr. Bathgate answered yes.

Deputy Mayor Langert asked how long of an extension are they requesting.

Ms. Greenberg answered that they actually received a letter from the Township Attorney saying that it went into effect as of 2008 as the first year, continuing for five years.

Mr. Lichtenstein confirmed that they were granted the abatement; there was supposed to be a CO. For whatever reason it was a shell, the construction was never finished; they purchased it, they completed it, and said they wanted to take advantage of the five year tax program.

Ms. Greenberg answered that is correct.

Mayor Singer opened the meeting to the public.

Michael Billig, Monterey Circle – Asked for an explanation as to what is the use and why it merits the granting of a tax abatement.

Mayor Singer explained the use of this property and the purpose of the tax abatement program.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-2 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the sale of an undersized parcel in the Township of Lakewood, at a private sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, Et. Seq. (Michnoff)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Singer 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 Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-3 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter II, entitled Administration of the Code of the Township of Lakewood. (Vital Statistics – 2-76.1)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Singer 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 Mr. Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Langert.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-4 adopted on second reading.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XI, entitled "Traffic" of the Code of the Township of Lakewood. (No Parking - Snow Emergency 11-3.3 – Pine River)**

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Singer 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 Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-5 adopted on second reading.**

**ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 02/19/09)**

**An Ordinance releasing, extinguishing and vacating the rights of the public in a portion of paper streets known as Drexel Avenue, Hughes Avenue, Chile Avenue, and Girard Avenue in the Township of Lakewood.**

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-6 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 19, 2009**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, vacating all right, title and interest of and to a portion of West Spruce Street in the Township of Lakewood, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:67-1, Et. Seq. (West Spruce St.)**

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-7 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 19, 2009.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XII, entitled "Building and Construction" of the Code of the Township of Lakewood. (Code Enforcement Fees – 12-2)**

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-8 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 19, 2009.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey amending and supplementing Chapter XV, entitled "Rental Housing" of the Code of the Township of Lakewood. (Rental Housing – 15-3.5)**

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-9 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 19, 2009.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey amending and supplementing Chapter II, entitled "Administration" of the Code of the Township of Lakewood. (Administration – 2-36.4)**

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-10 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 19, 2009.**

**An Ordinance amending and supplementing an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Establishing the Annual Minimum and Maximum Salary Ranges for the Offices and Positions of Persons Employed by the Township of Lakewood in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey" and providing for an effective date 20 days after publication after final adoption**

Read by title only for first reading.

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

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-11 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 10, 2009.**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XI, entitled "Traffic" of the Code of the Township of Lakewood (Traffic – 11-19)**

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-12 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on February 19, 2009.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Per list of three (3) correspondence items attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein, and carried, to approve the above correspondence, and the following picnic requests.

Deputy Mayor Langert advised there is a request from a representative to hold a forum in the Auditorium, a private business. He is not sure this is something he is comfortable voting for. He does not want it to seem like the Township is somehow putting their stamp of approval on it. He does not know who the person is.

Mr. Lichtenstein explained it is a non-profit organization, and they have utilized the room previously.

Mr. Edwards advised they have utilized the room once before, and the Committee approved it. If they do use the room on a weekend and the Township has to bring in custodians, they charge the entity for the costs.

Mr. Lichtenstein added that basically it is a non-profit organization that does mortgage counseling.

Deputy Mayor Langert agreed.

## **PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE**

Per schedule of fourteen (14) items attached hereto and made a part hereof.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 02/03/09**

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein, to approve the above Bill List.

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

**Bill List approved.**

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Lichtenstein stated to Mayor Singer and Mr. Coles, that sometimes it gets a little rough, and people say a lot of things, but they have his vote. What they have done to push for homeless and affordable housing is incredible, and they should be very proud.

Deputy Mayor Langert advised that he received a call from a parent who sends their child to Bais Faiga who wanted to commend the crossing guards who work so hard and do such a great job, especially on snow days and when the weather is bad, and when traffic is congested.

Deputy Mayor Langert advised he also received a telephone call from a constituent who lives in town, and was in the hospital, who wanted to publicly commend Ptl. Kenneth Burdge. He went to the hospital, and took care of his situation. He was over and above board, and especially kind to this gentlemen who was in the hospital.

Mayor Singer advised that T & M Associates met with the Mr. Lichtenstein and the Transportation Board with regard to the downtown traffic plan. They will be making some changes, and then will be holding two public hearings.

Mayor Singer further stated he wanted to get the budget group on line. They have received a number of resumes from people requesting to be on that committee. He has asked both Mr. Lichtenstein and Deputy Mayor Langert to take a look at that list, and come back with recommendations for six (6) people to be appointed to that committee.

Mayor Singer also commented on affordable housing and COAH obligations. He also commented on the concerns of the public with regard to the tent city and homeless issues.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Langert, second by Mr. Coles, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.