

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2009 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..... Robert Singer
Deputy Mayor..... Steven Langert
Committee Members..... Meir Lichtenstein
Raymond Coles
Menashe Miller
Municipal Manager..... Frank Edwards
Municipal Attorney..... Lawrence E. Bathgate, II, Esq.
Acting Municipal Clerk..... Mary Ann Del Mastro

CLOSED SESSION
Resolution No. 2009-103 – Adopted.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

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 1, 2009 and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 8, 2009.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Singer asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Mrs. Eisenberg.

OPEN SESSION

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: 02/19/09

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Lichtenstein, and carried, to approve the above Minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: 02/19/09

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

PRESENTATIONS: None

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.

Alice Kelsey, 295B Malvern Court East – Spoke in opposition to the use of Dover Woods for the homeless.

Gerry Ballwanz, Governors Road – Asked why tonight's' Agenda was not posted on the website.

Mr. Miller will check into it.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Commented on the Asbury Park Press article with regard to the use of Dover Woods for the homeless.

Noreen Gill – Questioned the Landfill Disposal Costs as listed in the temporary budget.

Mayor Singer explained the details of the budget line item.

Delores Quinones – Commented with regard to living conditions in overcrowded homes.

Mayor Singer asked that she provide the addresses and it will be investigated.

Robert Luban, Lakewood Courtyard – Complained that snow is not being removed from the sidewalks along Clifton Avenue and Madison Avenue. Asked if there was a law, and why summonses were not being issued.

Mayor Singer asked that the Police Commissioner and Inspector report back at the next meeting as to why it was not done. He further advised that he had a complaint that people had to walk in the street along Ridge Avenue and Del Mar Avenue because no one shoveled their sidewalks. Also people are parking their trucks on the sidewalks along Ridge Avenue.

Mr. Lichtenstein stated that he believes that the law is that they have to remove the snow within twenty four hours after the last snowfall. He will look into it, and have an answer at the next meeting.

Jessica Alpert, attends GCU, writing an article on tent cities – Asked for an update on the placement of the homeless in hotels/motels; asked about the cost per person.

Mayor Singer explained that where they are presently located is illegal; there is no sanitation and is a dangerous situation. They are researching the residents' specific problems and needs, and identifying the available services and housing.

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 granting approval to operate an arcade with redemption games at First Energy Park, for the 2009 Calendar Year.
Resolution No. 2009-104**
- 2. Resolution appointing David Garfield to the Lakewood ADA Compliance Committee and Disabilities Commission.
Resolution No. 2009-105**
- 3. Resolution adopting a New Jersey Governmental 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Document and Service Agreement of the Great-West Life and Insurance Company.
Resolution No. 2009-106**
- 4. Resolution amending resolution 2008-432 authorizing the use of UEZ Second Generation Project Funds for Lakewood UEZ Streetlight Renovation/Restoration and Maintenance. (\$33,220.00)
Resolution No. 2009-107**
- 5. Resolution awarding a contract to Sheridan Mechanical Corporation, for the replacement of the HVAC system for the Courtroom/Auditorium, in the amount of \$215,007.00, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et. Seq.
Resolution No. 2009-108**
- 6. Resolution approving a leave of absence for Monica Rodriguez, from April 11, 2009 to August 4, 2009.
Resolution No. 2009-109**
- 7. Resolution authorizing award of a Professional Services Contract to Birdsall Services Group, in the amount of \$38,600.00. (Raintree – Phase V)
Resolution No. 2009-110**
- 8. Resolution authorizing the Township of Lakewood to enter into a renewal agreement with Ocean County Energy Cooperative Pricing System.**

Resolution No. 2009-111

- 9. Resolution authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the 2009 Budget.
Resolution No. 2009-112**
- 10. Resolution authorizing the award of a contract for extraordinary and unspecifiable Services to Solutions to End Poverty Soon. (STEPS)
Resolution No. 2009-113**
- 11. Resolution accepting a bid on the following parcel as a result of the Private Land Sale on an undersized parcel. (W. Spruce St. - R. Michnoff)
Resolution No. 2009-114**
- 12. Resolution authorizing the award of a contract for proprietary Computer Hardware and/or Software to SRI International, in the amount of \$29,500.00.
Resolution No. 2009-115**
- 13. Resolution authorizing participation in the Safe and Secure Communities Program of the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice.
Resolution No. 2009-116**
- 14. Resolution authorizing the Lakewood Tax Collector to cancel any and all property taxes on Block 1449, Lot 3.32 due to disabled Veteran Exemption.
Resolution No. 2009-117**

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 14 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Resolution Nos. 2009-104 through 2009-117 – Adopted.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING - None

ORDINANCE FIRST READING (Second reading and Public Hearing 03/19/09)

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter XVI, entitled "Property Maintenance" of the Code of the Township of Lakewood. (16-3.11 b.2 - Fees)

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, Mr. Miller, Deputy Mayor Langert

and Mayor Singer.

Ordinance No. 2009-13 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on March 19, 2009.

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. (Block 11, Lot 11)

Read by title only for first reading.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2009-14 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on March 19, 2009.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing an emergency appropriation pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 for the preparation and execution of a complete reassessment of real property for the use of the local Tax Assessor.

Read by title only for first reading.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2009-15 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on March 19, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

Per list of four (4) correspondence items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Coles, second by Mr. Miller, and carried, to approve the above correspondence items, and the following parks and events correspondence.

PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Per schedule of thirteen (13) items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: 03/03/09

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Mr. Miller.

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

Bill List approved.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Miller advised he attended a Census meeting this week at the County, with Freeholder Vicari. They discussed issues that are unique to Lakewood, such as the minority groups and the senior populations that go away for a part of the year. It should be noted that where you reside for sixth months and a day is your legal residence as far as the census is concerned. Lakewood has been classified as an HTC (Hard to Count) Zone for many reasons. Untraditional methods will be used to try to get a full count in Lakewood. It is imperative that the numbers are accurate, as government services depend on the amount of people that are counted. They have put together a budget for things that need to be done, such as advertising and letters. The LRC was invited to the meeting, and he would like to task the LRC, who work along with STEPS, to assist in the census activities. He will report back at subsequent meetings to bring the Committee up to date on census matters.

Mayor Singer thanked Mr. Miller for his work on the census. It is a very big responsibility. He wanted to assure the public that this means big dollars to Lakewood in their count. They will absolutely benefit tremendously in many areas of state and federal aid based on the census. Mr. Miller has taken a very serious approach to this. He got the County to commit that every dollar that the Township puts in, they will match.

Mayor Singer also thanked Deputy Mayor Langert for his work on the property tax reassessment, which will be done this year. It will absolutely negate the necessity for people to file a tax appeal next year. They are going to reassess the entire town, so everyone will be paying taxes based on the fair market rate of their homes. He put this together with the Tax Assessor's office, and it is being expedited, and it will be done in time for next year's taxes.

Mayor Singer offered a Proclamation in recognition of the nationwide centennial anniversary of the Jewish Federation Children's Services.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Coles, second by Deputy Mayor Langert, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.